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Banque de France awarded by the Central Banking Fintech and Regtech Global Awards for its experimentations on central bank digital currency

On 16 June 2022, the annual *Central Banking Fintech and Regtech Global Awards* took place in Brussels.

The Banque de France received the *CBDC infrastructure* category award for its experimentations on central bank digital currency.

Nine CBDC experiments were successfully performed, with the focus of projects ranging from securities settlement using distributed ledger technology-based platforms, to cross-border payments using wholesale CBDCs.

Governor François Villeroy de Galhau [during his speech](#) said: “*The experiments conducted by Banque de France demonstrated that a wholesale CBDC could significantly improve cross-border and cross-currency payments through the optimisation of payment processes*”. He added “*the work conducted by the international community, notably under the aegis of the G20, should further explore this dimension: our ability to improve cross-border transactions will be a major challenge in the coming years.*”

“*The level of mobilisation of all public and private players involved in the experimentations has been key to finalise the nine experimentations in record time – in just one year,*” mentioned Adeline Bachelier, Head of Digital Currency and Innovation, who received the trophy during the reception that took place in Brussels.



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“The Banque de France’s ambitious programme resulted in important contributions to wholesale CBDC, cross-border transactions and settlement exploration. I look forward to learning from the results of its future partnerships. The Banque de France’s approach exemplifies one of the best examples we saw of a collaborative approach to technological advancement” said Joasia E. Popowicz, Associate Editor, Central Banking Institute.

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