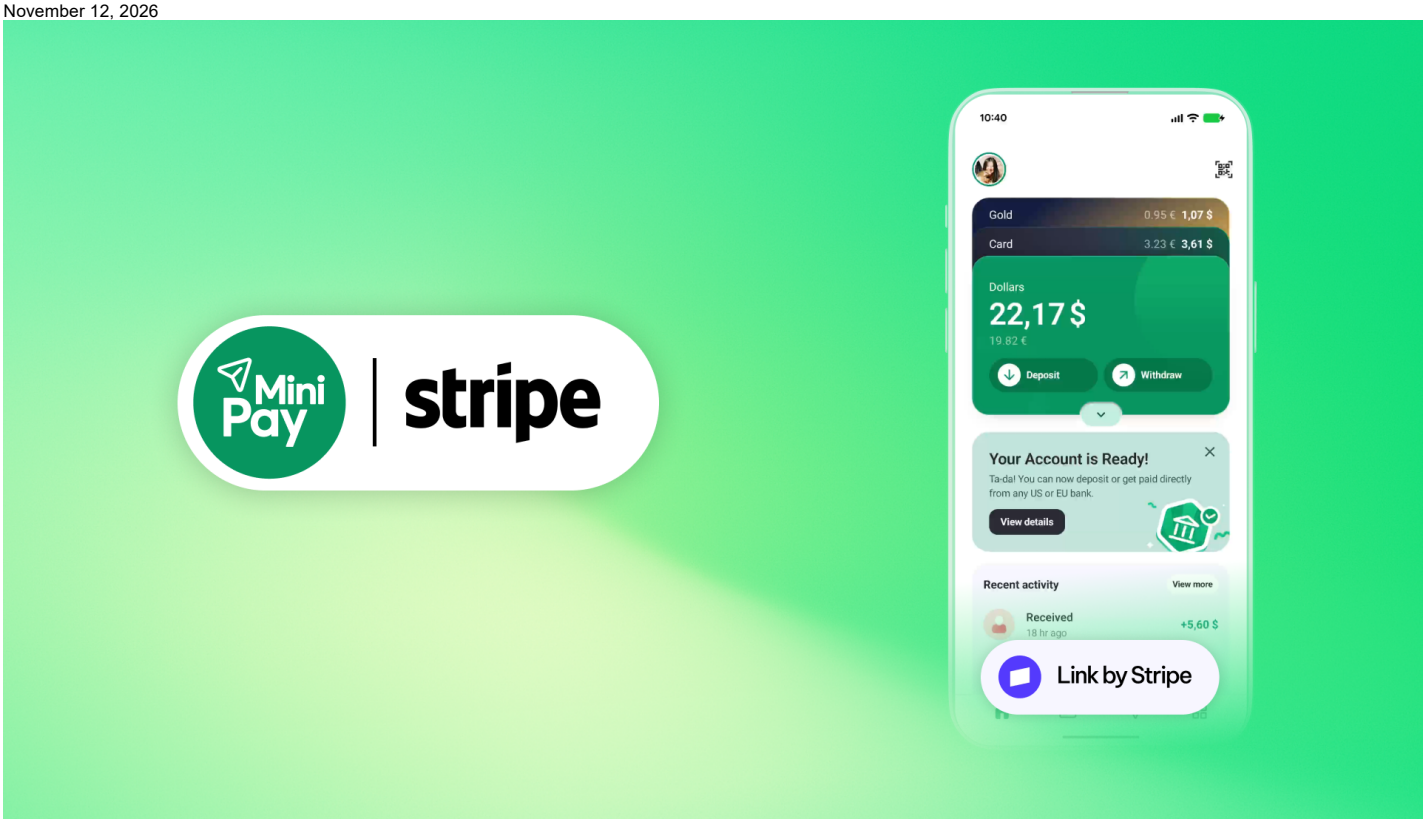
MiniPay users in Europe and the US can now buy stablecoins on Celo using Link by Stripe

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Users in Europe and the US can now buy stablecoins in seconds with a card, Apple Pay, or Google Pay through the Link by Stripe checkout trusted by more than 300 million people.

