

SCOREBOARD

Corporate Actions - H1 2022

Dutch NSG

Background

Since publication of the Collateral Management Harmonisation Report in December 2017, the Advisory Group on Market Infrastructures for Securities and Collateral (AMI-SeCo) has made a number of significant breakthroughs in its ambition to create a Single Collateral Management Rulebook for Europe (SCoRE).

What is SCoRE?

SCoRE defines common rules for managing collateral in Europe. These rules will replace the fragmented legacy standards, structural constraints and complex and diverse market practices that exist across Europe today. Implementation of SCoRE should remove operational impediments to the availability, usage and mobility of collateral. Market participants in AMI-SeCo have committed to implementing the SCoRE Rulebook, with the first set of rules due to be implemented by November 2023. Their implementation efforts are regularly monitored by AMI-SeCo which facilitates an active dialogue with market participants on issues related to the clearing and settlement of securities and to collateral management.

National stakeholder groups (NSGs) are coordination forums to support the implementation of the Single Collateral Management Rulebook for Europe. They have been established in the markets covered by the AMI-SeCo in order to support the implementation of the Single Collateral Management Rulebook for Europe (SCoRE).

The Single Collateral Management Rulebook for Europe (SCoRE) contains 15 Standards related to the processing of corporate actions (published as the Score Standards for Corporate Actions. Implementation progress is monitored twice per year.

Introduction

This summary report presents the results of the H1 2022 monitoring exercise conducted by the Dutch NSG with the involvement among the following stakeholders:

- 1 CSD
- 6 Custodians

1 Issuer

The report focuses on the milestones to be met by the time the survey closed. In this monitoring exercise, participants were expected to have achieved all the milestones up to Milestone 6 inclusive as described in section 3 below.

Section 1 presents the key takeaway's per entity type i.e. CSD, TPA, Custodian etc. Section 2 depicts for each entity type their compliance status with the standards. Section 3 focuses on the progress against the individual milestones and Section 4 provides concluding remarks.

1 Key takeaways

Implementation of the Corporate Action Standards in the Dutch market is fully on track. The large majority of the entities participating in the AMI-SeCo NL NSG responded to the survey. This section presents the key findings of the survey for each entity type.

Figure 1
Summary of the monitoring exercise

S C R E	Response Rate	Implementation Status of the standards	Are all milestones 1 to 6 inclusive achieved?	Will the last milestone 13 be Implemented on time (i.e. by 20 November 2023) ?
Custodians	83%	Implemented 60.1% Analysis started 21.9% Implementation started 7.33% Analysis not started 1.41%	50%	67%
Issuers	100%	Aware of obligations 73.5% Not aware of obligations 20.5%	n/a	n/a
CSD - Euroclear Nederland	100%	Implemented 56% Analysis started 9.77% Implementation started 34.2% Analysis not started 0%	Yes	Yes

CSD – Euroclear Nederland (ENL)

ENL has started with the implementation of the 15 CA Standards. There are no issues of concern which need to be highlighted (red/yellow). The milestones are being met, ultimately resulting in full implementation of the standards in time for the implementation date of November 2023.

Custodians

Custodians are aware of the SCoRE standards and are on time with analysing the consequences for their own IT systems.

For custodians, the outcome of the survey indicates that 90% of the standards have either already been implemented, or that implementation is on track i.e. at a minimum that analysis has already started or that implementation has started per standard. Overall, the results of the survey show that the milestones are being met. Custodians are aware of the AMI-SeCo standards and are on time with analysing the consequences for their own IT systems. An area that needs attention is ISO20022 messaging.

Issuers

Issuers confirm awareness of their obligation to provide all relevant information to the Issuer CSD.

Issuers were asked to confirm awareness of their obligation to provide all relevant information to the Issuer CSD. The % reflects the number of Issuers who responded yes to the survey.

On 12 standards/substandards there is a 100% compliance.

The graph in section 3 shows that according to the standards on corporate actions there are twelve substandards that imply the necessity to fulfil an obligation. The issuer has already implemented 12 of these.

