

# **ADVISORY GROUP ON MARKET INFRASTRUCTURES FOR SECURITIES AND COLLATERAL NATIONAL STAKEHOLDER GROUPS**

## **Mandate**

### **1. Objectives**

The Advisory Group on Market Infrastructures for Securities and Collateral National Stakeholder Groups (AMI-SeCo NSGs) bring together the National Central Bank, users (financial market participants/T2S users) and other stakeholders (e.g. public authorities, indirectly affected parties) reflecting the various types of services provided to/requested by users, financial market infrastructures (providers of securities settlement and collateral management services) and other stakeholders from within their national markets. The key objective of the AMI-SeCo NSGs is to support financial market integration in the field of securities clearing and settlement and collateral management and to provide advice on financial market infrastructures managed by the Eurosystem including related projects. The AMI-SeCo NSGs shall also, from the perspective of their national markets, act as an advisory body for all issues related to the development, implementation and operation of T2S.

The AMI-SeCo NSGs are fora for involving national stakeholders in the work of the Advisory Group on Market Infrastructures for Securities and Collateral (AMI-SeCo)<sup>1</sup> which provides advice to the Eurosystem on matters related to securities clearing and settlement and collateral management, as well as T2S. The AMI-SeCo NSGs establish the formal link between the AMI-SeCo and the respective local markets. The AMI-SeCo NSGs act both as a sounding board for AMI-SeCo and as providers of input to the AMI-SeCo in relation to all matters considered by the AMI-SeCo. As such, AMI-SeCo NSGs may also suggest issues for AMI-SeCo consideration.

### **2. Responsibilities and Tasks**

The AMI-SeCo NSGs shall support the AMI-SeCo in fulfilling its roles and responsibilities (as set out in the AMI-SeCo mandate) and provide input to the work of the AMI-SeCo.

With regard to T2S matters specifically, AMI-SeCo NSGs in markets participating in T2S are in particular responsible for:

- assessing the impact of the T2S functionality, and in particular any changes in the T2S user requirements, on their national market; when doing so, due consideration should be given to the concept of a 'lean T2S' that aims at avoiding national specificities and at promoting harmonisation;

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.ecb.europa.eu/paym/intro/governance/shared/pdf/ami\\_seco\\_mandate.pdf](http://www.ecb.europa.eu/paym/intro/governance/shared/pdf/ami_seco_mandate.pdf)

- being involved in the change and release management process where they can play an important role in assessing such requests in the context of the operation of the national markets;
- contributing to the monitoring and implementation tasks associated with the T2S harmonisation activities supported by the AMI-SeCo;
- bringing material concerns of the national market to the attention of the AMI-SeCo;
- raising the awareness of T2S in all segments of the national securities clearing and settlement community;
- supporting the AMI-SeCo members representing the national community.

While fulfilling their responsibilities, the AMI-SeCo NSGs shall adhere to the high standards of transparency.

### **3. Composition and term**

The AMI-SeCo NSGs comprise a Chairperson, Secretary and members.

The Chairperson of an AMI-SeCo NSG should preferably be a member or observer of the AMI-SeCo. This role will typically be performed by a senior official of the relevant national central bank. In the case where the relevant national central bank does not provide or designate the chairperson of the AMI-SeCo NSG, the chairperson will be nominated by the AMI-SeCo Chairperson who will look for consensus amongst the main participants in the relevant national market. Should the Chairperson not be a member of the AMI-SeCo, preferably an AMI-SeCo member should coordinate between the AMI-SeCo and the AMI-SeCo NSG Chairperson to ensure a close link between the AMI-SeCo and the AMI-SeCo NSG. Should no member of an AMI-SeCo NSG be represented in the AMI-SeCo, the AMI-SeCo NSG shall seek close cooperation with the AMI-SeCo Secretary in order to be informed/inform about relevant developments.

The secretary of an AMI-SeCo NSG is provided by the relevant national central bank in euro area countries; in other countries the NSG Secretary is appointed by the AMI-SeCo NSG Chairperson and should ideally be provided by the respective national central bank. The secretary is expected to attend regular briefings which the ECB organises for AMI-SeCo NSG secretaries via the AMI-SeCo NSG experts network.

The members of an AMI-SeCo NSG comprise the relevant AMI-SeCo member(s) and observer(s) (or their nominated senior representatives, acceptable to the AMI-SeCo NSG Chairperson), if applicable, and additional persons who have both the knowledge and standing for representing, in the broadest possible sense, all categories of stakeholders and interests in securities clearing and settlement and collateral management in the national market, including experts on cash matters. AMI-SeCo NSG members may thus include CSDs, brokers, banks, investment banks, custodians, issuers and/or their

agents, central counterparties, exchanges and multilateral trading facilities, the relevant national central bank, regulatory authorities and the relevant financial market associations.

#### **4. Working Procedures**

AMI-SeCo NSGs are invited to actively seek briefing from the ECB in relation to emerging issues, and provide national views in a timely fashion on matters requested by the AMI-SeCo or raised by the AMI-SeCo NSG. The ECB regularly provides information to the AMI-SeCo NSGs and organises briefings with such AMI-SeCo NSG secretaries via the AMI-SeCo NSG experts network to foster the interaction between the AMI-SeCo NSGs and the AMI-SeCo.

The AMI-SeCo NSGs will endeavour to have regular meetings aligned with the schedule of AMI-SeCo meetings. AMI-SeCo NSGs may also make written submissions to the AMI-SeCo via the AMI-SeCo Secretary and invite an AMI-SeCo member to present the respective AMI-SeCo NSG's view.

The AMI-SeCo NSG Secretary aims at circulating an agenda and relevant documents for discussion at an AMI-SeCo NSG meeting at least five business days ahead of the meeting. The members of the AMI-SeCo NSGs will be published on the ECB website. Each AMI-SeCo NSG will also publish its AMI-SeCo NSG-contact e-mail address on the ECB website, so that national financial market stakeholders know whom to contact to express their views.