31 October 2018

OUTCOME OF THE 10TH MEETING OF
TARGET INSTANT PAYMENT SETTLEMENT (TIPS)
CONTACT GROUP

26 September 2018 – 10:00 to 17:00

held at the premises of the European Central Bank, Sonnemannstraße 20,

meeting room MB C2.03, on 2nd floor

1. Introduction and approval of the Agenda

The Chairperson will welcome the participants and open the meeting.

Outcome:

The Chairperson welcomed the participants and briefly introduced the agenda of the meeting which was approved by the participants.

2. Participants' Readiness for TIPS go-live

The readiness of the participants for TIPS go-live will be regularly discussed in a form of a tour de table. The participants will also have the opportunity to raise possible issues they are encountering during their preparation.

Outcome:

The 4CB project team confirmed that all work streams are running according to the original plan. The participants reported on their level of preparation and readiness to use TIPS services from the TIPS go-live and beyond, during a tour de table. Most of the participants reported that they will start using TIPS services from the TIPS go-live in November 2018 or in the course of Q1-Q3 of 2019. Most participants specified that the connectivity and the pilot testing are ongoing.

The Participants were invited to share their issues with the TIPS Service Desk. In many cases the solution to an issue can be easy due to similar problems already reported by other participants. The participants were also encouraged to involve the Service Desk for possible connectivity issues, in order to coordinate and organise three-party calls with the NSPs.

3. Interaction with Market Participants in 2019

The participants will be informed about the considerations regarding the interaction with market participants in 2019, after the TIPS go-live.

Outcome:

The Chairperson informed the participants about the considerations regarding the interaction with the market participants, after the TIPS go-live. The mandate of the group expires in November and ad-hoc sessions for those who plan to go live next year will most likely be organised.

4. TIPS UDFS, UHB, Common Components (CRDM and ESMIG) and Change Requests

The participants will receive an update on the status of the UDFS, UHB, UDFS CRDM, UHB CRDM and UDFS ESMIG as well as of the relevant CRs.

Documents:

- *Oral debriefing*
- *Status of TIPS CRs (Presentation from ECB)*

Outcome:

The 4CB project team debriefed the participants on the status of the Scope Defining Documents. The terminology is changed from "shared services" to "common components" and all the SDDs are also updated based on the version of the software, which - barring bug fixing activities - is the one that will go live on the 30th of November. The documents will be updated with the Change Requests still to be implemented after the go-live of TIPS.
The participants were also debriefed on the current status as well as the next steps for the TIPS CRs. All CRs have now been approved and the 4CB assessment will be requested for the three functional ones.

5. Pilot Testing

The participants will be informed on the forthcoming User Testing terms of reference which addresses the post go-live landscape of TIPS and the progress of the Pilot Testing.

Documents:

- *Oral debriefing on User Testing Term of Reference after go-live*
- *TIPS Pilot Testing Report September 2018 (Presentation from ECB)*

Outcome:

The ECB user testing team debriefed the participants on the ToR after go-live which will be available for the group by Friday 28 September for a one week written procedure.

The ECB user testing team presented also the TIPS Pilot Testing report for September and explained that the most important tickets nominated by NCBs, are being discussed during the regular dedicated TIPS Pilot Testing teleconferences. The criticality and priority can be discussed with the Service Desk and adjusted if needed.

The next report will be available on 12 October and will take into account the six weeks of pilot testing.

6. TIPS Go-live

The participants will be informed on the high-level plan for the go-live activities for TIPS.

Document:

- *Go-live activities for TIPS (Presentation from ECB)*

Outcome:

The ECB user testing team presented the TIPS pre go-live and go-live activities. It was indicated that the Playbook which will cover these activities will be available to the NCBs, by Friday 28 September. The exact timings for the 30 November go-live will be detailed in the plan. Finally, it was confirmed that from 19 November until 10 December a test environment will not be available. Afterwards, a completely new test environment will be available for the participants which will join TIPS after its go-live date.

7. Mobile Proxy Look-up service requirements

The Contact Group will receive information on the service requirements of the Mobile Proxy Look-up functionality currently under implementation.

Documents:

- *TIPS Mobile Proxy Look-up Service Requirements (Presentation from 4CB)*

Outcome:

The 4CB project team presented the service requirements of the Mobile Proxy Look-up functionality which was requested by the MIB and is currently under implementation.

The following were agreed and additional clarifications were provided:

- The requirements as a separate URD document will be shared after the meeting and the participants are invited to provide their feedback.

- The MPL service is an optional service. It will be launched next year and will be available to Participants and Reachable Parties or to Instructing Parties which may act on their behalf.

8. TIPS software deployment process

The Contact Group will receive information on the technical process for the deployment of software changes in the production environment.

Documents:

- *Live change of the system (Presentation from 4CB)*

Outcome:

The 4CB project team presented with practical examples how the software changes will be rolled out in the production environment without disrupting the service and by reducing risks. It was specifically pointed out that issues will arise only when changes are not backward compatible, i.e. when the two different behaviors (the behavior before and the behavior after the change) cannot coexist.

9. Q&A of the month

The ECB project team will provide responses to some questions of general interest received since the previous meeting.

Documents:

- *Questions and Answers (Presentation from ECB)*

Outcome:

The ECB project team made a presentation on a selection of the Questions and Answers received since the previous Contact Group meeting. The presentation will be shared within the CG in Brainloop as part of the background documentation and also published on ECB website.

10. Any Other Business

The next Contact Group meeting is on 6 November 2018.

Outcome:

The next and last Contact Group meeting is on 6 November. A dinner will be organised the evening before i.e. 5 November. The details will be communicated in due course.

After the Contact Group meetings, all meeting documents will be published on the ECB homepage (link: http://www.ecb.europa.eu/paym/initiatives/html/documents.en.html).