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Circular on Regulation (EU) 909/2014 – the Central Securities Depositories Regulation ('CSDR')

This Circular is being addressed to all interested stakeholders, in particular to Central Securities Depositories ('CSDs'), CSD participants, investment firms, trading venues, custodians, CCPs (where relevant to post-trade arrangements), and other market infrastructures and service providers involved in the trading and post-trading chain.

This Circular should be read in conjunction with Regulation (EU) No 909/2014 (the 'CSDR'), its implementing and delegated acts, as well as any previous circulars, communications or supervisory expectations issued by the Malta Financial Services Authority (the 'Authority' or 'MFSA'), as applicable.

Stakeholders are reminded that preparedness for regulatory change under CSDR is not limited to the settlement layer but requires coordinated action across the full transaction lifecycle—from trade execution and allocation, through confirmation/affirmation, matching, securities lending/borrowing (where applicable), settlement instruction generation, and settlement completion.

Launch of ESMA-NCAs T+1 Readiness Complementary Survey

Starting from 11 October 2027, CSDR introduces the obligation to migrate from a T+2 settlement cycle to T+1. The move to T+1 represents a significant market-wide change that is expected to affect systems, data flows, operational processes, staffing models, service provider arrangements, and cut-off times. Importantly, achieving T+1 settlement outcomes typically requires optimising upstream activities (including timely allocation, confirmation/affirmation, matching and availability of securities/cash), rather than focusing solely on settlement platform functionality.

In this context, and in order to monitor the level of industry preparedness for the move to T+1, the Authority wishes to improve its visibility of the situation within Malta, including potential points of attention (e.g. process bottlenecks, reliance on manual steps, time-zone constraints, and cross-border dependencies).

Call for participation - The MFSA strongly encourages market participants to take part in the following voluntary survey launched by ESMA and National Competent Authorities (NCAs). Please note that responses will be available ****only**** to the MFSA and ESMA:

- [the National Competent Authorities' survey](#)

For legal and regulatory details on the T+1 transition , including background materials and updates, stakeholders may consult [ESMA dedicated webpage](#).

EU T+1 Industry Committee (EUIC) 2nd Readiness Survey

The EU T+1 Industry Committee has launched its second comprehensive survey to evaluate industry progress in adopting the [High-Level Roadmap recommendations](#).

Building on work already undertaken by the Industry Committee and the wider securities industry, the EUIC aims to assess the degree of alignment with roadmap milestones and implementation practices. This survey is the second in a series of planned monitoring initiatives intended to track progress, highlight common challenges and support consistent implementation across the EU.

Call for participation - To support the assessment of industry awareness and the status of preparation across EU Member States for the move to T+1, the MFSA draws the attention of Maltese market participants to the launch of the following survey:

- [the EU T+1 Industry Committee \(EUIC\) 2nd readiness survey](#)

The Authority notes that the results of the EUIC survey are **anonymous** and will be made available **only at an aggregated level**.

Further information on this initiative is available on the [EU T+1 Industry Committee website](#).

Timelines – Surveys Open in Parallel

Both NCAs' and EUIC's surveys will be running in parallel and are therefore open **until 9 June 2026**.

The MFSA encourages stakeholders to participate in **both** surveys, as each serves a complementary purpose (supervisory visibility at EU and national level versus industry-wide benchmarking and monitoring against the High-Level Roadmap).

EU T+1 Industry Committee (EUIC) 2nd Roadshow - Prague

The next [EU T+1 Roadshow event](#) will take place in **Prague on 26 May 2026**, in a hybrid format.

Deadlines to [register](#):

- in-person 19 May
- online 22 May.

Stakeholders may wish to consider attendance as an opportunity to engage with peers, discuss implementation approaches, and better understand practical considerations and emerging good practices for the transition to T+1.

Next Steps

The MFSA strongly invites market infrastructures and financial intermediaries to initiate (or, where already initiated, to accelerate) internal assessments to ensure readiness for the transition to T+1, and to coordinate with service providers, vendors, and outsourcing partners and clients to align processes with the new requirements.

In particular, stakeholders are encouraged to consider where relevant:

- **Governance and accountability:** senior management oversight, clear ownership of T+1 workstreams, and appropriate internal reporting.
- **Operational process readiness:** reduction of manual touchpoints; earlier allocation, confirmation/affirmation and matching; review of cut-off times and exception handling.
- **Technology and data:** system enhancements, straight-through processing (STP) capability, messaging standards/flows, and resilience measures (including capacity planning).
- **Third-party dependencies:** readiness of custodians, global/central service providers, and outsourced functions; contractual and service-level implications.
- **Testing and implementation planning:** end-to-end testing strategies (internal and industry-wide), contingency arrangements, and phased readiness milestones.
- **Cross-border considerations:** impacts on cross-market settlement chains, time-zone frictions, and coordination with non-EU counterparties where applicable.

The Authority reiterates that broad participation from all financial sectors in both surveys is crucial to obtain an accurate overview of the preparation status, identify areas requiring further attention, and support timely and orderly implementation.

Contacts

Should you have any queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact the Authority on MarketInfrastructures@mfsa.mt for any further clarifications.