

SCoREBOARD

Corporate Actions – H2 2023

Dutch 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, with the first set of rules due to be implemented by November 2024. 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 15 Standards related to the processing of corporate actions (published as the [SCoRE Standards for Corporate Actions](#)). Implementation progress is monitored twice per year.

Introduction

This summary report presents the results of the H2 2023 monitoring exercise conducted by the Dutch NSG with the involvement among the following stakeholders:

8 entities are monitored in the Dutch market.

- 1 CSD
- 6 Custodians
- 1 Issuer

The findings of the monitoring exercise reflect the Milestones roadmap in place by the time the survey closed (i.e., 13 October 2023) and do not yet consider the AMI-SeCo reflections on the rescheduling of the existing SCoRE Standards implementation deadline from 8 April 2024 to 18 November 2024. In this monitoring exercise, participants were expected to have achieved all the milestones up to Milestone 11 inclusive “Final external communication on SCoRE” (with a deadline of 22 May 2023) as described in section 3 below.

Section 1 presents the key takeaway’s per entity type i.e., CSD, TPA, Custodian etc. Section 2 depicts for each entity type their compliance status with the standards. Section 3 focuses on the progress against the individual milestones and Section 4 provides concluding remarks.




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Key takeaways

Implementation of the Corporate Action Standards in the Dutch market is fully on track.

The large majority of the entities participating in the AMI-SeCo NL NSG responded to the survey. This section presents the key findings of the survey for each entity type.

Figure 1
Summary of the monitoring exercise

	 Response Rate	 Implementation Status of the standards	Are all milestones 1 to 11 inclusive achieved?	Will the last milestone 13 be implemented on time (i.e. by 08 April 2024)?
Custodians	83%	Implemented 66.3% Implementation started 5.85% Analysis started 3.40% Analysis not started 1.33% Non applicable standards 6.37% Replies not submitted 16.6%	Average % of milestones achieved 52%	% of custodians on time 50%
Issuers	100%	Aware of obligations 75.7% Not aware of obligations 24.2% Replies not submitted 0%	NA (milestones irrelevant for issuers)	NA
CSD - Euroclear Nederland	Survey submitted	Implemented 56.1% Implementation started 29.7% Analysis started 9.78% Analysis not started 0% Non applicable standards 4.25% Replies not submitted 0%	Yes	Yes

CSD – Euroclear Nederland (ENL)

Euroclear Nederland is on track

ENL has started with the implementation of the 15 CA Standards. There are no issues of concern which need to be highlighted (red). The milestones are being met, ultimately resulting in full implementation of the standards in time for the implementation date of April 2024.

Custodians are aware of the SCoRE standards and are on time with analysing the consequences for their own IT systems.

Custodians

For custodians, the outcome of the survey indicates that 75% of the standards have either already been implemented, or that implementation is on track i.e. at a minimum that analysis has already started or that implementation has started per standard. Overall, the results of the survey show that the milestones are being met. Custodians are aware of the AMI-SeCo standards and are on time with analysing the consequences for their own IT systems. An area that needs attention is ISO20022 messaging.

Issuers

Issuers did not take part to the monitoring at this round

Issuers were asked to confirm awareness of their obligation to provide all relevant information to the Issuer CSD. The issuer monitored did not take part to the current survey. The numbers indicated reflect the responses given to the past survey.

There is a 100% compliance with 16 substandards. The graph in section 3 shows that according to the standards on corporate actions there are 22 substandards that imply the necessity to fulfil an obligation by issuers. The monitored issuer has already implemented 16 of these according to past survey responses.

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The Dutch Central Bank is on track to adopt the SCoRE Standards in November 2024

The Dutch Central Bank is on track to implement the SCoRE Standards for Corporate Actions for its collateral management activities by November 2024.

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Compliance level with the standards

This section provides an overview of the current status of compliance with the corporate actions 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 and Issuers are too many to represent individually. Thus, the replies of custodians and issuers 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 on schedule (based on the agreed milestones)
- Implementation is behind schedule (based on the agreed milestones)
- Implementation has not started

