TARGET2 CUST
Switch of connection from T2S Community to Pre-production (and vice versa)

The TARGET2 customer testing environment (CUST) is currently connected to the T2S Community environment to perform tests between TARGET2 and T2S. Following some testing requirements on the T2S side, the TARGET2 National User Groups (NUGs) were recently consulted on a possible switch to the T2S Pre-production environment. As no major concerns were raised during the consultation, CUST will be connected to the T2S Pre-production environment for a limited period. As a consequence of this change of set-up, some activities have to be carried out on CUST, which are described in the table below.

Execution of switch of the connection from Community environment to Pre-production environment:	
Activity	Date
Unavailability of TARGET2 CUST for TARGET2 internal testing	05/12/2016 - 07/12/2016
Unavailability of the connection between TARGET2 and T2S for testing	05/12/2016 - 09/12/2016
Testing period for tests between TARGET2 CUST and T2S Pre-production environment	
	12/12/2016 - 20/01/2017
Execution of switch of the connection from Pre-production environment to Community environment:	
Activity	Date
Unavailability of TARGET2 CUST for TARGET2 internal testing	23/01/2017-25/01/2017
Unavailability of the connection between TARGET2 and T2S for testing	23/01/2017-27/01/2017

TARGET2 users need to be aware of the following impact on CUST during the weeks of the switches:

- TARGET2 CUST will not formally be available for testing during the execution of the switch, but the business days will not be defined as TARGET holidays. Therefore, although payments could be executed, there is no commitment that all functionalities would work as is typically foreseen.

- End of day procedures need to be run for purposes related to the switch. Consequently, end of day reporting will take place as usual.

- Standing liquidity transfer orders settled within TARGET2 will be executed during this period.

TARGET2 users performing tests with T2S need to be aware of the following:

- TARGET2 participants are supposed to check the consistency of their static data setup for the dedicated cash accounts before the execution of the first switch. The data in Pre-production environment needs to be consistent with the data in Community environment. It is of the utmost importance to identify the linked RTGS accounts in T2S Pre-production and to verify their existence in TARGET2 CUST.

- Although TARGET2 CUST will not be available for testing during the execution of the switch, standing liquidity transfer orders towards T2S will be triggered in TARGET2 CUST. However, they will not arrive in T2S.

- The data stored in the archives in T2S (LTSI) will not be reliable for the time between the two switches, due to the execution of the switch.