

SCoREBOARD

Billing Processes – H1 2025

Slovak NSG

Background

Since publication of the [Collateral Management Harmonisation Report](#) in December 2017, the Advisory Group on Market Infrastructures for Securities and Collateral (AMI-SeCo) has made a number of significant breakthroughs in its ambition to create a [Single Collateral Management Rulebook for Europe](#) (SCoRE).

What is SCoRE?

SCoRE defines common rules for managing collateral in Europe. These rules will replace the fragmented legacy standards, structural constraints and complex and diverse market practices that exist across Europe today. Implementation of SCoRE should remove operational impediments to the availability, usage and mobility of collateral. Market participants in AMI-SeCo have committed to implementing the SCoRE Rulebook, with the first set of rules due to be implemented by June 2025. Their implementation efforts are regularly monitored by AMI-SeCo which facilitates an active dialogue with market participants on issues related to the clearing and settlement of securities and to collateral management.

National stakeholder groups (NSGs) are coordination forums that have been established in the markets covered by the AMI-SeCo to support the implementation of the Single Collateral Management Rulebook for Europe (SCoRE).

The Single Collateral Management Rulebook for Europe contains four Standards related to billing processes (published as the [SCoRE Standards for Billing Processes](#)). Implementation progress is monitored twice per year.

Introduction

This summary report presents the results of the H1 2025 monitoring exercise conducted by the Slovak NSG with the involvement among the following stakeholders:

- 1 CSDs – CDCP
- 6 Custodians

7 entities are monitored in the Slovak market

In this monitoring exercise, participants were expected to have achieved all the milestones up to Milestone 12 inclusive “External testing completed for SCoRE” (with a deadline of 20 September 2024) as described in section 3 below.

Section 1 presents the key takeaways per Entity Type i.e., CSD, TPA, Custodian etc. Section 2 depicts the compliance status with the standards by each entity type. Section 3 focuses on the progress against the individual milestones and Section 4 provides concluding remarks.



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Key takeaways

Implementation of standards is ongoing.

We can report that implementation of the SCoRE Billing Standards in the Slovak market is ongoing. We confirm that the final implementation date for all standards should be largely achieved by entities in the market.

Figure 1
Summary of the monitoring exercise

| SCoRE SMALL COUNTRY IMPLEMENTATION RECORD FOR EUROPE |  Response Rate |  Implementation Status | Are all milestones 1 to 12 inclusive achieved? | Will the last milestone 13 be implemented on time (i.e. by 16 June 2025)? |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| Custodians | 50% | Implemented 10% Implementation started 0% Analysis started 0% Analysis not started 0% Replies not submitted 90% ----- Non applicable standards 44.44% | Average % of milestones achieved 18% | % of custodians on time 17% |
| CSD - CDCP | Survey submitted | Implemented 100% Implementation started 0% Analysis started 0% Analysis not started 0% ----- Non applicable standards 0% | Yes | Yes |

CSD – CDCP

CDCP is on track

CDCP is already compliant with all Billing standards. This status of implementation at the level of 100% was achieved already in the last reported periods. It is expected that the future milestones and the implementation date will be met on time.

Custodians

Custodians are expected to meet future milestones

The work on meeting the reporting milestones is ongoing and implementation of the Standards is progressing well. Nevertheless, the latest data in the reports does not reflect the real status of implementation by custodians due to the fact that some custodians did not provide their answers in this monitoring round. Thus, the response rate by custodians has deteriorated to 50 % compared to 83 % from the last reported period and current status of implementation of standards decreased from 20 % to 10%. Still, it is expected that future milestones and the implementation date will be met, too. There are no specific issues of concern that need to be highlighted.

NCB

Národná banka Slovenska is on track to adopt the SCoRE Standards on time.

Národná banka Slovenska is on track to implement the SCoRE Standards for Billing Processes for its collateral management activities by the date of launch of ECMS.

2 Compliance with the standards

This section provides an overview of the current status of compliance with the billing processes standards. CSDs and TPAs are monitored on an individual basis and are assigned a colour-code status in accordance with the methodology outlined in figure 1 below. Custodians are too many to represent individually. Thus, the replies of custodians from the AMI-SeCo community participating in the monitoring are presented on an aggregated basis per market and assigned a percentage representing their compliance status.

Figure 1
Standards implementation status as defined in the AMI-SeCo framework document



- The Standard has been implemented
- Implementation of the Standard is on schedule (based on the agreed milestones)
- Implementation is behind schedule (based on the agreed milestones)
- Implementation has not started

Table 1
Compliance level with the standards by each entity type

| STANDARD | Custodians | CSD - CDCP |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| 1: ISO 20022 messaging | 0% | B |
| 2: Billing cycles | 25% | B |
| 3: Cut-off date | | B |
| 4: Dates for payments fees | | B |

Notes:

- For CSDs and TPAs the colour-code reflects the current implementation status of each Standard in accordance with the methodology outlined in Box 1 above.
- For custodians the % indicates the percentage of custodians which have implemented the standard or have the standard under development and implementation.
- Percentages are calculated on the basis of expected respondents, i.e. number of entities monitored in the market.

