



SCoREBOARD

Corporate Actions – H1 2021

French NSG






The Single Collateral Management Rulebook for Europe (SCoRE) contains 15 Standards related to the processing of corporate actions (published as the [AMI-SeCo Standards for Corporate Actions](#)). Implementation progress is monitored twice per year, at the exception of 2020 where the monitoring occurred only once. This summary report presents the results of the H1 2021 monitoring exercise conducted by the French NSG with the involvement of the following stakeholders:

- 2 CSDs – Euroclear France, ID2S
- 2 TPAs – Euroclear France, BNP Paribas
- 9 Custodians
- 1 Issuer, the French Debt Management Office (Agence France Trésor)

14 entities are monitored in the French market

The SCoRE Overview provides a high-level summary of the H121 monitoring exercise.

SCoRE Overview

 <small>ISSUE COUNCIL MANAGEMENT BUROCK FOR EUCAP</small>	 Response Rate	 Implementation Status	 Milestones achieved?	 Implemented on Time?
Custodians	78%	Implemented 25.8% Analysis started 4.44% Implementation started 3.79%	22%	56%
Issuers	100%	Yes 24% No 16%	n/a	n/a
CSD - Euroclear France	100%	Implemented 27.9% Analysis started 40.9% Implementation started 8.07%	Yes	Yes
CSD - ID2S	100%	Implemented 3.72% Analysis started 61.4% Implementation started 0.62%	Yes	Yes
TPA - BNP Paribas	100%	Implemented 0% Analysis started 0% Implementation started 0%	n/a	n/a
TPA - Euroclear France	100%	Implemented 0% Analysis started 0% Implementation started 62.5%	Yes	Yes

Note: Implemented on Time reflects the entity's expected ability to achieve the final milestone on time.

This NSG summary report is structured as follows: The Executive Summary provides an overview of the responses received per Entity Type i.e. CSD, TPA, Custodian etc. Section 1 presents the compliance status of each entity type. Section 2 provides an overview of the progress against the individual milestones. Section 3 then provides a more detailed overview of the implementation status per Standard for each entity type.

Executive Summary

All the CSDs and TPAs responded to the Corporate Actions survey on time. Their implementation status is satisfactory and timely. Regarding custodians, the participation rate strongly improved as compared to the 2020 exercise. Banque de France has indeed identified the relevant entry points within most of the custodians. The identification of the French issuer (Agence France Trésor) and its contribution to this second monitoring round is an important achievement of the French NSG in 2021.

It is important to recall that French NSG members experienced some staff shortages and organisational challenges at the beginning of the sanitary crisis (i.e. during the H120 monitoring), which induced them to prioritise activities and focus on production ones, explaining in part the observed delays. In addition, some custodians had trouble answering the monitoring questionnaire, which can be related to a lack of knowledge of the SCORE harmonisation project at the operational level.

An important take away for the French NSG for this second round of the monitoring exercise would be to focus more on the dialogue with the participants' operational teams, who are in fact the ones filling out the questionnaires. In addition, the NSG needs to remain vigilant on timely implementation among custodians in view of November 2023.

Implementation of Corporate Action Standards is mainly on track for CSDs. However, one TPA and most custodians experience some delays.

This section presents the key findings of the survey for each entity type.

CSD - Euroclear France

Euroclear France has fully completed the monitoring survey in a timely manner. 27.9 % of the CA standards have already been implemented, while the implementation has started for 8.07% of the standards. The analysis has started for the remaining 40.9 % of the standards. Overall, implementation is largely on track.

Euroclear France's implementation is on schedule

Out of the 27 standards gathered in the SCoREBOARD below, 11 have already been implemented (blue) and 13 are on schedule for implementation (green). Two standards (meeting results and handling of fees) are deemed non-applicable. The first two milestones have been implemented in 2020, and the remaining ones are scheduled to be met on time.

In its April 2021 adaptation plan, Euroclear France writes that the ESES CSDs have jointly started several initiatives to gradually migrate corporate actions services to a new platform. Part of those projects have already been delivered, and the remaining phases are scheduled for the coming years.

As a result, there is no specific issue of concern for Euroclear France as a CSD, whose implementation for CA standards appears on track.

