

## Accelerated Settlement Working Group

22 October 2024 Teams Call

### Meeting Minutes

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- Jack Parker, JP Morgan
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- Jonas Prokop, Cofinpro AG

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- Kristi Sisa, Nasdaq
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## Agenda

1. European Task Force Update
2. UK Task Force/Technical Group Recommendations and Consultation

### 1. European Task Force Update

#### Key Points Addressed

- The EU Task Force Letter to ESMA was delayed until mid-October.
- There was much discussion within the Task Force about the year of implementation recommendation as well as whether there should be later cut-off times for submission of various transactions for trades by non-EU domiciled market participants.
- It is not yet clear what the Governance structure will be for the expected EU move to T+1.
- ESMA will issue its final report in November and will then set up the Governance Structure.
- The Banque De France encouraged ESMA to consider a two-step process calling for implementation of required market practice changes first and then later to firm up a single T+1 implementation date for all of Europe.

### 2. UK Task Force/Technical Group Recommendations and Consultation

#### Key points Addressed

- ISSA has drafted a response to the UK Consultation and will finalize it and send it to the UK Task Force/technical Group, upon Board approval and by the comment deadline of 31 October.
- The draft comment letter was shown on screen and several sections were discussed by the WG members, including the Code of Conduct and whether there should be later deadlines for instructions on trades by international investors.
- The initial section of the ISSA comment letter commends the UK Task Force/Technical Group on the overall spirit of its approach and pointed out how it meets the recommendations ISSA made in its December 2023 white paper especially concerning documenting challenges for international investors and requiring that key market practice changes be implemented by market participants well prior to the T+1 implementation date.
- Other areas the ISSA comment letter addresses include:
  - Additional focus on dual-listed instruments.
  - The desirability of a coordinated UK-EU-Switzerland implementation.
  - The desirability of a published list of tradeable instruments and default place of settlement.
  - The desirability for trading parties to electronically agree all their trades before moving to the settlement steps by their settlement agents.
  - The reasons why allowing later instruction submission times for trades involving international investors is not workable.
  - The need to be very clear on the nature of the proposed “Code of Conduct”.
  - The need to extend the recommendations on Stock Recall Request deadlines to also be clear on the deadline for returning the borrowed securities.
  - The need to address “Buyer Protection” in the Corporate Actions recommendations.
  - The desirability of a suspension of fail penalties during the transition.
  - We concluded by again emphasizing the need to require key market practice changes be implemented by market participants well in advance of the T+1 implementation date

### AOB and Close

No other business raised. The meeting was then closed.

### Summary of Follow Up Actions

No.	Action Description	Responsibility	Deadline
1.	After obtaining ISSA Board Approval, send ISSA Comment Letter to the UK Task Force/Technical Committee	Bill	31 October