



EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

EUROSYSTEM

T2-T2S Consolidation

Status Update on go-live

TCCG

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Background

- T2-T2S Consolidation project was planned to Go-Live on 21 Nov. 2022; Included big bang transition to the new ISO20022 message format in wholesale payments
- ECB announcement that go live date of 21 November would be confirmed or not “at the latest one month in advance”
- Market Infrastructure Board (MIB) Go / No-Go meeting took place on 18 Oct. 2022, followed by ECB Governing Council on 20 Oct. 2022
- **Press release on 20 Oct. to reschedule Go-Live by four months to 20 March 2023:**
- <https://www.ecb.europa.eu/press/pr/date/2022/html/ecb.pr221020~432ea01228.en.html>

Further information on reasons for delay

- Since the beginning of User Testing in Dec. 2021, several issues have materialised which degraded the testing conditions
 - Instability of testing environments
 - Incomplete and deficient software delivery
 - Software regressions
 - Pace for assessing incidents and fixing defects
- Unsatisfactory testing conditions were reported by “Level 2” Central Banks and by the users as a source of contention for their timely readiness.

Length of the delay

Three options had been investigated

- Short delay of 3 weeks
 - Discarded as it does not provide sufficient comfort on solving the issues
 - Medium delay of 3 months
 - Balances impact and testing time
 - Long delay of 5 months
 - Significant impact on market participants
 - Increased contention with ISO release (SWIFT)
 - Maximises testing time
- During its meeting on 18 October 2022, the MIB unanimously recommended to postpone the **Go-Live date** of the T2-T2S Consolidation from 21 Nov. 2022 to **20 March 2023, i.e. an intermediate solution to ensure a very high level of confidence that testing will be sufficient**

Impacts on other initiatives and follow up work

- SWIFT migration of Cross-border payments to ISO 20022 Nov. 2022
 - EBA Clearing (Euro1) Nov. 2022
 - Migration of other currencies to ISO20022, e.g. UK April 2023
 - Croatia joining the euro Jan. 2023
 - ECMS go-live Nov. 2023
 - T2S (R6.2)^(*) Nov. 2022
- **ECMS impact assessment and related announcements** to be made by **end-Nov. 2022**
- A **focus Session** will be organised by **mid-Nov. 2022**

(*) Potential impacts on subsequent releases (R6.3. & R7.0) to be assessed

Thank you for your attention!