

# SCoREBOARD

## Billing Processes – H2 2025

Maltese NSG

### Background

Since publication of the [Collateral Management Harmonisation Report](#) in December 2017, the Advisory Group on Market Infrastructures for Securities and Collateral (AMI-SeCo) has made a number of significant breakthroughs in its ambition to create a **Single Collateral Management Rulebook for Europe (SCoRE)**.

### What is SCoRE?

SCoRE defines common rules for managing collateral in Europe. These rules will replace the fragmented legacy standards, structural constraints and complex and diverse market practices that exist across Europe today. Implementation of SCoRE should remove operational impediments to the availability, usage and mobility of collateral. Market participants in AMI-SeCo have committed to implementing the SCoRE Rulebook, aiming for full implementation of all SCoRE standards by 16 June 2025. Their implementation efforts are regularly monitored by AMI-SeCo which facilitates an active dialogue with market participants on issues related to the clearing and settlement of securities and to collateral management.

National stakeholder groups (NSGs) are coordination forums that have been established in the markets covered by the AMI-SeCo to support the implementation of the Single Collateral Management Rulebook for Europe (SCoRE).

The Single Collateral Management Rulebook for Europe contains four Standards related to billing processes (published as the [SCoRE Standards for Billing Processes](#)). Implementation progress is monitored twice per year.

### Introduction

This summary report presents the results of the H2 2025 monitoring exercise conducted by the Maltese NSG with the involvement among the following stakeholders:

- 1 CSD – Malta Stock Exchange
- 1 Custodian – HSBC Bank Malta PLC

2 entities are monitored in the Maltese market

The H2 2025 monitoring exercise focuses on Milestones 1 to 13, as the deadline for Milestone 13 (16 June 2025) has now passed.

Section 1 presents the key takeaways per Entity Type i.e., CSD, TPA, Custodian etc. Section 2 depicts the compliance status with the standards by each entity type. Section 3 focuses on the progress against the individual milestones and Section 4 provides concluding remarks.

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**Key takeaways**

CSD implementation of the Billing Processes Standards in the Maltese market is fully on track

Malta Stock Exchange and HSBC Bank Malta were the entities participating in the H2 2025 monitoring exercise.

**Figure 1**  
**Summary of the monitoring exercise**

	 <b>Response Rate</b>	 <b>Implementation Status</b>	<b>Has milestone 13 (full implementation) been achieved by now?</b>
<b>Custodians</b>	<p>100%</p>	<p>Implemented 100%</p> <p>Implementation started 0%</p> <p>Analysis started 0%</p> <p>Analysis not started 0%</p> <p>Replies not submitted 0%</p> <p>-----</p> <p>No n applicable standards 66.67%</p>	<p>% of custodians that reached the final milestone 0%</p>
<b>CSD - Malta Stock Exchange</b>	<p>Survey submitted</p>	<p>Fully implemented 100%</p> <p>Not fully implemented yet 0%</p> <p>-----</p> <p>No n applicable standards 0%</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>

**CSD - Malta Stock Exchange**

CSD implementation is on track

Malta Stock Exchange is compliant with Billing Processes Standard 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Custodian implementation is partly improving

### Custodians

HSBC Bank Malta PLC is compliant with Billing Processes Standard 2. Billing Processes Standard 1, 3 and 4 are not applicable. Meanwhile, the custodian has highlighted that it will not be adapting to ISO 20022 yet due its operations being centred around legacy retail.

### NCB

The Central Bank of Malta is on track to adopt the SCoRE Standards in 2024

The Central Bank of Malta is on track to implement the SCoRE Standards for Billing Processes for its collateral management activities.

## 2

### Compliance level with the standards

This section provides an overview of the current status of compliance with the billing processes standards. CSDs and TPAs are monitored on an individual basis and are assigned a colour-code status in accordance with the methodology outlined in Figure 2 below. Custodians are too many to represent individually. Thus, the replies of custodians from the AMI-SeCo community participating in the monitoring are presented on an aggregated basis per market and assigned a percentage representing their compliance status.

#### Figure 2

Standards implementation status as defined in the AMI-SeCo framework document



- The Standard has been implemented
  - Implementation of the Standard is not fully completed by the agreed milestones or it has not started
- For milestones in the future, it is also used:*
- Implementation of the Standard is on schedule (based on the agreed milestones)
  - Implementation of the Standard is behind schedule (based on the agreed milestones)

**Table 1**

Compliance level with the standards by each entity type

STANDARD	Custodians	CSD - Malta Stock Exchange
1: ISO 20022 messaging	NA	B
2: Billing cycles	100%	B
3: Cut-off date		B
4: Dates for payments fees		B

Notes:  
 For CSDs and TPAs the colour-code reflects the current implementation status of each Standard in accordance with the methodology outlined in Box 1 above. For custodians the % indicates the percentage of custodians which have implemented the standard or have the standard under development and implementation. NA means that the standard is not applicable for all custodians.  
 Percentages are calculated on the basis of expected respondents, i.e. number of entities monitored in the market.

