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Expleo Services for T2/T2S Consolidation

With TARGET Services, the ECB and the central banks in 19 countries provide a powerful and efficient infrastructure for payment transactions in the euro area. The upcoming optimization of this platform requires wide-ranging activities on the part of all participants. Expleo can support you in an on time, quality implementation.



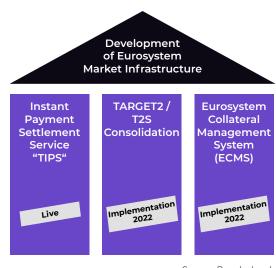
Since its introduction 20 years ago, the euro has developed into the common currency of 340 million Europeans.

Payments within the Eurosystem are continuously processed via the TARGET2 platform and settled immediately. TARGET2 is a real-time gross settlement (RTGS) system. In addition, the TARGET2-Securities system (T2S) is available for securities settlement using central bank money. The immediate processing of instant payments via TIPS (TARGET Instant Payment Settlement) has been possible since 2018.

Optimization of the market infrastructure

Participants in the ECB's Eurosystem will have the basis for optimized liquidity management for RTGS, TIPS, T2S, and from 2023 onwards for collateral management. To enable account holders to reduce costs over the medium term, the necessary platform will be optimized as part of the T2/T2S consolidation project.

The consolidation of the market infrastructure will be carried out on the basis of an agreed milestone plan. To ensure that all participants can continue to process Eurosystem payments even after the big bang launch in November 2022, each institution must complete the required consolidation activities based on this milestone plan.



Source: Bundesbank

Phases	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Overall T2/T2S consolidation implementation				→	
Specification		>			
Development and internal testing			→		
Connectivity, user and certification testing			→•		
Community testing activities			-	→	
Migration implementation / Go-live				>	
Stabilisation, starting ECMS				_	\longrightarrow
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11/30/2021				11/21/2022	

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The plan is for the development and internal testing phases of the participating banks and ancillary systems to be completed by September 2021. In addition, by December 2021, both the connectivity tests and the user and certification tests will have to be carried out successfully in accordance with Eurosystem requirements.

In addition to comprehensive banking expertise, Expleo offers profound technical knowledge of all software quality assurance measures. Our deep understanding of the requirements and functionalities to be tested leads to early, valid statements about the quality status in the project. Our community testing activities are very successful because we have years of experience in partnership with banking experts.

Our range of services

Expleo offers the following services specifically designed to help customers make their T2/T2S consolidation program a success:

Business Consultancy - Challenge the Program

A summary timetable for the bank's change program and a comprehensive impact analysis (both business process and technology) are part of the services provided. We can help transform the project from budget to strategy.

Program Management – End-to-End Delivery
Expleo establishes a tool for transparent program
design of your project called *Program Governance Framework.* The usage of the framework provides
the security to meet the requirements of the ECB
in terms of both technical and methodological
aspects in accordance with the milestone planning.

Quality assurance - tried and tested

Expleo has many years of experience with QA measures in IT and software development projects in the financial services sector. In regards to the requirements resulting from the T2/T2S consolidation, numerous directly usable test assets have been created. These include a generic test concept as well as completely prepared test scenarios and test cases for a secure preparation for the test phases in the community and for reaching the milestones of the ECB.

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