CSD – ID2S

ID2S implementation status is mainly on schedule and has improved since 2020

ID2S has fully completed the monitoring survey in a timely manner. 3.72% of the CA standards have already been implemented, while the analysis has started for 61.4% of those standards.

Out of the 27 standards gathered in the SCoREBOARD below, 6 have already been implemented (blue) and 16 are on schedule for implementation (green). 5 standards are deemed non-applicable to ID2S. These results show an improvement as compared to 2020. The milestones of implementation will be met on time, except for milestone 3 whose implementation will be delayed from July to October 2021.

In its 2021 adaptation plan, ID2S explains that Business Processes & Workflows in the area of corporate actions are in place for applicable corporate actions events, while messaging is currently based on ISO 15022. Given the currently limited scope of ID2S financial instruments, some of the AMI-SeCo Standards, such as Elective CA events, are out of scope of current ID2S functionality. ISO 20022 messages for corporate action processes are not currently supported, and this represents the main change to be implemented by ID2S in order to comply with Corporate Actions Harmonisation Standards.

As a result, there is no specific issue of concern for ID2S, whose implementation for CA standards appears on track.

TPA - Euroclear France

Euroclear France TPA is on track.

Euroclear France has fully completed the monitoring survey in a timely manner and the TPA is on track for implementing all relevant Corporate Actions Standards. Further, Euroclear France plans to meet all implementation milestones on time.

As a result, there is no specific issue of concern for Euroclear France, whose implementation for CA standards is fully on track.

TPA - BNP Paribas

While many standards are not applicable to the BNP Paribas as TPA, the Adaptation Plan shows commitment to implement the Standards.

BNPP has completed the monitoring survey in a timely manner. BNPP explained that the CA standards are not applicable to the TPA, because they are only applicable for transactions involving a Eurosystem central bank. However, BNP Paribas Securities Services is committed to implement those standards following demand. BNPP Securities Services will provide regular updates to its clients about the progress in the adaptation process of the AMI-SeCo Standards. The Adaptation Plan from TPA BNPP also provides further information on the implementation plans on Corporate Actions.

Custodians

Participation to the monitoring and implementation have improved over a year. However, some standards such as the ISO 20022 messaging show a low level of compliance among custodians.

The response rate among custodians has largely improved as compared to 2020. The respondents have already implemented 25.8% of the CA standards, while the implementation has started for 3.79% of them. In addition, analysis has already started for 4.44% of the standards. Implementation has been conducted on time for more than half of the standards (56%).

Out of the 21 standards applicable to custodians and gathered in the SCoREBOARD below, 17 standards show a level of implementation above 40% (meaning the standard has either already been implemented or that implementation is on track). In addition, 3 standards display a completion level comprised between 35 and 40%. However, the ISO 20022 messaging standard shows an implementation level below 20% (17%).

As regards the implementation milestones, respectively 33% and 11% of the custodians have started implementing milestones 1 and 2, scheduled for 2020 and 2021. The level of completion for the following milestones is systematically lower than 50%, except for milestones 12 and 13 planned for 2023 where a majority of custodians expect to meet the deadlines (56%). These results keep underlying the need for NSG members to focus on the implementation phase in order to meet SCORE deadlines.

Issuers

Issuers in the French market did not participate to the first round of the monitoring survey in 2020. The French NSG Secretariat therefore engaged with the only issuer of the NSG, the public debt management office known as Agence France Trésor (AFT). AFT successfully contributed to the 2021 monitoring, filling out the corporate actions survey to the best of their knowledge and capacities.

It is indeed important to underline that AFT cannot answer most of the questions, as they do not have recourse to all the described codes or functionalities. The AFT IT department confirmed for instance that it does not use the codes for standards 1, 2, 3, 8, 11 and 13. The AFT uses the “user-end” platform of Euroclear, via the ESES interface, which does not enable them to identify all the events described in the survey.

This internal organisation affects the results shared in the SCORE survey, although the French issuer is mobilised for AMI-SeCo standards.

NCB

Banque de France is on track to implement the AMI-SeCo standards for Corporate Actions for its collateral management activities by November 2023.

