

SCoREBOARD

Corporate Actions –H2 2023

Bulgarian 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 Bulgarian NSG with the involvement among the following stakeholders:

12 entities are monitored in the Bulgarian market

- 2 CSDs – CD AD, BNBGSSS
- 5 Custodians
- 5 Issuers

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 takeaways per entity type i.e., CSD, TPA, Custodian etc. Section 2 depicts for each entity type their compliance status with the standards. Section 3 provides an overview of the progress against the individual milestones and Section 4 focuses on concluding remarks.




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Key takeaways

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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	80%	Implemented 33.7% Implementation started 24.3% Analysis started 2.31% Analysis not started 0% Non applicable standards 19.5% Replies not submitted 20%	Average % of milestones achieved 45%	% of custodians on time 60%
Issuers	100%	Aware of obligations 81.8% Not aware of obligations 18.1% Replies not submitted 0%	NA (milestones irrelevant for issuers)	NA
CSD - BNBGS	Survey submitted	Implemented 6.80% Implementation started 9.78% Analysis started 3.40% Analysis not started 0% Non applicable standards 80% Replies not submitted 0%	No	12/24
CSD - CD AD	Survey submitted	Implemented 74.4% Implementation started 14.0% Analysis started 0% Analysis not started 0% Non applicable standards 11.4% Replies not submitted 0%	Yes	Yes

CSD – CD AD

CD AD implementation is currently on track

CD AD is compliant with 9 of the 15 Corporate Actions Standards. For standards 1, all sub-standards are met with exception of 1C. The implementation of this sub-standard is on schedule. Work on the implementation of Standards 2, 11 and 15 is already underway. Standards 5 and 12 are marked as N/A.

CSD – BNBGSSS

BNBGSSS implementation is currently on track

BNBGSSS only acts as Issuer CSD for government bonds. Accordingly, it reports that a large proportion of the Standards are not applicable to the activities covered by the CSD. The applicable standards are already implemented or work on analysing and implementing is underway.

Custodians

Custodians participation continues in the H2 2023 exercise

At the time of H2 2023 SCoRE monitoring exercise the process of facilitating communication in order to ensure full coverage of participation continues, thus insuring input from the custodian community. Most of the applicable standards are already implemented or work on analysing and implementing is underway.

Issuers

Issuers participation continues in the H2 2023 exercise

At the time of H2 2023 SCoRE monitoring exercise complete input from the Issuers community is ensured. Awareness of their obligation to provide information to the Issuer CSD is confirmed for all of the applicable standards.

2 Compliance 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 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 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 - BNBGSSS	CSD - CD AD
1A: Notification	75%	90%	G	B
1B: Instruction	67%		N/A	B
1C: Advise	55%		G	G
1D: Confirmation	64%		G	B
1E: Reversal	50%		G	B
1F: Meeting Notification	75%	80%	N/A	B
1G: Meeting Instruction	73%		N/A	B
1H: Meeting Results	71%		N/A	B
2: Calculation of Proceeds	73%	80%	G	G
3: Consistency of Information	78%	80%	B	B
4: Rounding Rule 1	67%	100%	B	B
4: Rounding Rule 2	67%	100%	B	B
4: Rounding Rule 3	75%	100%	B	B
4: Rounding Rule 4	67%	80%	G	B
4: Rounding Rule 5	67%	80%	B	B
5: Negative Cash Flows	75%	60%	Y	N/A
6: Business Day Rule		100%	B	B
7: Securities Amount Data Rule 1		100%	B	B
7: Securities Amount Data Rule 2		60%	N/A	B
7: Securities Amount Data Rule 3		60%	N/A	B
7: Securities Amount Data Rule 4		60%	N/A	B
8: Payment Time Rule 1		80%	B	B
8: Payment Time Rule 2		60%	N/A	B
8: Payment Time Rule 3		80%	B	B
8: Payment Time General Principle 3		80%	B	B
9: Processing Status	80%	100%	B	B
10: Rule 1	75%		N/A	B
10: Rule 2	75%		N/A	B
10: Rule 3	67%		N/A	B
11: Default Option	80%	80%	N/A	G
12: Handling of Fees	50%		N/A	N/A
13: Reversal	75%	80%	G	B
14: Foreign Currency			N/A	B
15: ISO 20022 Messaging	67%		Y	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 2 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. NA responses are not included.
- 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 refers 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

Notes: N/A

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 - BNBGSSS	CSD - CD AD
Milestone 1 June 2020	60%	Yes	Yes
Milestone 2 March 2021	40%	Yes	Yes
Milestone 3 July 2021	40%	Yes	Yes
Milestone 4 December 2021	40%	Yes	Yes
Milestone 5 December 2021	40%	Yes	Yes
Milestone 6 January 2022	60%	Yes	Yes
Milestone 7 June 2022	40%	Yes	Yes
Milestone 8 July 2022	40%	Yes	Yes
Milestone 9 March 2023	40%	Yes	Yes
Milestone 10 May 2023	40%	03/24	Yes
Milestone 11 May 2023	60%	06/24	Yes
Milestone 12 February 2024	40%	10/24	Yes
Milestone 13 April 2024	60%	12/24	Yes

4 Concluding remarks

Overall compliance is expected in accordance with the timelines agreed by AMI-SeCo and final milestones are foreseen in accordance with the euro area deadlines.

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