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Mother's Day: A new record for CB bank card transactions

On Saturday 5 June last, the day before Mother's Day, **CB cardholders effected more than 30 million transactions** by bank card. This new record for a single day exceeded those of Saturday 20 December 2003, the week-end before Christmas and 5 July 2003, which was both the opening day of the summer sales and the first day of the summer holidays. More than 25 million transactions were recorded on these last days.

A few figures for the CB activity in 2003:

- **5.6 billion operations** in 2003 representing a total of **285 billion euros**.
- 1 million EFTPOS
- 40,780 ATMs
- 47.6 million CB bank cards.

Operators within the CB system decided to complete the adaptation of chip cards to the EMV international standard from 2004 on. The migration from a national model to an international model is a logical development of the system first introduced twelve years ago, which has been regularly updated and improved throughout this period. Accordingly, since the beginning of June:

- **nearly 400,000 CB cards have been brought in line with the new EMV standard**
- **11,800 ATMs and nearly 30,000 EFTPOS** (including 16,000 in super/hypermarkets) are able to handle both the new chip cards held by foreign customers and CB bank cards with an equal level of security.