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TIPS to include cross-currency instant payments service

The Governing Council of the European Central Bank (ECB) has decided to implement a cross-currency settlement service within the [TARGET Instant Payment Settlement service \(TIPS\)](#). By including this settlement service in TIPS, instant payments originating in one currency could be settled in another currency and in central bank money. Initially, euro, Swedish kronor and Danish krone will join the initiative, which could expand to include other currencies onboarded to TIPS in the future. The settlement service serves as a basis for [linking TIPS with other fast payment systems](#) and settling cross-border payments beyond the European Union.

The initiative builds on the [exploratory technical work started in 2020](#) with the aim of getting TIPS ready to settle cross-currency instant payments. The ECB is collaborating with Sveriges Riksbank and Danmarks Nationalbank, which joined the initiative following [their decision to onboard to TIPS](#). As part of the exploratory work, payment service providers (PSPs) contributed to the design discussions via existing advisory groups and market contact groups. A call for interest will be launched in the fourth quarter of 2024 to ensure that the service will meet the requirements of the market. While the cross-currency settlement service is being implemented in TIPS, interested PSPs will be involved in testing the service.

The initiative supports the G20 roadmap for creating a faster, cheaper, more transparent and accessible global payments ecosystem, while ensuring secure and reliable instant payments. Moreover, the initiative contributes to the goal of the [Eurosystem's retail payments strategy](#), which aims to help European consumers and businesses make and receive payments involving partners outside the euro area.