



Digital euro scheme Rulebook Development Group (RDG)

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Draft outcome

19TH MEETING OF DIGITAL EURO SCHEME RULEBOOK DEVELOPMENT GROUP

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In Person – Sonnemannstr. 20, 60314 Frankfurt, Germany

Welcome note by the Chair and review of agenda

The Chair of the Rulebook Development Group (RDG) opened the 19th meeting by presenting the RDG the meeting agenda which was subsequently approved.

Review of outcome from previous meeting

Participants were invited to share any comments on the draft outcome from the 18th RDG meeting. RDG members shared few comments that were included and the outcome was subsequently endorsed. The outcome of RDG meetings #18 will be published on the ECB website as usual.

Rulebook workplan 2025

The ECB presented the RDG with the 2025 rulebook workplan, outlining the expected completion of various sections towards the next draft and the subsequent review process via the RDG. The RDG welcomed the workplan and inquired about the timeline for addressing some specific topics, including the list of mandatory digital euro services/use cases and liquidity management requirements. The ECB indicated that it will come back to these topics in the next RDGs with respective presentations. Upon question of the RDG when requirements for the offline functionalities will be incorporated into the draft rulebook, the ECB clarified the dependence on the provider selection while the aim would be to cover general provisions on the offline functionality in the next draft and that the ECB will provide an update in one of the upcoming RDG meetings.

Status on discussions with standardisation bodies

The ECB updated the RDG on its ongoing discussions with standardisation bodies, particularly highlighting the ongoing conversations with EPC regarding the potential re-use of SCT Inst and other EPC technical standards. At the time of the meeting and the ECB was awaiting feedback from EPC on topics that were identified for clarification. The ECB will continue to keep the RDG informed about its discussions with standardisation bodies as a standard agenda item.

Latency considerations

The ECB updated the RDG on the latency expert session held on 19 November 2024 focusing on the expected latency of E2E flow TM-1.2 (online contact and contactless POS payments with mobile devices, cards, or wearables). The RDG enquired about the application of EU legislation on digital euro transactions and relatedly the sanction checks related to digital euro transactions. The ECB team will follow-up, specifically whether a sanction check equal to the provisions in other EU regulation could be applied. The RDG was invited to provide input for the presented latency analysis, after which an additional expert session may be scheduled.

Dispute management update

The ECB updated the RDG on the progress of the dispute management topic and requested feedback on specific questions related to arbitration and commercial disputes. An expert session on these topics will be held in the month of January 2025.

Draft Section 3.3 overview of services and Annex A2 E2E flows

The ECB presented the RDG with the updated section 3.3 of the rulebook on the overview of services and an update on the E2E flows, including the mapping of business rules. The ECB also confirmed that it will respond to and communicate the comments received on the mapping of business rules and E2E flows from the RDG's review of rulebook v0.8.

Draft Rulebook Annex B2: Testing and certification

The ECB presented the final reports prepared for Sprint #1 and #2 of Workstream B1 on the certification and approval framework, along with the first draft version of Annex B2 on testing and certification. RDG members were requested to provide written feedback on the Sprint reports and annex B2.

Kick-off Workstream A3 brand rules

The ECB digital euro team presented the planning and approach for the new Workstream A3 on branding rules. It was clarified that co-branding in the context of this workstream refers to a potential co-existence of a digital euro brand within and/or next to a PSP brand. RDG members were invited to consider nominating or recommending applicants for the workstream.

Reporting from Workstream D1 on risk management

The ECB digital euro team presented the interim report for Sprint #2 on fraud risk from Workstream D1 on risk management. The market participants from this sprint recommended using Merchant Category Codes (MCC) and exploring higher due diligence requirements for so-called high-risk merchants. The ECB informed that follow-up will be needed, including legal analysis. The RDG suggested discussing certain fraud risk management aspects in connection to other for a (e.g., ERPB fraud work) and similar for information exchanges on fraud, as not all fraud requirements are specific to the digital euro but impact European retail payments overall. Additionally, RDG members recommended considering high-risk merchants when discussing the compensation model for the digital euro to reflect on the higher cost PSPs may occur.

Reporting from Workstream G2 Front-end implementation specifications

The ECB digital euro team provided a status update on Sprint #1 of Workstream G2 regarding front-end implementation specifications, including the progress on the DEAN structure. RDG members offered suggestions for the indicator digit in the DEAN (e.g., to indicate the DEAN belongs to a business user), which will be considered.

Reporting from Workstream G4 Back-end implementation specifications

The ECB digital euro team presented the interim report for Sprint #2 of Workstream G4 on back-end implementation specifications. RDG members asked about the Data model and interface of DESP settlement, which they considered necessary for the G4 outcomes. The ECB provided some information on the data model and remarked that the work on the DESP interfaces and Workstream G4 would kick-off soon, covering settlement service and related interfaces.

Any Other Business (AOB)

RDG members asked about the status of the procurement processes. The ECB clarified that the aim is to have it completed during the preparation phase and will share any update with the RDG as soon as possible.

Closing remarks from the chair

The Chair thanked members for their active participation and the constructive exchange and thanked the observers for their presence. The next RDG meeting will take place on Tuesday, 4 February.

ANNEX 1. Participants to 19th MEETING OF THE DIGITAL EURO SCHEME RULEBOOK DEVELOPMENT GROUP (RDG) on 3 December 2024

Representatives from the European retail payments market

Consumers – AGE: Anne Sophie Parent
Consumers – BEUC: Anna Martin (*excused*)
Corporate Treasurers – VDT: Regina Deisemann (*excused*)
Merchants – Eurocommerce: Atze Faas
Merchants – Ecommerce Europe: Juliette Beaulaton (*excused*)
Credit Institutions – ESBG: Pedro Martinez
Credit Institutions – EBF: Rita Camporeale
Credit Institutions – EACB: Vincent Maissin
Payment Institutions – EPIF: Hartwig Gerhartinger
Payment Institutions – ETPPA: Ralf Ohlhausen
European Payments Council: Manfred Richels
SMEs – SME United: Gerhard Huemer (*excused*)
Electronic Money Institutions: Thaer Sabri
Acquirers – EDPIA: Piero Crivellaro

Representatives from European institutional bodies as Observer

European Commission: Laszlo Butt
European Commission: Ceu Pereira
Hungarian Presidency: Bibor Kiss (*excused*)

Representatives from the European Parliament Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

ECON Secretariat: Cristina Ozon Pereira
ECON Secretariat: Daniel Nagel

Representatives from the Eurosystem

Banco de Espana (Spain): Justo Arenillas
Suomen Pankki (Finland): Maria Huhtaniska-Montiel
Banque de France (France): Pierre-Alexandre Aranega
Banca d'Italia (Italy): Riccardo Cerruti & Agnese Gentile
Banco de Portugal (Portugal): Rui Pimentel
Deutsche Bundesbank (Germany): Johannes Seibel
Eesti Pank (Estonia): Anu Keller
Oesterreichische Nationalbank (Austria): Eva Kiss
Dutch National Bank (Netherlands): Huib Klarenbeek

European Central Bank:

Patrick Papsdorf (Chair)
Eric Tak
Mayte Arraez
Panagiotis Papapaschalis
Marcus Härtel
Paul Le Manh
Marianna Belotti
Andrea Pinna
Alessandro Agnoletti
Sebastian Siepen
Alexander Merkel
Gilles Brehier
Katrin Sagar
Miguel Tahoces
Nicola Fleischmann
Erica Ricci
Charles-Enguerrand Coste
Prateek Gupta
Thomas Janik
Greta Kasperaviciute
Tim van Diepenbeek