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AD-HOC TIPS CONSULTATIVE GROUP

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hold via MS Teams

1 Introductory remarks and approval of the agenda

The Chair will welcome the participants to the meeting and invite TIPS-CG members to approve the draft agenda.

TIPS-CG members are invited to approve the agenda.

Outcome:

The Chairperson welcomed participants to the ad-hoc meeting of the TIPS Consultative Group (TIPS-CG) and introduced the agenda for the session. It was noted that an additional item, "First Draft TIPS Scope Defining Documents for R2026.NOV", would be included under Any Other Business.

2 Revised approach for the deployment of TIPS-0072-SYS

The TIPS-CG members will be presented with the revised approach for the deployment strategy of [TIPS-0072-SYS](#) "Alignment of TIPS Messages with ISO MR 2020-2024".

The members of the TIPS-CG will be invited to take note of the revised approach for TIPS-0072-SYS

Background documentation:

- A. [4CB] TIPS.R2026.JUN Deployment Strategy for TIPS-0072_updated [sent on 09.03.2026]
- B. Consolidated Feedback form - Potential Questions or Comments for the deployment strategy of TIPS-0072-SYS - Alignment of TIPS Messages with ISO MR [sent on 09.03.2026]

Outcome:

The group was presented with the revised deployment strategy for [TIPS-0072-SYS](#) "Alignment of TIPS Messages with ISO MR 2020-2024", which reflects adjustments based on market feedback and lessons learned from initial challenges (e.g. alignment with T2 deployment plans). The key points of the revised approach with one single deployment presented by 4CB are the following:

- **Timing and Coordination:** *The deployment schedule aligns with RTGS operations. The TIPS software deployment will start following the completion of the End Of Day (EoD) procedures for EUR, DKK (T2) and for SEK (RIX). Specifically, both RTGS systems will issue the "stop" message related to inter-service liquidity management¹, and the change of business day will be completed for all currencies (EUR, DKK, and SEK). As per standard practice, the General Ledger (GL) and the EoD reports will then be sent out respectively to the connected RGTS systems and to TIPS users using the previous version of the message schema.*
- **The RTGS channel will be temporarily stopped, meaning inter-service liquidity transfers will not be possible during this period.** *However, funding of the technical account, which operates 24/7 in TIPS, can still be performed via the TIPS GUI. The likelihood of rejection for such transactions is extremely low. In exceptional cases, e.g. in case of A2A rejections during the rolling upgrade, the*

¹ Inter-service LTs are blocked both in A2A and U2A during the RTGS closing time. Conversely, intra-service LTs are not limited and can be performed on 24/7 basis.

intra-service Liquidity Transfers can be injected via the TIPS GUI. A detailed communication outlining what will be possible and not possible during each slot will be shared with TIPS users² (**Action Point (AP-127)**).

- **Software Deployment:** The TIPS message router will be updated to manage the ISO maintenance release of messages through a short rolling upgrade lasting approximately 2 hours³ (planned for 18:30–20:30 CET on Friday 12 June 2026).
- **Activation of New Schemas:** Following the software deployment, new activation schemas will be implemented for TIPS actors and the RTGS-TIPS interface.
From that moment on, TIPS will start accepting the new format of the messages from TIPS Actors and will deliver the new version of the messages to TIPS Actors.

The TIPS Notification Tool will be used to communicate relevant updates, including the start and completion of the software deployment process. TIPS-CG members took note of the revised deployment strategy and raised no objections. 4CB will finalise the TIPS Service Transition Plan (STP) so that the updated document can be shared with the TIPS-Working Group members. Afterwards, the ECB will publish on the [ECB website](#) an updated version of the Main Milestones document for TIPS R2026.JUN.

The testing approach in UTEST environment will replicate the production strategy, though the time slots will be different than for PROD. The TIPS message router will be updated in UTEST on Friday 27 March 2026 from 9h to approximately 11h. Once this activity is completed, (i) TIPS users will be informed accordingly and (ii) user testing can start, meaning that TIPS will start accepting the new format of the messages from TIPS Actors and will deliver the new version of the messages to TIPS Actors in UTEST. As a final point, it was noted that for SEK and its associated RTGS system (RIX), final confirmation regarding the time slots to be used in UTEST is still required (**Action Point (AP-128)**)⁴. It was emphasised that the opening of the RTGS system must wait until the full deployment on the TIPS side is successfully completed.

3 Any Other Business

Outcome:

First Draft TIPS Scope Defining Documents for R2026.NOV:

The 4CB representative introduced a proposal to include all planned changes for the TIPS Scope Defining Documents (SDDs) for TIPS R2026.NOV in the version scheduled for delivery in early April 2026. This approach would cover changes related to change requests TIPS-0075⁵, TIPS-0103⁶,

² This communication will be issued after the Go/No-Go decision on the release deployment, i.e. as part of the release deployment communication which takes place a few weeks before the deployment in PROD. It will be published on the ECB website and shared via the notification tool.

In fact, based on the information currently available (see [dedicated deck of slides presented at the meeting and published on the ECB website](#)), TIPS users are/can already be proactively informed. As highlighted during the TIPS-CG meeting, CSMS are also encouraged to share this information within their respective communities to ensure broader awareness.

³ Following the ad-hoc TIPS-CG meeting, 4CB indicated that a conservative approach would be adopted. **As a result, the rolling upgrade duration for the PROD environment has been adjusted to align with that of UTEST, i.e., two hours.** The slide deck has been updated to reflect this change.

As discussed during the ad-hoc TIPS-CG meeting, 4CB may potentially require less time for the upgrade. However, at this stage, no commitment can be made regarding a shorter duration.

⁴ In the meantime, and following successful testing in EAC for RIX-RTGS, Riksbank confirmed that they will be able to send the camt.019 "START" message on Friday 27 March 2026 after 11h CET, i.e. once TIPS software deployment will be completed

⁵ [TIPS-0075-URD - Full alignment with EPC OCT Inst 2025 scheme business cases](#)

⁶ [TIPS-0103-URD - Enhancing TIPS for interlinking with other Fast Payment Systems](#)

and TIPS-0104⁷, as the functional aspects are already finalised even though the Detailed Assessment of those change requests is not formally approved yet. The proposal was made considering the low likelihood of obtaining final approval from the TIPS Governance for all pending detailed assessments prior to the sharing of the draft SDDs.

The early inclusion of these changes would allow market participants to review a complete set of updates during the comment phase. The updates would also enable the publication of revised message schemas and Usage Guidelines in MyStandards. No drawbacks were identified in proceeding with this approach. Following this announcement, a written communication will be sent to the TIPS-WG members to formally inform them of the proposal (**Action Point (AP-129)**).

⁷ [TIPS-0104-SYS - Alignment of TIPS Messages with ISO Maintenance Release \(MR\) 2026](#)