Call for candidates to participate in the digital euro scheme workstream: "Certification and approval framework"

The European Central Bank (ECB) is inviting leading experts in payments ecosystems, certification, and testing frameworks to contribute to the certification and approval framework workstream. This is one of the dedicated workstreams set up by the Chair of the Rulebook Development Group to support the drafting of the digital euro scheme rulebook.

The main objective of workstream B1 is to develop a proposal for the digital euro scheme as regards the applicable certification and approval framework.

The proposal should include recommendations for:

- a certification and testing ecosystem (including requirements that must be met, as well as a roadmap for the establishment of that ecosystem);

- an approval framework covering testing and certifications of end user devices and acceptance solutions, of PSPs' connections to DESP as well as end-to-end testing of services;

- rules governing the acceptance of actors in the certification and testing ecosystem, subject to their compliance

The proposal should also include draft recommendations for the following annexes to the scheme rulebook:

- Approval framework

- Certification and testing ecosystem

The workstream will consist of market participants and Eurosystem representatives. Candidates should be proficient in English as a working language and have experience with working in multi-stakeholder groups. Expertise with approval and certification processes would be desirable, for acceptance devices (e.g., point of sale terminals or ATMs) as well as payment devices (e.g., payment applications or cards).

The workstream will hold frequent remote meetings over a period of four months, starting in May 2024. Members of the workstream are expected to participate in all meetings and actively contribute to the deliverables.

Candidates interested in joining should submit a curriculum vitae (CV) highlighting their experience in the areas mentioned above and answer the following questions in writing (in no more than 3,500 words in total):

1. How would you suggest creating a certification and testing ecosystem?

2. What do you consider as essential parts of the certification and testing ecosystem?

3. Which actors would you foresee facilitating this ecosystem?

4. What do you consider as critical success factors for this workstream?

Candidates are also asked to include a letter of consent from their employer. A nomination letter from a member of the digital euro scheme Rulebook Development Group is mandatory. The requisite documents should be sent by email to DigitalEuro-RBD@ecb.europa.eu by 5 April 2024.

Candidates are required to convey the collective position of their sponsoring stakeholder associations and contribute to discussions in line with the official view of these associations.

All applications will be treated confidentially. The list of successful candidates will, however, be made public.

The ECB is an inclusive institution and we strive to reflect the diversity of the population we serve. We encourage you to apply irrespective of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation or other characteristics.

Participation in the workstream will not be remunerated. All intellectual property rights, copyright and rights to development and disposal related to the deliverables of the workstream shall reside exclusively with the ECB.