Agence France Trésor, the public debt management office, is the sole issuer in the French market. It participated to the monitoring for the first time in 2021, after engaging with Banque de France.

Banque de France is on track to adopt the AMI-SeCo Standards by November 2023

SCoREBOARD

This section presents the overall compliance status in the market. CSDs and TPAs are monitored on an individual basis and are assigned a colour-code status in accordance with the methodology outlined in Box 1¹. Custodians and Issuers are monitored on an aggregated basis and assigned a percentage compliance status.

Box 1

SCoREBOARD – Implementation Phase



- The Standard has been implemented
- Implementation of the Standard is on schedule (based on the agreed milestones)
- Implementation is behind schedule (based on the agreed milestones)
- Implementation has not started

For custodians and issuers, progress is monitored and reported as a percentage; for example the % of custodians in a given market who have started internal adaptation of IT systems.

¹ For further details please refer to the [AMI-SeCo Monitoring Framework](#)

Table A
SCoREBOARD

STANDARD	Custodians	Issuers	CSD - Euroclear France	CSD - ID2S	TPA - BNP Paribas	TPA - Euroclear France
1A: Notification	44%	0%	G	G	N/A	G
1B: Instruction	44%		G	N/A	N/A	G
1C: Advise	44%		G	G	N/A	G
1D: Confirmation	42%		G	G	N/A	G
1E: Reversal	44%		G	G	N/A	G
1F: Meeting Notification	44%	0%	G	N/A	N/A	N/A
1G: Meeting Instruction	44%		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1H: Meeting Results	37%		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2: Calculation of Proceeds	38%	0%	G	G		
3: Consistency of Information	38%	0%	G	G		
4: Rounding Rule 1	44%	100%	B	B		
4: Rounding Rule 2	44%	100%	B	B		
4: Rounding Rule 3	44%	100%	B	G		
4: Rounding Rule 4	44%	100%	B	G		
5: Negative Cash Flows	44%	0%	B	B		
6: Business Day Rule		0%	B	B		
7: Securities Amount Data		100%	G	B		
8: Payment Time Rule 1		0%	B	G		
8: Payment Time Rule 2		0%	G	G		
8: Payment Time Rule 3		0%	G	B		
9: Processing Status	44%	100%	B	G		
10: Blocking	44%		G	G		
11: Default Option	44%	0%	B	G		
12: Handling of Fees	44%		N/A	N/A		
13: Reversal	44%	0%	B	G		
14: Foreign Currency			B	G		
15: ISO 20022 Messaging	17%		G	G		

Notes:

- For CSDs and TPAs the colour-code reflects the current implementation status of each Standard in accordance with the methodology outlined in Box 1 above.
- TPAs are using custody services provided by CSDs or Custodians in order to disseminate CA information to Collateral Givers and Collateral Takers. Monitoring of TPAs thus focuses on the implementation of triparty specific workflows described in Standard 1.
- For custodians the % indicates that the standard has either already been implemented, or that implementation is on track i.e. at a minimum that analysis has already started or that implementation has started per Standard.
- Issuers were asked to confirm awareness of their obligation to provide all relevant information to the Issuer CSD (on a Yes/No basis). The % reflects the number of issuers who responded yes to the survey
- Percentages are calculated on the basis of expected respondents, i.e. number of entities monitored in the market.
- A plausibility check was performed by the CMH-TF Secretariat.

2 Milestones

This section tracks an entity's progress in implementing the Standards on an ongoing basis. 13 milestones have been defined as listed in the box below.

