



SSP release 13.0

First user consultation and main milestones

Release 13.0 of TARGET2 is scheduled to go-live on 18 November 2019, a date which will coincide with the yearly SWIFT Standards Release.

For this release 13.0 National Central Banks invite the banks to propose functional changes. The National Central Banks will contact the respective National Stakeholder Groups (NSGs) to initiate discussions on the possible content of the release 13.0. Users' feedback will be collected by the National Central Banks at the latest by 26 January 2018. In a second phase all collected proposals will be compiled and circulated so that users can provide their feedback on changes proposed by other banking communities. This will take place between 5 February 2018 and 23 February 2018. In the following steps the Eurosystem will carefully consider the proposed changes as well as the users' feedback from a cost/benefit perspective.

Due to the fact that the Governing Council confirmed implementation of TARGET2 – T2S consolidation that is planned to take place in November 2021, the remaining lifetime of TARGET2 is limited to only 2 years after the go-live of release 13.0. For that reason, it should be stressed that changes to TARGET2 should in general be minimal and that change requests should focus only on important changes.

The main milestones applicable to the SSP release 13.0 are as follows:

First user consultation	<i>Collection of items</i>	22 Dec 2017 – 26 Jan 2018
	<i>Feedback on collected items</i>	5 Feb – 23 Feb 2018
Second user consultation		21 Aug – 14 Sep 2018
Freezing and communication on the release content		11 Oct 2018
Delivery of the UDFS		6 May 2019
Delivery of the users' test scenarios		28 May 2019
Start of user testing in CUST		9 Sep 2019
Go-live		18 Nov 2019