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SSP RELEASE V3.0

Introduction

On 29 December 2008, the Eurosystem announced the main new features to be implemented in the SSP release 3.0, which is planned to go live on 23 November 2009. The present communication aims at informing the participants about additional changes planned for this release, the delivery of the UDFS and the first elements on future testing activities.

Further clarification on the release content

In addition to the items presented in December 2008, the Eurosystem decided to include the following three changes to the SSP release 3.0:

▫ *Adaptations relating to the SWIFT Alliance Web Platform*

From May 2009 onwards, a new browser-based graphical user interface for Alliance servers (*Alliance Web Platform*) will be made available by SWIFT. This change requires some technical adaptations to the ICM which will be fully transparent for all the users regardless of whether they adopt the new service or not. The Eurosystem decided to allow connections using the Web Platform together with SSP release 3.0. Further information on the SWIFT Alliance Web Platform is available on www.swift.com.

▫ *Removal of TARGET1 functionalities*

A number of features had been implemented on the SSP to cope with the specific requirements of the migration from TARGET1 to TARGET2. In particular some screens, functionalities or displays were provided at that time, which are not required any longer. The Eurosystem decided to remove them at the occasion of the SSP release 3.0. The functional impact will be limited as these features are not used by participants since the completion of the migration.

▫ *Implement of MT202COV in HAM for CB customers*

In line with the decision to implement the new MT202COV message in the PM, similar adaptations will be made for the CB customer features of the HAM.



Delivery of the UDFS

Version 3.0 of the User Detailed Functional Specifications (UDFS), which takes on board the new features announced in December last year is now available to participants on the TARGET2 website of the ECB. The Eurosystem would like to underline that this version does not take on board the two additional changes announced in this communication i.e. the adaptations related to the SWIFT Web Platform and the removal of TARGET1 functionalities.

Testing activities

The SSP release 3.0 will be made available in the user test environment (CUST) for user certification on 14 September 2009. The certification of the users may include a phase for regression tests and retesting in case an additional software delivery for corrections is needed.

Another communication to the users is scheduled at the latest by end of May 2009, which will provide further information on the test scenarios for the release 3.0, the list of bugs planned to be fixed as well as the slots when CUST may be operated in live timing.