Box 2 SCoRE Milestones

Milestone	Description	Date
M1	Analysis Started: Have you commenced an in-depth analysis of all applicable SCoRE Standards in order to identify and document all the changes required to internal processes and procedures in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards?	30/06/2020
M2	Initial Communication: Has initial high-level communication with external stakeholders on the changes introduced by SCoRE commenced?	01/03/2021
M3	Analysis Completed: Have you completed an in-depth analysis of all applicable SCoRE Standards?	31/07/2021
M4	Documentation Completed: Have you documented all the internal processes and procedures which need to be adapted in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards?	31/12/2021
M5	Detailed External Communication: Has detailed communication started regarding (i) upcoming changes in business processes, (ii) messaging formats and usage guidelines (in the case of new messages based on non-registered latest drafts by SWIFT) and (iii) planned testing activities been provided to users?	31/12/2021
M6	SCoRE Adaptation Started: Have you started to adapt/develop the processes and procedures in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards?	01/01/2022
M7	SCoRE Adaptation Complete: Have you completed the necessary adaptations/developments for the processes and procedures in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards?	30/06/2022
M8	Internal Testing Started for SCoRE: Have you started to test the changes to your internal processes and procedures which have been introduced in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards?	01/07/2022
M9	Internal Testing Complete for SCoRE: Have you completed the necessary internal testing?	02/12/2022
M10	External Testing Started for SCoRE: Are you in a position to test the changes introduced in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards with your user community (i.e. CSD participants / Collateral Givers and Collateral Takers in the context of the Standards applicable to TPAs)?	05/12/2022
M11	Final External Communication on SCoRE: has final communication to users been provided (i.e. updated user guide to reflect the changes implemented, final message usage guidelines for A2A communication) related to the SCoRE Standards?	01/04/2023
M12	External Testing Completed for SCoRE: Is the testing of the changes introduced in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards with your user community completed (i.e. CSD participants / Collateral Givers and Collateral Takers in the context of the Standards applicable to TPAs)?	13/10/2023
M13	SCoRE Standards Implemented: have the SCoRE Standards been implemented?	20/11/2023

Notes: N/A

Milestones expected to be achieved in the current reporting period are highlighted in blue in the header of Table B below. The blue colour-code is then assigned to those milestones which have been successfully achieved to date for each respective entity. Milestones which will only be achieved later are assigned a yellow status, while milestones which will only be achieved with significant delays / where work has not yet commenced are marked in red.

For the remaining milestones (i.e. milestones due to be achieved only after the current reporting cycle) the colour-code indicates an entity's expected ability to achieve a future milestone on time. The expected date of achievement is also indicated in the table if it is different to the milestone date defined by AMI-SeCo.

Table B
Milestones

	Custodians	CSD - Euroclear France	CSD - ID2S	TPA - BNP Paribas	TPA - Euroclear France
Milestone 1 June 2020	33%	Yes	Yes	01/23	Yes
Milestone 2 March 2021	11%	Yes	Yes	03/23	Yes
Milestone 3 July 2021	22%	Yes	10/21	07/23	Yes
Milestone 4 December 2021	22%	Yes	Yes	12/23	Yes
Milestone 5 December 2021	22%	Yes	Yes	12/23	Yes
Milestone 6 January 2022	11%	Yes	Yes	01/24	Yes
Milestone 7 June 2022	11%	Yes	Yes	06/24	Yes
Milestone 8 July 2022	11%	Yes	Yes	07/24	Yes
Milestone 9 December 2022	22%	Yes	Yes	12/24	Yes
Milestone 10 December 2022	22%	Yes	Yes	02/24	Yes
Milestone 11 April 2023	44%	Yes	Yes	04/25	Yes
Milestone 12 October 2023	56%	Yes	Yes	10/25	Yes
Milestone 13 November 2023	56%	Yes	Yes	11/25	Yes

Notes: Actors were asked to report for all milestones, i.e. whether they meet the current milestones and whether they expect to meet the dates for future milestones.

Summary

French CSDs meet the current implementation milestones and expect to meet future ones. The TPA BNPP is experiencing important delays, as implementation will only start in 2023 but the TPA Euroclear France appears on track. As regards custodians, data show a lower level of completion and suggest potential delays to compliance in the future. Some custodians, such as Crédit Mutuel-CIC, explained the delays as due to their choice to focus on ISO 20022 rather than on other deadlines.

