

## OUTCOME OF 35<sup>TH</sup> CASG MEETING

*Held on 23 January 2015 at ECB premises in Frankfurt*

### 1. Introduction by the Chairman

The CASG chairman welcomed the participants in the meeting. He explained that the main focus of the meeting is to work on the 2015 CASG gap analysis report.

**Action points:**

- No

### 2. Discussion on draft 2015 CASG gap analysis

The CASG discussed in detail the assessment of each T2S market, facilitated the relevant contact persons, and was able to agree on each assessment or, in certain cases, on additional clarifications which need to be requested from the markets. In particular, the compliance status of the German market with the T2S CA standards was discussed in greater detail in view of the need to have the opinion of the CASG for the purposes of the impact analysis of non-compliance with T2S harmonisation standards elaborated by the AG.

The CASG members made also a couple of editorial comments with regards to the presentation of the results of the gap analysis.

**Action Points**

- **The CASG secretariat to follow-up on additional feedback with particular markets as agreed**
- **The CASG secretariat, based on additional feedback received, and the comments made at the meeting to elaborate the next draft of the report and to distribute it for comments to the CASG members as soon as possible**
- **The German market is to present its functional model of implementing the T2S CA**

**standards with regards to cash payments related to market claims, taking into account the tax implications, on which the CASG should provide its opinion.**

### **3. Opinion of the CASG on the Consultations of ESMA on the draft RTS and TA required by CSDR**

With regards to the on-going consultation of ESMA on its draft RTS and TA on CSDR, it was mentioned that ESMA may have overlooked the effects of corporate action processing on some aspects of its settlement discipline measures. These concerns will be channelled via the feedback of the AG to ESMA. Furthermore, it was mentioned that the CAJWG will also provide more detailed feedback to ESMA.

#### **Action Points**

- **James Cunningham and the ECB Team to channel the concerns regarding corporate action processing to ESMA via the feedback of the AG**

### **4. Open issues of the CASG**

The CASG went quickly through its list of open issues to review their status.

Progress on some of the issues was noted. In particular, the CAJWG members updated the CASG members on the issues the CAJWG has taken up to clarify i.e. i) management of fractions and minimum settlement unit and settlement unit multiple as well as ii) what friendly facility could be developed for CSD participants for management of settlement of a market claim with respect to the settlement of the underlying transaction.

#### **Action Points**

- **According to the list of pending items of the CASG**

### **5. Fact-finding on the use of COAF by T2S markets**

As agreed in the previous telco, there was a survey with the T2S NUGs on their practices with regards to their compliance with the COAF standard on naming corporate action events. It was considered quite useful by the CASG members to gain a view on the practices of the majority of T2S markets.

It was argued that it is now for the SMPG to drive further compliance with this standard, which will allow increased STP with regards to processing corporate actions.

#### **Action Points**

- **No**

## 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### 6.1 Any other item proposed by CASG members

Nothing else was brought up by the CASG members.

#### Action Points

- No

### 6.2 Next steps

The CASG agreed to have a telco prior to the next HSG meeting so that it could finalise the CASG gap analysis report and provide its feedback on the impact analysis of non-compliance.

#### Action Points

- **A telco of the CASG was agreed tentatively for 13 February**