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General Information (Origin of Request)

☐ User Requirements Document (URD)

☒ User Detailed Functional Specification (UDFS)

☐ User Handbook (UHB)

☒ Other User Functional or Technical Documentation (SYS)

Request raised by: Eurosystem	Institution: ECB	Date raised: 04 August 2025
Request title: New SEPA countries and adherence to SCT Inst scheme - Inclusion of new country codes for statistical information		Request ref. no: TIPS-0099-SYS

Request type:	
1. Legal/business importance parameter: medium	**2. Market implementation efforts parameter – Stakeholder impact:** low
3. Operational impact: low	**4. Financial impact parameter:** medium
5. Functional/ Technical impact: low	**6. Interoperability impact:** low
Requestor Category: Central Bank	**Status:** DA Completed

Reason for change(s) and expected benefits/business motivation:

With the current and future expansion of the Single Euro Payment Area (SEPA) geographical scope, new countries and thus new Payment Service Providers (PSPs) are becoming compliant with the SEPA Instant Credit Transfer (SCT Inst) scheme. Consequently, the European Payments Council (EPC) statistical requirements for the reporting on SCT Inst transactions have to be updated to include these new country codes. These amendments towards the EPC statistical requirements lead the TIPS platform to also adapt accordingly, so that the required SCT Inst statistics including the new country codes can be provided.

Description of requested change(s):

The requirements of this change request towards the statistical reports provided by the TIPS service provider are the following:

1. For the already confirmed new SEPA countries, the aim of this change request is to ensure the inclusion of their country codes in TIPS statistical framework.

2. This change request should also aim at including in the TIPS statistical framework two more country codes. Such new country codes have appeared in the distributed EPC template of December 2024.

3. Lastly, for the countries that are currently in the process of applying to SEPA or are/have been preliminary considering it, the aim of this change request is to include their country codes in the TIPS statistical framework in an inactive/dormant mode. As soon as any of these individual countries officially enters SEPA, the relevant country code will be activated in the regular EPC statistical report produced by TIPS.

The inclusion of the country codes stemming from all the above three requirements will have to be implemented in TIPS, so that the provision of the below statistical clusters can be guaranteed:

- National (SCT Inst & r-tx)
- National Tx (r-tx details)
- X-b tx (SCT Inst & r-tx)
- X-b tx (r-tx details) SENT
- X-b tx (r-tx details) REC

Submitted annexes / related documents:

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Proposed wording for the Change request:

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High-level description of Impact:

Introduction of new country codes in the TIPS EPC statistical figures

Introduction of new country codes in the TIPS EPC statistical figures in inactive mode that will be activated in the regular EPC statistical report produced by TIPS when these countries join SEPA.

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Impacts on other projects and products:

No impact is foreseen on other TARGET Services:

- T2: no impact

- ECMS: no impact

- T2S: no impact

Outcome/Decisions:

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L3 analysis - General Information	
Impact on TIPS	
Business Interface	
	A2A Interface
	U2A Interface
Settlement Engine	
	Payment Transaction
	Liquidity Transfer
	Recall
Queries and Reports	
	Queries
	Reports
Other functions	
	Local Reference Data Management
X	Statistics
	Complex Queries and Reports
	Mobile Proxy Look-up
Common Components	
	ESMIG
	CRDM
	Archiving
	Billing
	DMT
Operational Tools	
	SLA Reporting
	TMS
	Technical Monitoring

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	Change Management
	Capacity Management

Infrastructure request

	Application components impacted
	Application components not impacted

Operational activities

	Business activities impacted
	Technical activities impacted

New functionalities

	Enhanced Information Database (EIDB)

Impact on documentation		
Document	**Chapter**	**Change**
TIPS UDFS	n/a	n/a
TIPS UHB	n/a	n/a
Training documentation	n/a	n/a
Other documents	All	GUI Screen documentation for Operator only screen
Impacted GDPR message / screen fields	n/a	n/a

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Overview of the impact of the request on TIPS (L2 view)
Summary of functional, development, infrastructure, operational and security impacts

Summary of functional impact:

The statistics template attached to the CR is used as a reference. This CR foresees the introduction of five country codes in active mode and six country codes in inactive mode and no other changes to the statistics template currently in use in TIPS are envisaged.

The following national and cross-border statistical indicators for the euro currency grouped by country code shall be updated to also include the new country codes:

- National (SCT Inst & r-tx)
- National Tx (r-tx details)
- X-b tx (SCT Inst & r-tx)
- X-b tx (r-tx details) SENT
- X-b tx (r-tx details) REC

The same national and cross-border statistical indicators for the euro currency grouped by country code will be updated to also include the new country codes. However, these codes will be included in the TIPS statistical framework in inactive mode (i.e. not visible in the template but calculated in the backend). As soon as any of these individual countries officially enters SEPA, the relevant country codes will be activated in the regular EPC statistical report produced by TIPS.

It will be possible to modify the baseline template uploaded during the standard release process, introducing country codes which were previously foreseen as "inactive". No other changes to the baseline template (e.g. indicators) will be allowed through this procedure.

Thanks to this enhancement, it will be possible:
- to export statistics for time periods earlier than the release deployment date (backward compatibility)
- to activate inactive country codes in the EPC statistical report outside of a release deployment, with a proper notice in advance from the ECB

Summary of application development impact:

Assumptions

NONE.

List of Changes

TIPS GUI

- A new UI Screen will be provided where the Operator may:
    - List the available Excel templates for EPC statistics
    - Update Excel templates for EPC statistics, by uploading new ones.
    - Delete Excel templates for EPC statistics
    - Activate one of the available Excel templates for EPC Statistics

    It shall not be possible to delete/update the so called "baseline template", installed at application deployment time.

    Up to 5 templates shall be available, including the "baseline template".

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- The Excel templates shall be stored into a new database table hosted by CockroachDB.
- The procedure triggered by the Operator that builds the Excel reports shall be amended.
  The Excel template to be used for generating a report shall be loaded from the database, selecting the active one.
- The TIPS UI deployment procedure shall be amended to include a step where the "baseline" template is loaded into the database.

TIPS Additional Services module

- The new countries (both the active ones and the inactive ones), along with a few additional metadata, shall be recorded inside a technical table stored in the Oracle informational database. Those data drive the statistical indicators aggregation procedure.

Summary of infrastructure impact:

None

Summary of operational impact:

None

Summary of security impact:

See Change Request Analysis.