



T2S DCP GROUP

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# SUMMARY OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE T2S DCP GROUP (DCPG)

Held in the premises of the National Bank of Belgium on 16 September 2014

# 0. Welcome and approval of the agenda

Mr Topa (Chairperson) welcomed the participants and presented a few changes to the group's composition. The changes will also be reflected in the members list published on the T2S website.

The participants approved the agenda for the meeting.

# 1. Review of open issues

#### 1.1 Recent consultations and briefings

The members of the DCPG were informed on the developments following recent written consultations and briefed about recent decisions that are relevant to the DCPs:

- a) End-to-end volume testing needs: the DCPG members confirmed their availability to run endto-end volume tests on weekdays only. The information will be passed to the UTSG for the finalisation of the testing calendar;
- b) Session on migration matters: the group confirmed that there is no need for specific sessions on migration preparation to be dedicated to DCPs and that DCPs will deal bilaterally with the respective CSDs/NCBs. Several sessions were already organised by CSDs and NCBs and more sessions will be planned in the coming months;
- c) Non-publication of the MOP: in its meeting on 28-29 August 2014 the T2S Board decided that the MOP will not be published and that the OMG will elaborate general principles for the CSDs/NCBs to communicate the MOP's relevant topics to DCPs in a harmonised and consistent

way (primarily crisis management, certification testing and technical connectivity issues). The T2S Board also confirmed its decision of December 2013 that the advice of the AG will be sought for issues affecting market participants.

# 1.2 Open Issues Register

The participants reviewed the list of open issues relevant for the DCPs and DCA Holders (version 1.2) and agreed on the topics to be published. Assigned priorities, responsibilities, deadlines and status updates following the meeting are included in the DCPG Open Issues Register v2.0 to be published on the T2S website.

## 1.3 Additional DCP questions on cash and liquidity aspects

DCPG members were invited to consider the remaining open items in the list of DCP questions on cash/DCAs aspects as updated on 17 July 2014 and agreed to close a number of issues that had been followed up or were included in the Register of Open Issues. The remaining question on operational aspects will be moved to the Open Issues Register and this will exhaust the list of additional questions.

# 2. Information from CBs and CSDs

#### 2.1 Information from Central banks

The Eurosystem agreed to share with the DCPs for information the outcome of two stock taking exercises amongst NCBs concerning auto-collateralisation techniques and usage of BICs.

#### 2.2 Information from CSDs

Some CSD representatives in the DCPG explained the approach being taken by the respective institutions for migration testing and preparation. Some CSDs have already organised a series of workshops with the respective DCPs and more sessions will follow and are open to both DCPs and indirectly connected parties (ICPs). The DCPs appreciated the initiatives and restated their wish that CSDs aim at harmonising the main procedures at least per migration wave.

More workshops are already foreseen to take place for the Italian market (22 September), for the German market (as from 14 October) and for Euroclear markets. The representative of Clearstream shared with the group a short presentation on DCP as technical/business sender discussed during a workshop organised at the Deutsche Börse in Frankfurt am Main. The presentation will be uploaded on the DCPG webpage.

# 3. Miscellaneous

#### 3.1 T2S special series to support user readiness

In the context of the T2S special series (published on the <u>T2S website</u>), the DCPG Chair presented a T2S PO's proposal to produce an issue that could serve as support for the users' readiness to testing and migrating to T2S. Volunteers were sought amongst the DCPG members.

The paper would not aim at substituting any of the tools or actors currently involved in the preparation for T2S but rather serve as reference, in particular for those parties that are less heavily involved in the current processes or that are external to the EEA but interested in the T2S's experience.

The DCPG members were invited to raise the interest of their institutions to contribute to the paper with the intention to issue the paper before the end of 2014.

## 3.2 Any Other Business

No further issues for discussions were raised by the participants. They were reminded of the deadline for DCP binding declarations in the second migration wave for A2A connections (19 September 2014) and for U2A mode for the first migration wave (3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014). The declarations should be sent by the interested firms and payment banks to the respective NCBs (for DCA Holders) and CSDs (for DCPs on the security and cash side). Each declaring entity should indicate explicitly with which institutions (NCBs/CSDs) it intends to become a directly connected party in T2S.

# 3.3 Future DCPG meetings

The next physical meeting of the DCPG will take place at the margin of the 26<sup>th</sup> AG meeting to be held on 26-27 November 2014 in Frankfurt.

The DCPG meetings for 2015 will follow the calendar of the CSG and AG meetings that are under preparation.