Table 1

Compliance level with the standards by each entity type

STANDARD	Custodians	Issuers	CSD - Euroclear Nederland
1A: Notification	83%	100%	G
1B: Instruction	83%		G
1C: Advise	83%		G
1D: Confirmation	83%		G
1E: Reversal	83%		G
1F: Meeting Notification	80%	100%	Y
1G: Meeting Instruction	80%		Y
1H: Meeting Results	78%		Y
2: Calculation of Proceeds	82%	100%	G
3: Consistency of Information	78%	0%	G
4: Rounding Rule 1	83%	100%	B
4: Rounding Rule 2	83%	100%	B
4: Rounding Rule 3	83%	100%	B
4: Rounding Rule 4	83%	100%	B
4: Rounding Rule 5	83%	100%	B
5: Negative Cash Flows	80%	0%	B
6: Business Day Rule		100%	B
7: Securities Amount Data Rule 1		100%	B
7: Securities Amount Data Rule 2		100%	B
7: Securities Amount Data Rule 3		100%	B
7: Securities Amount Data Rule 4		100%	B
8: Payment Time Rule 1		0%	G
8: Payment Time Rule 2		0%	G
8: Payment Time Rule 3		0%	B
8: Payment Time General Principle 3		100%	B
9: Processing Status	83%	100%	G
10: Rule 1	83%		B
10: Rule 2	83%		B
10: Rule 3	83%		B
11: Default Option	83%	0%	B
12: Handling of Fees	60%		B
13: Reversal	83%	100%	B
14: Foreign Currency			B
15: ISO 20022 Messaging	59%		G

Notes:

- For CSDs and TPAs the colour-code reflects the current implementation status of each Standard in accordance with the methodology outlined in figure 1 above.
- TPAs are using custody services provided by CSDs or Custodians in order to disseminate CA information to Collateral Givers and Collateral Takers. Monitoring of TPAs thus focuses on the implementation of triparty specific workflows described in Standard 1.
- For custodians, the % indicates the percentage of custodians which have implemented the standard or have the standard under development and implementation.
- Issuers were asked to confirm awareness of their obligation to provide all relevant information to the Issuer CSD (on a Yes/No basis).
- The % reflects the number of issuers who responded yes to the survey
- 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. The Milestone dates refer to the timeline in place at the moment of survey closing (i.e., 13 October 2023) and do not yet consider the AMI-SeCo reflections on the rescheduling of the existing SCoRE Standards implementation deadline from 8 April 2024 to 18 November 2024.

Table 2
Milestones identified by AMI-SeCo

Milestone	Description	Date
M1	Analysis Started: 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	Initial Communication: Has initial high-level communication with external stakeholders on the changes introduced by SCoRE commenced?	01/03/2021
M3	Analysis Completed: Have you completed an in-depth analysis of all applicable SCoRE Standards?	31/07/2021
M4	Documentation Completed: 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	Detailed External Communication: 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	SCoRE Adaptation Started: Have you started to adapt/develop the processes and procedures in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards?	01/01/2022
M7	SCoRE Adaptation Complete: Have you completed the necessary adaptations/developments for the processes and procedures in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards?	30/06/2022
M8	Internal Testing Started for SCoRE: 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	Internal Testing Complete for SCoRE: Have you completed the necessary internal testing?	10/03/2023
M10	External Testing Started for SCoRE: 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	Final External Communication on SCoRE: 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	External Testing Completed for SCoRE: 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)?	16/02/2024
M13	SCoRE Standards Implemented: have the SCoRE Standards been implemented?	08/04/2024

The current H2 2023 monitoring exercise focuses on milestones 1 to 11 given that Milestone 11 “Final external communication on SCoRE” (with a deadline of 22 May 2023) was meant to have been achieved by the time the survey closed.

In each survey round, all the entities are asked to confirm (on a yes/no basis) whether the milestones will be met by the set milestones dates. If it is not the case, they are also asked the expected date for when the milestone will be reached.

For the milestones which had to be achieved by the time the survey closed: the blue colour code is assigned to those milestones that have been successfully achieved.

Milestones that will only be achieved later than their set deadline are assigned a yellow status with indication of the likely date of achievement.

For the milestones that are only due to be achieved after the current reporting cycle: the green colour code indicates that the entity anticipates achieving that future milestone on time. A yellow status indicates that the milestone is foreseen to be met later than the set milestone date. In this case, the date of achievement anticipated is also indicated in the table.

Table 3
Entities' expectation of achieving the milestones at the set dates

	Custodians	CSD - Euroclear Nederland
Milestone 1 June 2020	83%	Yes
Milestone 2 March 2021	83%	Yes
Milestone 3 July 2021	50%	Yes
Milestone 4 December 2021	50%	Yes
Milestone 5 December 2021	33%	Yes
Milestone 6 January 2022	50%	Yes
Milestone 7 June 2022	33%	Yes
Milestone 8 July 2022	67%	Yes
Milestone 9 March 2023	33%	Yes
Milestone 10 May 2023	33%	Yes
Milestone 11 May 2023	50%	Yes
Milestone 12 February 2024	50%	Yes
Milestone 13 April 2024	50%	Yes

4 Concluding remarks

Overall, it can be concluded that the Dutch market is on track with implementing the SCoRE standards for corporate actions. There are no red areas for concern. ENL indicates its capacity to meet all future milestones in time.

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