### 3 Progress towards the milestones

This section tracks market stakeholders progress in implementing the Standards against the 13 set milestones identified by AMI-SeCo.

The milestones facilitate consistent implementation across markets (given the long-term efforts that are needed) and avoids issues remaining undetected until the deadline to achieve compliance and implementation of the standards.

**Table 2**  
Milestones identified by AMI-SeCo

Milestone	Description	Date
M1	<b>Analysis Started:</b> Have you commenced an in-depth analysis of all applicable SCoRE Standards in order to identify and document all the changes required to internal processes and procedures in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards?	30/06/2020
M2	<b>Initial Communication:</b> Has initial high-level communication with external stakeholders on the changes introduced by SCoRE commenced?	01/03/2021
M3	<b>Analysis Completed:</b> Have you completed an in-depth analysis of all applicable SCoRE Standards?	31/07/2021
M4	<b>Documentation Completed:</b> Have you documented all the internal processes and procedures which need to be adapted in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards?	31/12/2021
M5	<b>Detailed External Communication:</b> Has detailed communication started regarding (i) upcoming changes in business processes, (ii) messaging formats and usage guidelines (in the case of new messages based on non-registered latest drafts by SWIFT) and (iii) planned testing activities been provided to users?	31/12/2021
M6	<b>SCoRE Adaptation Started:</b> Have you started to adapt/develop the processes and procedures in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards?	01/01/2022
M7	<b>SCoRE Adaptation Complete:</b> Have you completed the necessary adaptations/developments for the processes and procedures in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards?	30/06/2022
M8	<b>Internal Testing Started for SCoRE:</b> Have you started to test the changes to your internal processes and procedures which have been introduced in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards?	01/07/2022
M9	<b>Internal Testing Complete for SCoRE:</b> Have you completed the necessary internal testing?	10/03/2023
M10	<b>External Testing Started for SCoRE:</b> Are you in a position to test the changes introduced in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards with your user community (i.e. CSD participants / Collateral Givers and Collateral Takers in the context of the Standards applicable to TPAs)?	22/05/2023
M11	<b>Final External Communication on SCoRE:</b> has final communication to users been provided (i.e. updated user guide to reflect the changes implemented, final message usage guidelines for A2A communication) related to the SCoRE Standards?	22/05/2023
M12	<b>External Testing Completed for SCoRE:</b> Is the testing of the changes introduced in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards with your user community completed (i.e. CSD participants / Collateral Givers and Collateral Takers in the context of the Standards applicable to TPAs)?	20/09/2024
M13	<b>SCoRE Standards Implemented:</b> have the SCoRE Standards been implemented?	16/06/2025

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In the survey round, all entities were asked to confirm (on a yes/no basis) whether the milestones would be reached by the survey closing date. If not, they were prompted to indicate the date on which they expected to reach the milestones.

Milestones that have been achieved are highlighted in blue. Milestones that will be reached later are highlighted in red, and an indication of the likely achievement date is provided. Several entities reported that they had reached the final Milestone 13, however in some cases such entities have not yet achieved full compliance with all the standards (see Section 2). Such cases are reported with a red “Yes” under Milestone 13 in Figure 1 and Table 3.

**Table 3**

Expectation of achieving the milestones at the set dates

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	Custodians	CSD - Malta Stock Exchange
Milestone 1 June 2020	0%	Yes
Milestone 2 March 2021	0%	Yes
Milestone 3 July 2021	0%	Yes
Milestone 4 December 2021	0%	Yes
Milestone 5 December 2021	0%	Yes
Milestone 6 January 2022	0%	Yes
Milestone 7 June 2022	0%	Yes
Milestone 8 July 2022	0%	Yes
Milestone 9 March 2023	0%	Yes
Milestone 10 May 2023	0%	Yes
Milestone 11 May 2023	0%	Yes
Milestone 12 September 2024	0%	Yes
Milestone 13 June 2025	0%	Yes

## 4 Concluding remarks

The CSD is on track to achieving compliance with the standards. MSE Malta has also implemented all milestones. Milestones 9 and 10 in particular were fully adhered to by April 2024.

The Custodian is also compliant with the relevant standards. However, it does not expect to achieve compliance with any of the milestones.

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