

## Outcome of the T2S Project Managers Group (PMG) ad-hoc Meeting

14 November 2022 (16:00-17:30)

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### 1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

#### Outcome

The PMG chairperson welcomed the participants and introduced the meeting, which was held remotely. No additional items were proposed for inclusion on the agenda of the meeting. The PMG members approved the agenda.

### 2. RELEASE 6.0 CLOSURE REPORT

#### Background documentation

- Closure report – release T2S 6.0

#### Outcome

The PMG took note of the final version of the closure report of R6.0 reflecting the comments received during the PMG written procedure. In concrete, the PMG was debriefed on the root causes, key observations and lessons learnt and related follow-ups to Release 6.0.

More specifically:

- The PMG stressed the importance of setting a deadline for the 4CB enhancement of functional testing reports. 4CB clarified that the enhancement of the internal testing scenarios will be made for the new common component modules only as they are missing. The PMG agreed that by the time of the next major release (2023.JUN), this enhancement has to be put in place and that in a PMG Meeting in Q1 2023 a 4CB presentation will be provided in order to explain how they will enhance the functional testing approach to reflect better the CSDs and NCBs perspective (new AP to be opened).
- Some PMG members asked if there was an intention to formalise the lessons learnt process in an action plan, in view of the importance of providing a feedback loop for the upcoming releases. The PMG agreed to have a regular monitoring check point in the future during the PMG meetings for the lessons learnt in the Action Points excel file in which all follow-ups will be included.
- Some PMG members stated the importance of being advised in advance when there is a specific setting required and exemplified that with ESMIG and SWIFT the information about specific configuration was

received very late in time. The PMG agreed on a two-month pre-notification in case there is any change needed in connectivity and NRO and on increased transparency about the impact and effort that would be needed so that it can be planned more efficiently on the CSD and NCB side.

- The PMG agreed that as a follow-up action the OGPf should be amended to include more robust processes for contingency measures on the assessment of release defects and production problems (weekly PMG monitoring meetings, weekly release packages, shortened FA cycles, marking of blocking incidents/issues for focussed assessments).
- The PMG agreed on the proposal to evaluate in the long term to remove the use of certificates for the user authentication and rely instead on other technologies and raised the need to highlight this proposal as a long-term objective (i.e. in two years or more, potentially coinciding with a change to the T2S GUI).
- The PMG noted that a very high number of incidents still exist, coming mainly from R6.0. The 4CB agreed to clean up the existing incidents backlog, for incidents that need to be analysed. The PMG/OMG secretariats will follow-up with incidents with the status needing client action and PMG members were asked to proactively clean up the backlog also on their side. The PMG agreed that two concrete Action Points stemming from this topic are the discussion on the amendments to the template of the recording of incidents by the UTSG and the improvement of the reporting on the lifecycle of incidents, by an update of the TMS tool so to cater for more efficient usage.
- The PMG discussed the way forward on the timely communication by 4CB on the unavailability of GUIs and in general of incidents affecting the T2S Actors and agreed that the follow-up should be that the T2S SLA includes the availability for test environment for the new GUIs. The OMG secretary took note to propose the update of the indicators for the availability of the GUI for the test environments in the yearly update of the SLA to the OMG.

The PMG agreed to consider the T2S R6.0 closure report as final and that it will be sent for T2S Steering Level approval, together with the OMG R6.0 closure report, as two separate documents..

### **3. EUROCLEAR FINLAND REQUESTS AND IMPACTS ON THE UT EAC CALENDAR**

#### Background documentation

- *Impact of EFi proposals on the UT calendar in EAC*

#### **Outcome**

The PMG was invited to discuss the results of the UTSG analysis on the three proposals from Euroclear Finland regarding their testing in EAC, as previously discussed by the PMG during the hybrid meeting on 18 October 2022. The PMG was informed that no strong views were expressed at UTSG except for one comment related to the extension of the volume test in May 2023 and the Purge on 16 June 2023. Due to sensitive internal system changes, it was highlighted the importance of avoiding system instability due to high volumes of dynamic data (or static data) and/or due to purge activities in EAC. The PMG took note that all T2S Actors are sharing the same view and the 4CB was made aware of this request for specific attention to EAC during this period. As a way forward, the PMG agreed to request 4CB to specifically report on any particular incidents during this period on a timely manner.

#### **4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **Outcome**

*The PMG took note that the Written Consultation on ECM-0039 ICN-0015 failed, given that a PMG member did not agree in inserting this reference in the ECMS CR to the T2.2023.JUN Service Transition Plan.*

*As a short-term solution, the PMG agreed that ICN-0015 will be enriched so that it includes the specific changes requested by ECMS-0039 on camt.077 "Billing Report" that will be delivered within draft7 so that the test managers can properly define the test cases. In addition, it was agreed that STSR and STP Annex A will be updated to include a reference to CR-0795 "Multiplex editorial change request for R2023.JUN" which will be covering ICN-0015 so that the testing can be monitored.*

*The PMG acknowledged that for the long-term solution on the recording of such item in the STPs the options would be discussed in the next PMG meeting on 14 December 2022. Some of the options include:*

- *Adding the clarification note as reference;*
- *Adding the other TS CR as reference;*
- *Adding the editorial CR which includes the ICN as reference;*
- *Raising a new PBI/CR as reference;*

*Until then, any proposal on the matter from the PMG members would be more than welcomed.*