3 Progress towards the milestones

This section tracks market stakeholders progress in implementing the Standards against the 13 set milestones identified by AMI-SeCo.

The milestones facilitate consistent implementation across markets (given the long-term efforts that are needed) and avoids issues remaining undetected until the deadline to achieve compliance and implementation of the standards.

Table 2
Milestones identified by AMI-SeCo

| Milestone | Description | Date |
|-----------|--|------------|
| M1 | Analysis Started: Have you commenced an in-depth analysis of all applicable SCoRE Standards in order to identify and document all the changes required to internal processes and procedures in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards? | 30/06/2020 |
| M2 | Initial Communication: Has initial high-level communication with external stakeholders on the changes introduced by SCoRE commenced? | 01/03/2021 |
| M3 | Analysis Completed: Have you completed an in-depth analysis of all applicable SCoRE Standards? | 31/07/2021 |
| M4 | Documentation Completed: Have you documented all the internal processes and procedures which need to be adapted in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards? | 31/12/2021 |
| M5 | Detailed External Communication: Has detailed communication started regarding (i) upcoming changes in business processes, (ii) messaging formats and usage guidelines (in the case of new messages based on non-registered latest drafts by SWIFT) and (iii) planned testing activities been provided to users? | 31/12/2021 |
| M6 | SCoRE Adaptation Started: Have you started to adapt/develop the processes and procedures in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards? | 01/01/2022 |
| M7 | SCoRE Adaptation Complete: Have you completed the necessary adaptations/developments for the processes and procedures in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards? | 30/06/2022 |
| M8 | Internal Testing Started for SCoRE: Have you started to test the changes to your internal processes and procedures which have been introduced in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards? | 01/07/2022 |
| M9 | Internal Testing Complete for SCoRE: Have you completed the necessary internal testing? | 10/03/2023 |
| M10 | External Testing Started for SCoRE: Are you in a position to test the changes introduced in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards with your user community (i.e. CSD participants / Collateral Givers and Collateral Takers in the context of the Standards applicable to TPAs)? | 22/05/2023 |
| M11 | Final External Communication on SCoRE: has final communication to users been provided (i.e. updated user guide to reflect the changes implemented, final message usage guidelines for A2A communication) related to the SCoRE Standards? | 22/05/2023 |
| M12 | External Testing Completed for SCoRE: Is the testing of the changes introduced in order to comply with the SCoRE Standards with your user community completed (i.e. CSD participants / Collateral Givers and Collateral Takers in the context of the Standards applicable to TPAs)? | 20/09/2024 |
| M13 | SCoRE Standards Implemented: have the SCoRE Standards been implemented? | 16/06/2025 |

The current H1 2025 monitoring exercise focuses on milestones 1 to 12 given that Milestone 12 “External testing completed for SCoRE” (with a deadline of 20 September 2024) was meant to have been achieved by the time the survey closed.

In each survey round, all the entities are asked to confirm (on a yes/no basis) whether the milestones will be met by the set milestones dates. If it is not the case, they are also asked the expected date for when the milestone will be reached.

For the milestones which had to be achieved by the time the survey closed: the blue colour code is assigned to those milestones that have been successfully achieved. Milestones that will only be achieved later than their set deadline are assigned a yellow status with indication of the likely date of achievement.

For the milestones that are only due to be achieved after the current reporting cycle: the green colour code indicates that the entity anticipates achieving that future milestone on time. A yellow status indicates that the milestone is foreseen to be met later than the set milestone date. In this case, the date of achievement anticipated is also indicated in the table.

Table 3
Expectation of achieving the milestones at the set dates

| | Custodians | CSD - CDCP |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Milestone 1 June 2020 | 33% | Yes |
| Milestone 2 March 2021 | 17% | Yes |
| Milestone 3 July 2021 | 17% | Yes |
| Milestone 4 December 2021 | 17% | Yes |
| Milestone 5 December 2021 | 17% | Yes |
| Milestone 6 January 2022 | 17% | Yes |
| Milestone 7 June 2022 | 17% | Yes |
| Milestone 8 July 2022 | 17% | Yes |
| Milestone 9 March 2023 | 17% | Yes |
| Milestone 10 May 2023 | 17% | Yes |
| Milestone 11 May 2023 | 17% | Yes |
| Milestone 12 September 2024 | 17% | Yes |
| Milestone 13 June 2025 | 17% | Yes |

CSD – CDCP has met all past milestones, which means the same achievement in comparing to the last monitoring round. The final milestones are expected to be met on time. Regarding custodians, there is a mixed picture. Most of Milestones will be met on time by over a 17 % of custodians and even milestones 1 will be met on time by a third of custodians that means the deterioration comparing to last reporting period. This outcome is the result of the fact that the reporting from custodians was decreased. Reasons for that are capacity limitations of some custodians caused at the time of monitoring by the workload connected with the processing of new Government bonds for citizens and introducing of new financial transactions tax. Custodians informed that they proceed with the implementation of standards according to the plan.

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