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# Work ahead

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Market involvement and  
launch of call for expression  
of interest

**Cross-border payments:  
TIPS for getting there**



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# Work ahead: involvement of market participants

- ❑ The **success of the TIPS cross-currency service goes beyond** the implementation of an efficient settlement model and the entering into force of updated contractual set-up
- ❑ The **contributions of market participants have provided valuable insights** during the exploratory phase of the service

With the greenlight by the Governing Council on the implementation of the TIPS cross-currency service, the continuation of markets' involvement becomes even more crucial and relevant while getting closer to the go-live

# Call for expression of interest

- ❑ The **ECB, together with Danmarks Nationalbank and Sveriges Riksbank, wishes to launch a call for expression of interest open to all TIPS markets**
- ❑ The call is open to:
  - ✓ *Current and future TIPS/RIX-INST/TIPS DKK participants*
  - ✓ *Market participants ready to take one or more roles in a cross-currency payment scenario → Originator PSP, Exit-leg/Entry-leg PSP, Beneficiary PSP*
- ❑ The objective is to **gather names of committed market participants that would carry-out the following activities** together with the involved central banks and TIPS service provider



# Call for expression of interest: activities with the market

## *Detailed discussions*

Upgrading from domestic instant payments to cross-currency instant payments does not come without challenges → to be discussed: FX provision, AML/screening, roles and responsibilities and others

## *Testing campaigns*

The high-level testing strategy consisting of 2/3 dedicated testing campaigns will be finetuned and finalised with market participants in terms of e.g., dates, test cases and organisation/coordination with the end objective to participate to such testing campaigns (and discuss potential go-live dates)

## *Potential future enhancements*

Front-runners will be involved in discussions related to potential future enhancements of the cross-currency service (e.g., FX optimization), as well as in other cross-currency projects and corridors

# Call for expression of interest: background information

A **package of background information is being prepared to facilitate the readiness assessment** of interested market participants

□ The package will contain (non-exhaustive list):

- *Technical and functional* documentation
- A high-level *explanation of the roles and responsibilities* for the involved actors
- A *high-level testing strategy*, which will be finalised with the insights of interested market participants
- A *Q&A document*, aiming at answering to frequently asked question
- A *template of a Letter of Intent*, which will be stating the scope of the involvement of interested market participants

# Call for expression of interest: next steps



**Today**

Focus session and official launch of call for expression of interest



**December 2024**

Sharing of package of background information and other details related to the call



**End February 2025**

Deadline for call for expression of interest. Interested participants are asked to submit a signed Letter of Intent



**Throughout 2025**

Conversation with interested market participants and setting-up of dedicated working groups in view of testing campaigns

# Towards the October 2025 release

- Upon TIPS governance decision, which is on its way, the TIPS cross-currency service could be deployed in October 2025
- While currently in the process to finalise the planning for the October 2025 release, the below tentative dates might be helpful in the assessment of market participants' readiness

