

ECB Operations Managers Group
Wednesday 10 June 2020, 14:00 – 16:30 CET
Via WEBEX

Agenda

1. Welcome and check that voice and sound works for all participants together with tour de table on the Back Office experience with Corona/COVID-19

Members are invited to share their experience with Corona/COVID-19, along the following structure:

1. What is your plan to go back to normal and what does a “new normal look like” (will you structurally change your operational set up)?
2. What are worst case scenarios you are planning for?
3. What challenges are you currently facing?
4. What are key changes, improvements or lessons learnt associated with your response to COVID-19?

2. Operations resilience

Leigh Meyer (Citigroup) will present measures on how to ensure operational resilience also in view of the current Corona crisis.

3. Preparing for SFTR

Paul Touboul (Crédit Agricole) will give a presentation on SFTR preparations at his institution. The presentation will be complemented with a tour de table so that members can share their experience with the implementation of this regulation.

Questions for tour de table:

1. How are you aiming to address the already known UTI Sharing/Pairing issue?
2. Impact(s) of SFTR on your daily duties/processes?

4. AOB

a.) Tour de table to gather market intelligence about FX settlement risk drivers:

Based on last year's BIS triennial survey, non-Payment versus Payment (PvP) settlement has increased both in absolute and, more worryingly, also relative terms. While FX trading in EME currencies is growing faster than the overall FX market, their growth can only explain a fraction of the decline in PvP. It would be good to understand the different aspects driving the increase in FX settlement risk and how this trend could be reversed.

Questions for tour de table:

1. Besides the increasing relevance of Emerging Market Economy currencies, what are the main factors contributing to the increase of non-PvP settlement?
2. From the perspective of your institution, do you see the increase in non-PvP as problematic?
3. What would be needed to increase/encourage the use of safe settlement? Are there any specific regulatory or technical hurdles?
4. Any other observations?

b.) Planning of the next meeting on 2 September 2020 based on the results of a survey conducted prior to the WebEx meeting.