EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

EUROSYSTEM

T2-T2S Consolidation

Status Update on go-live

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Background

- T2-T2S Consolidation project was planned to Go-Live on 21 Nov. 2022; Included big bang transition to the new ISO20022 message format in wholesale payments
- ECB announcement that go live date of 21 November would be confirmed or not “at the latest one month in advance”
- Market Infrastructure Board (MIB) Go / No-Go meeting took place on 18 Oct. 2022, followed by ECB Governing Council on 20 Oct. 2022
- **Press release on 20 Oct. to reschedule Go-Live by four months to 20 March 2023:**
- **https://www.ecb.europa.eu/press/pr/date/2022/html/ecb.pr221020~432ea01228.en.html**

Further information on reasons for delay

- Since the beginning of User Testing in Dec. 2021, several issues have materialised which degraded the testing conditions
    - Instability of testing environments
    - Incomplete and deficient software delivery
    - Software regressions
    - Pace for assessing incidents and fixing defects
- Unsatisfactory testing conditions were reported by “Level 2” Central Banks and by the users as a source of contention for their timely readiness.

Length of the delay

Three options had been investigated

- Short delay of 3 weeks
  - Discarded as it does not provide sufficient comfort on solving the issues
- Medium delay of 3 months
  - Balances impact and testing time
- Long delay of 5 months
  - Significant impact on market participants
  - Increased contention with ISO release (SWIFT)
  - Maximises testing time

➢ During its meeting on 18 October 2022, the MIB unanimously recommended to postpone the **Go-Live date** of the T2-T2S Consolidation from 21 Nov. 2022 to **20 March 2023, i.e. an intermediate solution to ensure a very high level of confidence that testing will be sufficient**

Impacts on other initiatives and follow up work

• SWIFT migration of Cross-border payments to ISO 20022	Nov. 2022
• EBA Clearing (Euro1)	Nov. 2022
• Migration of other currencies to ISO20022, e.g. UK	April 2023
• Croatia joining the euro	Jan. 2023
• ECMS go-live	Nov. 2023
• T2S (R6.2)(*)	Nov. 2022

- ➢ **ECMS impact assessment and related announcements** to be made by **end-Nov. 2022**
- ➢ A **focus Session** will be organised by **mid-Nov. 2022**

(*) Potential impacts on subsequent releases (R6.3. & R7.0) to be assessed

Thank you for your attention!