EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

EUROSYSTEM

# Public consultation on possible extension of T2 operating hours

## Outcome and Eurosystem roadmap

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# The Eurosystem Public Consultation
## Overview

### Objectives

- ❖ Engage in an open dialogue to **understand market needs and constraints**
- ❖ Ensure that future proposals carefully **balance benefits, costs, opportunities and risks** for all stakeholders
- ❖ Define a **roadmap for extending the T2 operating hours** setting short-, medium- and long-term actions

**Publication of consultation paper and launch of public consultation[1]**
6 June 2025

Response deadline
30 September 2025

Report to TARGET governance, assess feasibility and consult relevant central bank areas
*Analysis of responses*
December 2025 – April 2026

**28 May 2026**

[1]ECB (June 2025): "Consultation paper on the extension of T2 operating hours."

# The Eurosystem Public Consultation

## Number of responses and representativeness

**125**

**Entities responded,**
of which:

**91** Banks
**18** Industry Associations
**15** Non-Bank Financial Institutions
**1** Ministry of Finance[2]

**All but one critical participant responded.**

**The responding entities directly account for more than**

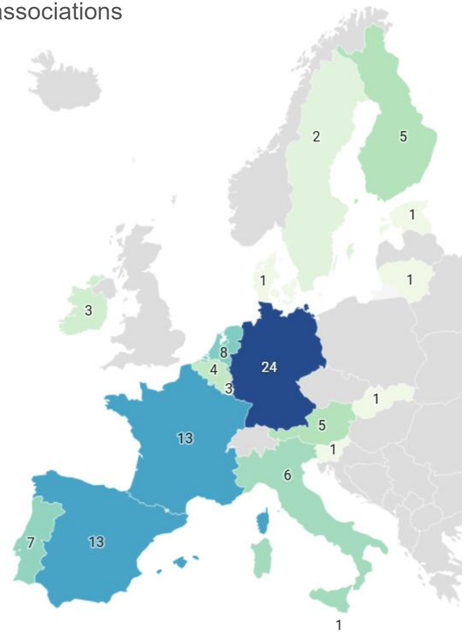
**68%**

of T2 transaction volume and more than 66% of T2 transaction value (RTGS transactions only, September 2025).

**Responses from several multi-national industry associations, including:**

- AFME - Association for Financial Markets in Europe
- Association of International Banks in Germany
- European Association of CCP Clearing Houses (EACH)
- European Banking Federation (EBF) & European Association of Co-operative Banks (EACB)
- Payment Market Practice Group (PMPG)

**Geographical Distribution of Respondents**
Number of respondents, excluding industry associations




Note: Additionally, CLS responded (based in the US)

# Main findings of the public consultation (1/3)

## 1. DRIVERS

- Main immediate driver is **liquidity management**, rather than payments / G20 roadmap
- Focus on **instant payments**, and in the future digital euro and Pontes
- Some advocate for **aligning with global financial systems**, and accommodating late day margin calls

## 2. EXTENSION FORM

- **Phased approach** is largely favoured with:
  - In the short run, **extending CLM** operations on weekends/holidays, automated liquidity management for TIPS and automatic remuneration of excess reserves
  - In the longer run, **possible extension of RTGS** operations starting with evening hours
  - Full 24/7 T2 extension should be balanced against business needs, operational costs and risks
  - Access to **intraday credit line needed**, but active collateral management not a priority

# Main findings of the public consultation (2/3)

3. CUT OFFs and VALUE DATING

- No pressing request to change the **main cut-offs;** consider incremental shifting in the future
- No pressing request to change the **value dating** rules; reconsider if business need emerges

4. TARGET SERVICES

- Long term **alignment of T2, T2S and ECMS** to avoid frictions and inefficiencies

5. COSTS and RISKS

- **Liquidity risk** of full extension when traditional forms of funding not available; need continuous access to central bank refinancing and collateral mobilisation
- **Operational risk** from reduced downtimes, increased **cyber and fraud risk**
- **Costs** of IT systems adaptations, liquidity management automatisation, staff increases

# **Main findings of the public consultation (3/3)**
## Common feedback by participant type

Responses received by **specific types of participants were largely aligned** with the main takeaways, with **some topics** more recurrent for selected categories

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| **Financial Market Infrastructures** | • CCPs and CSDs in favour of delaying the end of day cut-off, e.g. to 20:00/22:00, and advocating alignment with T2S<br>• General support to coordinated T2 extension aligning CLM and RTGS<br>• Favour continuous operations within the week rather than a weekend extension due to operational challenges |
| **Small banks** | • Strong emphasis on liquidity management as main driver, indicating that the focus should be on CLM extension; mixed views on RTGS extension, especially weekend<br>• Mindful of risks and cost, highlighting importance of gradual approach<br>• Several indicate that no extension is needed |
| **Associations** | • National associations favouring a 24/7 CLM and a 24/5 RTGS extension<br>• International/Big banks' associations supportive of broader change towards full 24/7 |

# Eurosystem roadmap for T2 extension

| Time horizon | Measures |
|---|---|
| **Short term**<br>next 2 years | ➢ Automatic remuneration of current accounts *(June 2026)*<br>➢ Improve automatisation of liquidity transfers to and from TIPS DCAs *(June 2026)*<br>➢ Add short T2 opening window for liquidity transfers during the weekend and TARGET holidays *(under 4CB assessment)* |
| **Medium/ long term**<br>approximatively next 5 years | ➢ CLM close to 24/7 with short maintenance windows<br>➢ RTGS near 24/5 with earlier reopening for payments and short maintenance windows<br>➢ Limited changes to end of day cut-off, e.g. postponing max 2 hours<br>➢ ECMS opening on weekends to enable collateral management<br>➢ Consider introducing a 7-days value dating (driven by monetary policy implementation reasons) |

# Next steps

1. Receiving feedback from 4CB by September 2026 on:
   - CR T2-0177-SYS “Additional settlement window on weekends and TARGET closing days”;  and
   - High-level requirements for the medium to long-term measures
3. Decision on medium to long-term measures, after consulting relevant committees
4. Further market consultation towards end 2026/beginning 2027 on medium to long term measures

Thank you for the attention!

Questions?