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French cellcos, Atos Origin establish online payment business

France's three main mobile operators Orange, Bouygues Telecom and SFR have teamed up with Atos Origin to set up a new joint venture company to handle online payment services, Les Echos reports. The new firm, called Buystar, hopes to offer a rival mobile payment service for handset devices, tablets and PCs to those currently provided by the likes of PayPal, Google and Apple. According to Buyster's newly anointed chief executive officer Eric Gontier, the company will be operational from this summer. UK-based Atos Origin is a leading international IT services provider, offering integrated design, build and operate solutions to large multi-national clients in niche industry sectors.