

Operating schedule of T2

- Release weekends





### Background

- In June 2023, the Eurosystem applied the following schedule for the June and November Release deployment weekends in 2023:
  - Starting the MW already from Friday night 22:00 instead of 02:30 Saturday
     i.e. the RTS phase is shortened from 19:00-2:30 to 19:00-22:00; and
  - The end of the MW remains as usual i.e. concluding at 2:30 Monday
- Communication to the market participants that the Eurosystem will assess these deployments and decide on the approach to be followed permanently for the deployment of T2 releases

### Important elements to be considered

#### Operating schedule for release deployment weekends

2023 releases followed a special schedule - we opened business day Monday as usual on
 Friday evening, and then interrupted the settlement for the MW and deployment

SoD	<b>CLM RTS</b> 19:00 – 22:00	Release Deployment and MW	CLM RTS +
18:45-19:00	RTGS RTS I 19:30- 22:00	Friday 22:00 – Monday 2:30	RTGS RTS II
			Monday 2:30 – 18:00

- This approach worked as we did not have changes in the message standards.
- Releases with changes in the message standards entail an additional difficulty.
  - With the approach followed in 2023: T2 would need to operate with two message formats in one business day
  - T2 supports only one version of ISO (the newest) !!

# Options for operating schedule for T2 releases

#### 1. Different approach between June and November releases

→ Follow the 2023 approach for June releases and follow a different approach for November releases.

Note: it cannot be excluded that a June release might include changes that do not allow for the 2023 approach



**Pros**: Allows for a RTS window as usual on Friday evening (business day Monday - even though shortened 19:30-22:00 instead of normal 19:30-2:30)



Cons: (i) introduces operational complications and increases the risk for mistakes.

(ii) creates more confusion on the participants' side rather than one approach.

## Options for deployment approach

2. Introduce a harmonized approach to be followed for all T2 release deployments



**Pros**: simplifies the approach leading to smoother operations, allows for predictability and avoids confusion or frequent reminders to the market



**Cons**: does not allow for a real-time settlement window before the deployment of the release! → Deployment takes place after EoD and before next SoD. *New* 

<u>Important note</u>: For 2024 and 2025 Releases, <u>only</u> Option 2 can be considered. (We need to deploy between EoD and SoD due to the nature of the changes (database changes, changes to the message formats)

### Possible harmonized approach

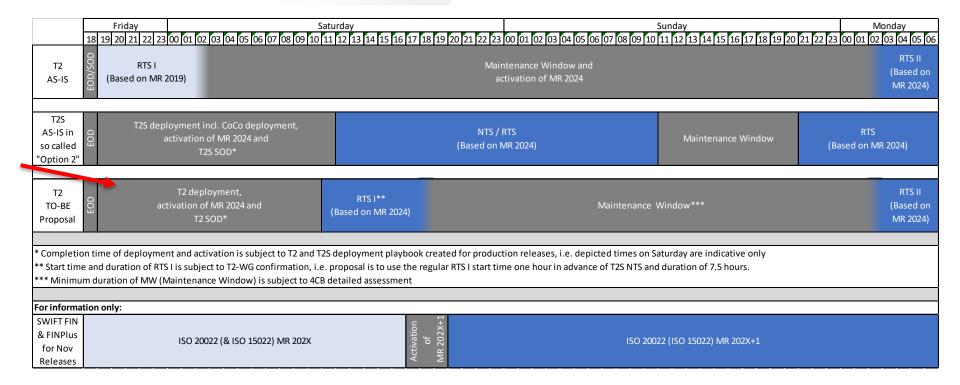
- T2S major deployments option Always chosen by CSD
  - Option 2: The T2S Start of Day event (standard time 18:45) and the following NTS, RTS and MWI phases are
    postponed to Saturday morning. They start after the T2S and CSD and/ or CB major release deployment phase is
    completed.



#### Note:

- ❖ A real-time settlement window cannot take place before the deployment of the release.
- Introduction of RTS window potentially on Saturday New for T2 participants

# Release weekend timeline proposal as discussed in the context of CR-132 and also part of CR-0125 detailed assessment



# Monday RTS I traffic



### Daily average volume settled on RTS I Monday

(Friday 19:30 – Saturday 02:30)

#### RTGS – AS settlement

- About 10 AS settle on average on Friday during RTS I
- ~ 1500-2000 transactions
- Most of the transactions were settled between 20:00 and 20:30

#### **RTGS - LTOs**

- ~ 800 transactions
- The settlement mostly occurs in the period between 19:30 and 20:00

#### **CLM - LTOs**

- ~ 800 transactions
- The settlement mostly occurs in the period between 19:30 and 20:00

### Conclusion

#### The T2-CG is invited to:

- 1. Discuss the Eurosystem's proposal to follow a harmonised approach for all T2 releases regardless of them including changes to the message standards.
  - ✓ Having a harmonised approach might be easier for the community to follow and result in smoother operations
- Discuss the impact of shifting RTGS RTS I to Saturday during release deployment weekends and possible mitigation measures
  - ✓ Further considerations regarding time or duration of settlement window?
  - ✓ Important elements to be brought to the attention of the Eurosystem?

# Questions



Thank you for your attention!





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