Moving to the next phase of the digital euro project

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Interactions with stakeholders in the investigation phase

**Market participants**
- Supply side (banks, payment and e-money institutions, third party providers, card issuers…)
- Demand side (consumers, retailers, businesses)
- Infrastructure and technology providers

**EU policymakers**
- Member States in the context of the Eurogroup
- European Parliament
- European Commission
- Other EU bodies and institutions

**Central banking community**
- Non-euro area EU Member States central banks
- International central banks working on CBDC
- Bank for International Settlements (BIS)

**Other stakeholders**
- Civil society actors
- Academics
Preparation Phase
Staying ahead of the curve: stocktaking to move on to further testing and development

Investigation phase

Oct 2021 – Oct 2023
Concept definition, technical exploration and design proposal

Preparation phase

Nov 2023 – Oct 2025
Prepare to develop: search for possible providers and support the legislative process

Preparation phase

From Nov 2025 (subject to Governing Council approval)
Development, Roll-out of digital euro

Staying ahead of the curve: stocktaking to move on to further testing and development
Starting preparations now ensures Europe is ready when if and when needed

At the CBDC frontline

The goal of the Preparation Phase Part 1 is to be ready as possible for the development of a digital euro should the Governing Council decide on issuance.

In detail

The main foreseen activities include:
+ Finalising the scheme rulebook
+ Selecting service providers
+ Learning through experimentation

The project will evolve in parallel to the legislative process. A decision on issuance could only be made once the co-legislators have adopted the relevant legislation.
An update of the Rulebook Development Group as we move to the next phase
Reminder: the rulebook is developed in two phases. We are reaching the end of Phase 1, with a foreseen consultation for January 2024.

**Phase 1 - laying out the core**

1. Document information
2. Digital euro scheme scope and interplay
3. Functional and operational model
   - High-level E2E flows
   - Identification and authentication
   - Dispute management principles
4. Adherence model
5. Technical scheme requirements
6. Defined terms and conditions
7. Annexes
   - User journeys
   - Detailed end to end flows
   - FAQ

**Phase 2 - specifying the details**

1. Document information
2. Digital euro scheme scope and interplay
3. Functional and operational model
   - Minimum UX standards
   - Dispute management
4. Adherence model
5. Technical scheme requirements
   - Interface standards and specifications
6. Risk management
7. Scheme management
8. Defined terms and conditions
9. Annexes
   - Branding standards
   - Detailed technical specifications, implementation guidelines, certification related documentations

To be sent out for consultation in Jan 2024

Planning for Phase 2 to be concluded in the Autumn 2023

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1. Dependent on the legislative proposal from the European Commission

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