

Core, optional and value-added services for the digital euro

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Where do we stand?

Tentative - timing subject to change



Objective of today's exchange



Present Eurosystem's analysis on core, optional and valueadded end-user services for a digital euro.



Invite you to share your input as part of a written procedure (deadline 23 January 2023) that will feed into the ECB's decision-making on the distribution model that will be brought to the Governing Council in Q1 2023.

What these decisions are about



What categories of services would be supported by the digital euro for the initial release?



What would be the role of supervised intermediaries and the Eurosystem on the development and provision of such services?

Core, optional and value-added services

Three different types of end-user services



Set of services not essential which **can further enhance the core product**, improving end-user's experience

Its provision would be **voluntary** for supervised intermediaries, contributing to differentiation across intermediaries and EA countries

Set of services required to enable the launch of a digital euro as to meet the **initial prioritised use-cases**

Its provision would be **mandatory** for supervised intermediaries

Note: some optional services and value-added services enable programmable payments in digital euro

Eurosystem's role towards the different categories



Its development and provision by supervised intermediaries would be **left fully to the market**

Its development and provision by supervised intermediaries would be **supported by the Eurosystem** (e.g. via the digital euro scheme rulebook or/and by back-end functionalities developed)

The distinction between optional and value-added services resides on the role of the Eurosystem towards its facilitation for the initial release of the digital euro

Core and optional services identification

²M2M payments are out of scope as it is a use case

not prioritised for the initial release

User management	Liquidity management	Transaction management
Onboarding digital euro end-users	Funding (manual &	Transaction initiation (one-off
Offboarding digital euro end-users	automated)	transactions)
	Reverse waterfall	Authentication
Payment instrument management (both provision and maintenance)	Defunding (manual &	Payment confirmation/rejection notification
Linking digital euro holdings to	automated)	Recurring payments
commercial bank money account	Waterfall	
User lifecycle management processes		Pay-per-use enabled via pre- authorisation service ²
(identification, data update, information display on balance and transactions, account		Payment initiation service ¹
portability and end-user support)		
Account information service ¹		
¹ May need to be facilitated inter-PSPs due to PSD2 but its provision to end-users would be optional		Core services Optional services

Some observations

The list of identified core and optional services:

- Refers to the initial release of the digital euro
- It is not exhaustive and is expected to evolve over time
 - The current selection does not preclude that any other services might be included over the course of the investigation phase after completing the analysis on foreseen items (e.g. dispute management).
 - Regular evaluation of these services will be part of the regular rulebook development and maintenance process.

Way forward and discussion

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Further investigation & work over the investigation phase on other services that might be included as either core or optional (e.g. dispute management)

山 Consultation of Eurosystem committees

Outreach to external stakeholders



Finalization of Eurosystem views in Q1 2023 based on the outcome of Eurosystem committees' consultation, discussions with external stakeholders and further internal analysis

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Review of combined design decisions ("Bringing it all together") in Q2 2023 and feedback by stakeholders on overall design prior to Governing Council decision making thereafter

For feedback

We invite **reflections by participants**, including the following questions:

- 1. Do you foresee any **core service** in addition to the ones identified or re-categorise any of them?
- 2. Do you foresee any **optional service** in addition to the ones identified or re-categorise any of them?
- 3. What would be the concrete ways for the **Eurosystem to support the development and provision of each of the identified core and optional services**, either via the scheme rulebook and/or back-end functionalities?

Thank you

Annex. Examples of potential value-added services

The following illustrative list contains services mentioned by some digital euro MAG members as potentially being provided in the context of the digital euro¹:

- Delivery Vs. payment
- Automatic reimbursement of subsidies
- Automatised repayment for BNPL (buy now pay later) schemes
- Conditional payments per type of payer and/or underlying goods/services
- Pocket money for children
- Split payments (multiple payers)

¹In the context of discussions held on programmable payments in digital euro