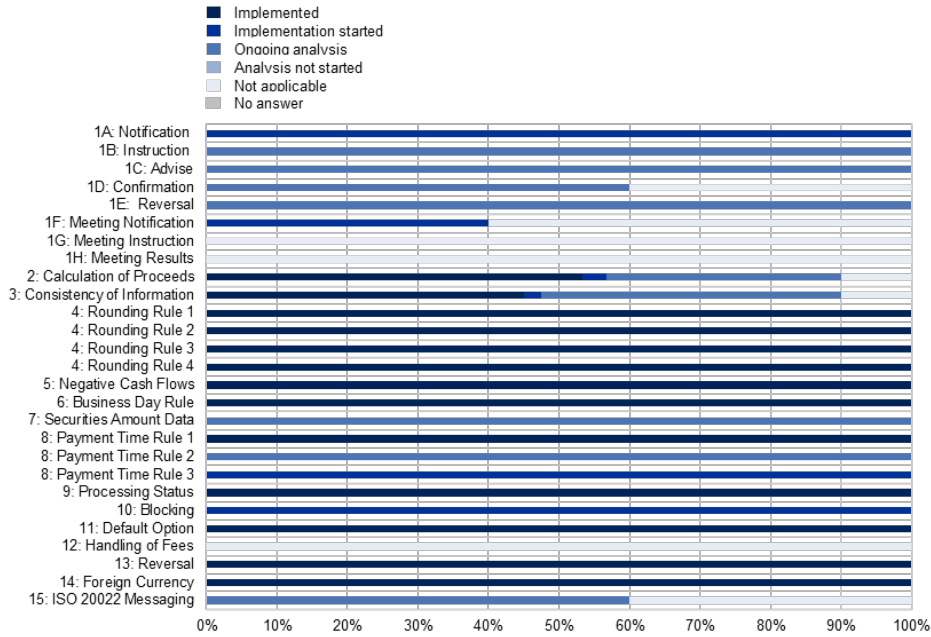
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Implementation status per AMI-SeCo Standard

This section presents the implementation status of each Standard per entity type.

