

19 July 2022

FINAL

OUTCOME

MEETING OF THE ADVISORY GROUP ON MARKET INFRASTRUCTURES FOR SECURITIES AND COLLATERAL (AMI-SeCo)

13 July 2022, 9:00 – 11:00 CET

Webex teleconference

1. T2S Crisis Communication Group

Based on the progress made by the CSG the ECB gave an update to the AMI-SeCo on the establishment of the T2S Crisis Communication Group.

Outcome:

As part of the lessons learnt from the incidents that affected the TARGET Services in 2020, the MIB considered in February 2021 the possibility to create a group of key participants, which could be called upon in case of major outages. In March 2022, the proposal for establishing a T2S Crisis Communication Group (CCG) was presented to the CSG and as a follow-up all T2S CSDs were invited to nominate / provide a list of participants/institutions that could be included in the CCG. Principles were recommended to CSDs regarding the criteria to select members, but it was left for the CSDs to decide their nominations. The list of participants was approved by the CSG in its 22-23 June 2022 meeting. After the AMI-SeCo call, the list will also be submitted to the MIB for final agreement within T2S governance.

AMI-SeCo members supported the creation of the CCG. It was emphasised that the CCG would focus only on communication and it would not have any role in incident or crisis management. The T2S Crisis Managers would decide on the need to convene / alert the CCG in case of major T2S incidents / outages.

The ECB is currently collecting the contact details of the CCG members and will perform a test of the communication tools after summer 2022.

2. The MIB's decision on the final scope of the ECMS for the go-live

The AMI-SeCo received an update on the MIB's considerations and decisions relevant for market stakeholders.

Outcome:

As a follow-up to the discussion in the June 2022 AMI-SeCo meeting, the MIB further discussed the go-live scope of the ECMS with regards to the supported corporate events and the ISO version of the corporate event messages. Although the MIB had already approved the baseline scope for go-live including relevant Change Requests (CRs) in January 2022, a number of additional and potential CRs, including the one on the ISO version of corporate action messages, required further analysis and discussion. Given the high number of change requests the MIB had to make a thorough analysis carefully balancing market requests and the stability / testability of the ECMS for an orderly go-live and preparedness by all stakeholders. The key decision factors were the criticality of the change requested and feasibility of timely deployment within the relevant testing phases.

With regards to the scope of corporate events to be supported at ECMS go-live: As part of the ECMS go-live scope stabilisation process, and bearing in mind the market request to adopt the latest ISO message versions, the MIB had decided, in respect of the SCoRE Corporate Actions (CA) Rulebook, to approve the implementation of 37 out of the 39 CA / meeting events. The remaining two events, bondholder meeting (BMET) and court meeting (CMET), will be fully deployed as soon as possible in a post go-live ECMS release. Even for these two events, the notifications will be received by the ECMS and NCBs will be alerted accordingly as of the go-live. However, further processing will not be done on these events until their full deployment.

With regards to the ISO version of CA messages, the MIB, taking into account the market requests to support the latest ISO version possible, decided on the following approach: the ECMS will upgrade the messages to SR 2022 by the start of community testing (March 2023). In addition, the MIB intends to assess the feasibility of moving to SR 2023 once the scope of the ISO release is known and complete (September/October 2022), noting that the smaller the number and complexity of the changes between SR 2022 and SR 2023, the more likely the feasibility of moving to SR 2023 for the ECMS go-live.

AMI-SeCo members welcomed the additional clarifications by the MIB and noted that this supports a smooth adaptation to the ECMS. Members reiterated that avoiding that two ISO versions are to be used by the market at ECMS go-live for CA events would highly benefit all implementing stakeholders. The question of handling and aligning the message headers in case SR 2022 is used by the ECMS at go-live was raised and it was agreed that this will be subject to further analysis by the ECMS governance and the MIB. The AMI-SeCo will be informed on the outcome of the MIB's analysis and decision regarding the feasibility of moving to SR 2023 once the scope of changes between SR 2022 and SR 2023 is decided by the ISO governance.