Overall, issuers are aware of their obligations under the AMI-SeCo standards in the Dutch market.

NCB

The Dutch Central Bank is on track to adopt the SCoRE Standards in November 2023 The Dutch Central Bank is on track to implement the SCoRE Standards for Corporate Actions for its collateral management activities by November 2023.

2 Compliance level with the standards

This section provides an overview of the current status of compliance with the corporate actions standards. CSDs and TPAs are monitored on an individual basis and are assigned a colour-code status in accordance with the methodology outlined in figure 2 below. Custodians and Issuers are too many to represent individually. Thus, the replies of custodians and issuers from the AMI-SeCo community participating in the monitoring are presented on an aggregated basis per market and assigned a percentage representing their compliance status.

Figure 2
Standards implementation status as defined in the AMI-SeCo framework document



- The Standard has been implemented
- Implementation of the Standard is on schedule (based on the agreed milestones)
- Implementation is behind schedule (based on the agreed milestones)
- Implementation has not started

Table 1Compliance level with the standards by each entity type

STANDARD	Custodians	Issuers	CSD - Euroclear Nederland
1A: Notification	78%	100%	G
1B: Instruction	76%		G
1C: Advise	70%		G
1D: Confirmation	71%		G
1E: Reversal	64%		Y
1F: Meeting Notification	70%	100%	Y
1G: Meeting Instruction	68%		В
1H: Meeting Results	65%		В
2: Calculation of Proceeds	73%	100%	G
3: Consistency of Information	70%	0%	G
4: Rounding Rule 1	83%	100%	В
4: Rounding Rule 2	83%	100%	В
4: Rounding Rule 3	67%	100%	В
4: Rounding Rule 4	83%	100%	В
4: Rounding Rule 5	83%	100%	В
5: Negative Cash Flows	50%	0%	В
6: Business Day Rule		100%	В
7: Securities Amount Data Rule 1		100%	В
7: Securities Amount Data Rule 2		100%	В
7: Securities Amount Data Rule 3		100%	В
7: Securities Amount Data Rule 4		100%	В
8: Payment Time Rule 1		0%	В
8: Payment Time Rule 2		0%	В
8: Payment Time Rule 3		0%	В
8: Payment Time General Principle 3		100%	В
9: Processing Status	67%	100%	Y
10: Blocking Rule 1	67%		Y
10: Blocking Rule 2	50%		Y
10: Blocking Rule 3	40%		Y
10: Blocking Rule 4	50%		Y
10: Blocking Rule 5	50%		Y
11: Default Option	83%	0%	В
12: Handling of Fees	80%		Y
13: Reversal	67%	100%	В
14: Foreign Currency			В
15: ISO 20022 Messaging	48%		G

Notes:

- For CSDs and TPAs the colour-code reflects the current implementation status of each Standard in accordance with the methodology outlined in figure 1 above.
- TPAs are using custody services provided by CSDs or Custodians in order to disseminate CA information to Collateral Givers and Collateral Takers. Monitoring of TPAs thus focuses on the implementation of triparty specific workflows described in Standard 1.

 For custodians, the percentage of custodians which have implemented standards / standards being under development and implementation. Issuers were asked to confirm awareness of their obligation to provide all relevant information to the Issuer CSD (on a Yes/No basis). The % reflects the number of issuers who responded yes to the survey

 Percentages are calculated on the basis of expected respondents, i.e. number of entities monitored in the market.

3 Progress towards the milestones

This section tracks market stakeholders progress in implementing the Standards against the 13 set milestones identified by AMI-SeCo.

The milestones facilitate consistent implementation across markets (given the long-term efforts that are needed) and avoids issues remaining undetected until the deadline of 20 November 2023 to achieve compliance and implementation of the standards.