CSD – Euroclear France

Implementation status per AMI-SeCo Standard

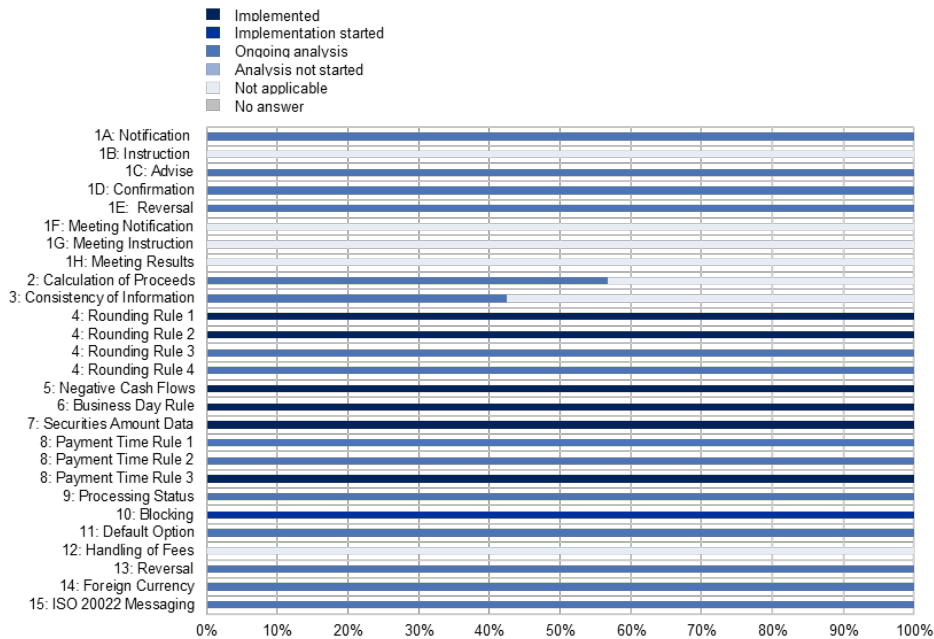


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CSD – ID2S

Implementation status per AMI-SeCo Standard

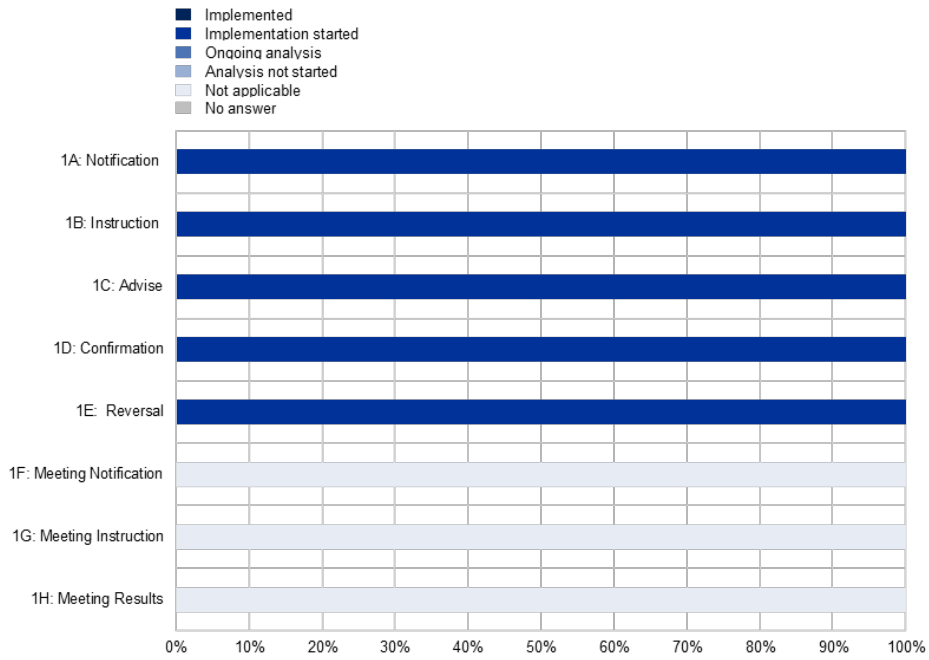


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TPA – Euroclear France

Implementation status per AMI-SeCo Standard

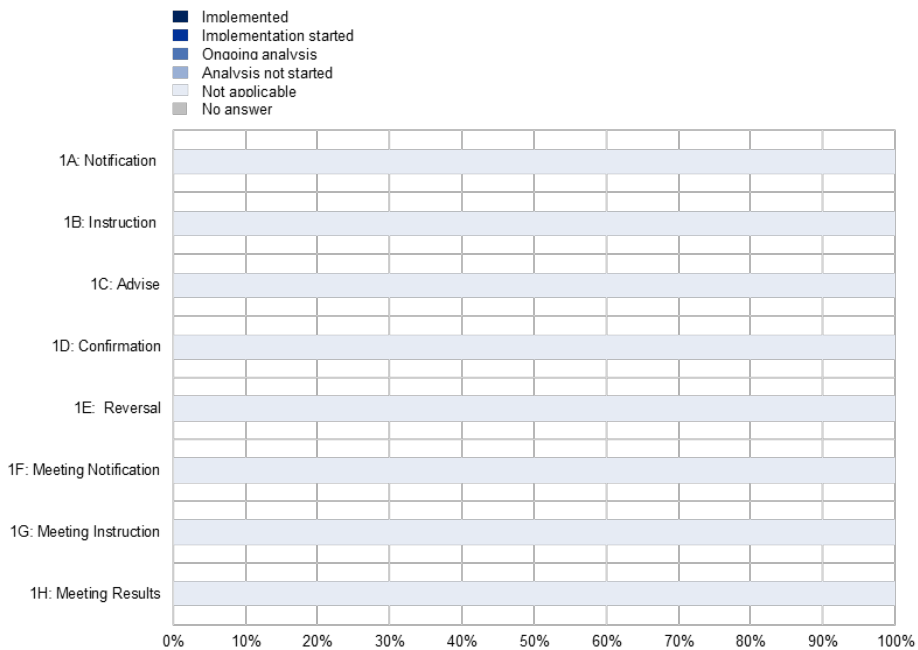