Oslo, Norway – November 12, 2026 – MiniPay, the self-custodial stablecoin wallet with more than 20 million activations on Celo now supports deposits with Stripe, as the first step in a wider collaboration. Starting in the European Union and the United States, users can log in with Link, Stripe's one-click checkout, and pay with a card, Apple Pay or Google Pay. The stablecoins go straight into their own MiniPay wallet, where they can hold them, send them internationally or spend them at over 175 million merchants with the MiniPay Card.

Adding stablecoins, now with a familiar checkout experience

For most people, the hardest part of using stablecoins is getting money in to begin with. Buying stablecoins usually means signing up for an exchange, uploading ID documents and waiting for a bank transfer to clear. With Stripe in MiniPay, people can now add money the same way they already pay online. More than 300 million people have saved their payment details with Link, so they can log in, choose a card, Apple Pay or Google Pay, and top up their MiniPay wallet in seconds, without typing in card details. Stripe asks for extra verification only when it is required. The money arrives as stablecoins, and can be spent, saved, or sent through MiniPay and used across its ecosystem of 77+ Mini Apps.

Stripe sits alongside the other deposit options MiniPay already offers in Europe and the US, and MiniPay shows each user the options and rates available where they live. Users in the EU who have a MiniPay Card, launched with Visa and Gnosis Pay in June 2026, can then spend with stablecoins on Celo anywhere Visa is accepted.

"Adding money is the moment when people are most likely to give up on stablecoins," said Jørgen Arnesen, EVP Mobile at Opera. "Most of us already pay online with Link, Apple Pay or Google Pay without thinking twice, and now people in Europe and the US can add money to MiniPay in exactly the same way. We built MiniPay for users who manage their money on their phones, and we see that need in Western markets just as clearly as anywhere else. Stripe makes it easier for people to get started, and we're excited about what comes next in our partnership."

MiniPay's Momentum Extends to Western markets

MiniPay launched in 2023 inside the Opera Mini browser and proved that phone-first stablecoins work, starting in Africa. It has since grown to more than 20 million wallet activations, double the total from just over a year ago, with over 600 million transactions across 70+ countries and 77 Mini Apps. User growth has also picked up significantly in Western markets, with Europe and the US markets as the next priority markets for growth.

MiniPay runs on Celo, the most widely adopted blockchain for stablecoin payments, reaching more than 450,000 active addresses daily. Since network fees on Celo can be paid in stablecoins, MiniPay users can transact in stablecoins without holding a second asset, eliminating a barrier to first-time stablecoin users. Bridge, Stripe's stablecoin orchestration platform, first introduced Celo support in May.

"Stripe has simplified online payments for hundreds of millions. We're proud to bring that infrastructure to Celo, advancing our work with Opera to make financial tools affordable and effective for local markets throughout the world," said Rene Reinsberg, Celo co-founder. "MiniPay was designed for ease of use since the start, now adding Link makes the experience even more intuitive."

Deposits with Link by Stripe are rolling out to MiniPay users in the EU and in the US on the latest version of MiniPay for Android and iOS. Stripe is available for deposits only.

About MiniPay

MiniPay is a self-custodial stablecoin wallet built on the Celo blockchain and designed to make digital finance accessible, affordable and easy to use. Since launching in 2023, MiniPay has surpassed 20 million activated wallets across 70+ countries. Learn more at minipay.to.

About Celo

Celo is where the world's money meets local markets. The Celo ecosystem consists of a decentralized, proof-of-stake blockchain technology stack, the CELO native token, USDC, USD₮, and USA₮ (all enabled as gas currencies), several Mento stable assets (USDm, EURm, BRLm, XOFm, and more), and popular infrastructure including Aave, Uniswap V3 and V4, Morpho, Curve, and Self. Launched on Earth Day in 2020, the open-source Celo mainnet supports a rich ecosystem of 1,000+ projects contributing to Celo's global mission of prosperity for all. For more about Celo, visit celo.org.

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