Table 2Milestones identified by AMI-SeCo

Milestone	Description	Date
M1	Analysis Started: Have you commenced an in-depth analysis of all applicable SCoRE Standards in order to identify and document all the changes required to internal processes and procedures in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards?	
M2	Initial Communication: Has initial high-level communication with external stakeholders on the changes introduced by SCoRE commenced?	
М3	Analysis Completed: Have you completed an in-depth analysis of all applicable SCoRE Standards?	31/07/2021
M4	Documentation Completed: Have you documented all the internal processes and procedures which need to be adapted in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards?	31/12/2021
M5	Detailed External Communication: Has detailed communication started regarding (i) upcoming changes in business processes, (ii) messaging formats and usage guidelines (in the case of new messages based on non-registered latest drafts by SWIFT) and (iii) planned testing activities been provided to users?	
M6	SCORE Adaptation Started: Have you started to adapt/develop the processes and procedures in order to comply with the SCORE Standards?	01/01/2022
M7	SCORE Adaptation Complete: Have you completed the necessary adaptations/developments for the processes and procedures in order to comply with the SCORE Standards?	30/06/2022
M8	Internal Testing Started for SCoRE: Have you started to test the changes to your internal processes and procedures which have been introduced in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards?	
М9	Internal Testing Complete for SCoRE: Have you completed the necessary internal testing?	02/12/2022
M10	External Testing Started for SCoRE: Are you in a position to test the changes introduced in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards with your user community (i.e. CSD participants / Collateral Givers and Collateral Takers in the context of the Standards applicable to TPAs)?	
M11	Final External Communication on SCoRE: has final communication to users been provided (i.e. updated user guide to reflect the changes implemented, final message usage guidelines for A2A communication) related to the SCoRE Standards?	01/04/2023
M12	External Testing Completed for SCoRE: Is the testing of the changes introduced in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards with your user community completed (i.e. CSD participants / Collateral Givers and Collateral Takers in the context of the Standards applicable to TPAs)?	13/10/2023
M13	SCoRE Standards Implemented: have the SCoRE Standards been implemented?	20/11/2023

The current H1 2022 monitoring exercise focuses on milestones 1 to 6, given that Milestone 6 (with a deadline of 1 January 2022) was meant to have been achieved by the time the survey closed.

In each survey round, all the entities are asked to confirm (on a yes/no basis) whether the milestones will be met by the set milestones dates. If it is not the case, they are also asked the expected date for when the milestone will be reached.

For the milestones which had to be achieved by the time the survey closed: the blue colour code is assigned to those milestones that have been successfully achieved. Milestones that will only be achieved later than their set deadline are assigned a yellow status with indication of the likely date of achievement.

For the milestones that are only due to be achieved after the current reporting cycle: the green colour code indicates that the entity anticipates achieving that future milestone on time. A yellow status indicates that the milestone is foreseen to be met later than the set milestone date. In this case, the date of achievement anticipated is also indicated in the table.

Table 3Entities' expectation of achieving the milestones at the set dates

	Custodians	CSD - Euroclear Nederland		
Milestone 1 June 2020	67%	Yes		
Milestone 2 March 2021	67%	Yes		
Milestone 3 July 2021	50%	Yes		
Milestone 4 December 2021	33%	Yes		
Milestone 5 December 2021	33%	Yes		
Milestone 6 January 2022	50%	Yes		
Milestone 7 June 2022	33%	Yes		
Milestone 8 July 2022	50%	Yes		
Milestone 9 December 2022	33%	Yes		
Milestone 10 March 2023	33%	Yes		
Milestone 11 April 2023	50%	Yes		
Milestone 12 October 2023	50%	Yes		
Milestone 13 November 2023	67%	Yes		

4 Concluding remarks

Overall, it can be concluded that the Dutch market is on track with implementing the SCoRE standards for corporate actions. There are no yellow or red areas for concern. ENL indicates its capacity to meet all future milestones in time.

© European Central Bank, 2022

Postal address 60640 Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Telephone +49 69 1344 0 Website www.ecb.europa.eu

All rights reserved. Reproduction for educational and non-commercial purposes is permitted provided that the source is acknowledged.

For specific terminology please refer to the ECB glossary (available in English only).