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TPA – BNP Paribas

Implementation status per AMI-SeCo Standard

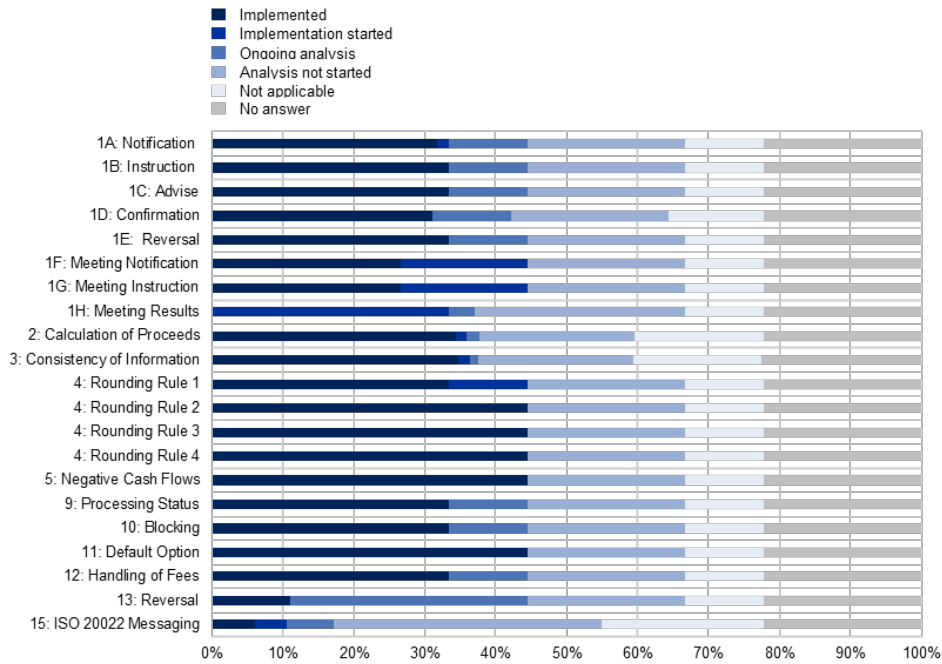


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Custodians

Implementation status per AMI-SeCo Standard

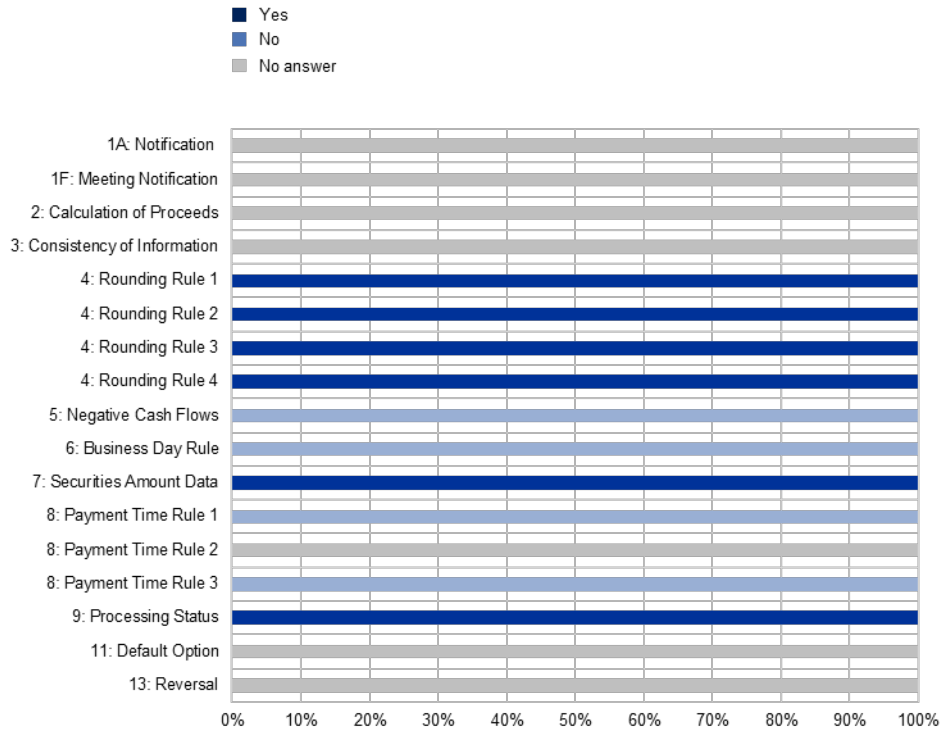


Notes

N/A

Issuers

Fulfilment of obligations per AMI-SeCo Standard



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N/A

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