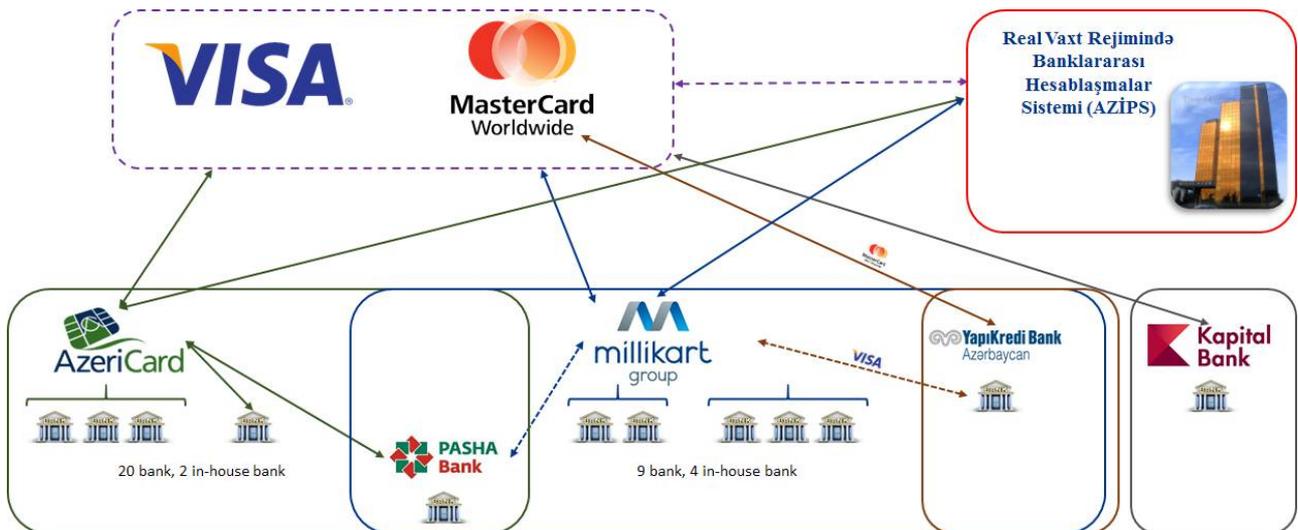


# Interbank Card Center

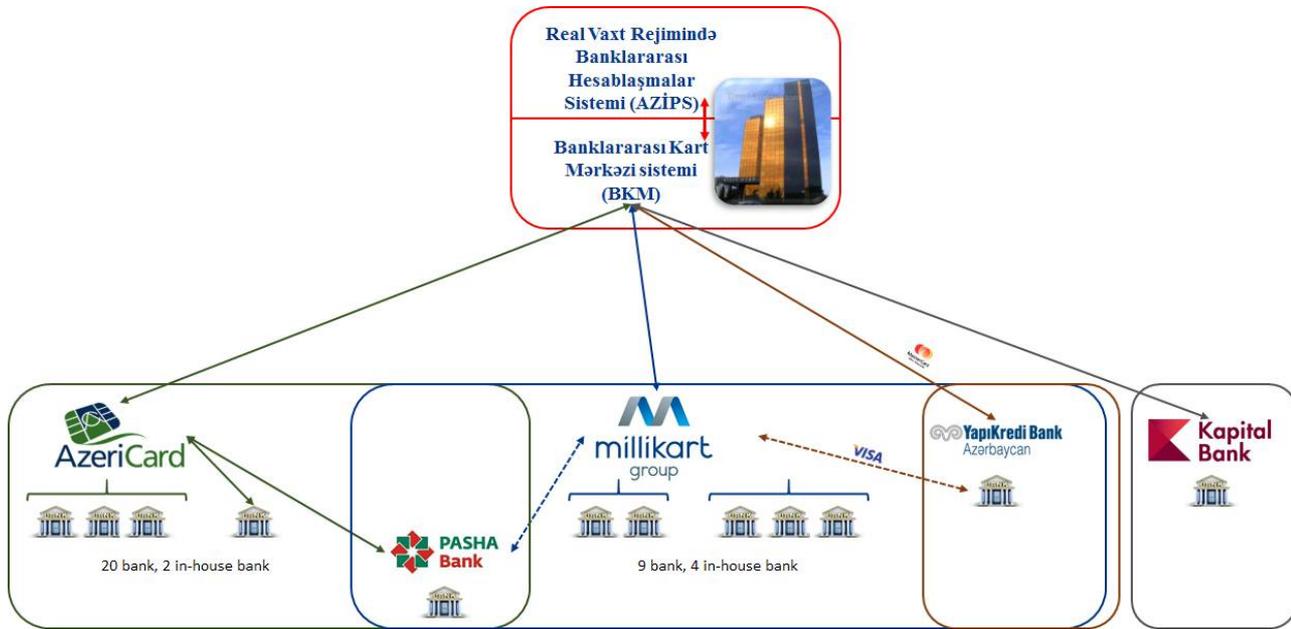
## 1. General Information

The Interbank Card Center (ICC) launched on 1 April 2016 provides the interface between infrastructures of all organizations involved in processing activity in the country. Thus, domestic transactions with payment cards issued by resident banks are processed through this infrastructure. Besides, this infrastructure ensures the resolution of disputed cases on transactions, and clearing and completion of final settlements between participants.

**Chart 1.** Domestic transactions with payment cards between card processing centers before the launch of ICC



**Chart2.**Domestic transactions with payment cards through ICC



## 2. Goal

The goal of the establishment of the ICC is to ensure more effective exchange of information on domestic transactions with payment cards issued in the country between participants and increase the level of security.

The ICC allows to flexibly regulate service fees for domestic card transactions in line with market requirements. Thus, service fees may be set under bilateral and multilateral agreement between participants, provided that the fees are not higher than those set in the ICC.

## 3. Settlements

Settlements on processed transactions made in the national and foreign currency (USD, EUR, and GBP) are conducted in the ICC.

Settlements on processed transactions made in the national currency are completed through AZIPS and they have been integrated to AZIPS for this purpose.

#### **4. Serviced organizations**

Currently, all Service Centers (“Azercard” LLC, “Millikart” LLC) operating in the country, 29 banks serviced within their network, banks involved in processing (“Kapital Bank” OJSC, “Yapı Kredi Bank Azerbaijan” CJSC) have been integrated into the system. The system supports all card products of Visa and MasterCard.

#### **5. Security**

Participants’ access to work spaces is carried out using certificates of the Central Bank’s Bank Certificate Services Center (BCSC) in order to ensure information security in the ICC.

In order to ensure operation continuity of the system during the implementation of the project a second back-up line has been constructed for exchange of information between the BCSC and ICC, and the exchange of information between the main and backup centers of the system carried out in online replication regime.

The systems, the operator of which is the Central Bank, must work in the backup center for at least a day on a quarterly basis in line with the Central Bank’s regulations in order to assess possible risks during the operation of the system, ensure the continuity of domestic transactions in emergency cases, and process interbank transactions under the regulations.

#### **6. Legal basis**

Transactions over the ICC are conducted in accordance with the Collective Agreement on Conducting transactions over the ICC, the legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan, acts of the Central Bank, and other normative documents regulating the operation of the ICC.

