

SSP release 13.0 Migration from SWIFT Browse to SWIFT WebAccess

SWIFT release 7.2, implemented in November 2018, does not support any longer the Browse service and applet technology. In addition, SWIFT announced to end the support for the Browse service and applet technology for all SWIFT releases 7.0.x and 7.1.x at the end of 2019. As a consequence, in order to be able to access financial services over SWIFT web portals, all SWIFT users will need to migrate from Browse to WebAccess by end of 2019.

In line with the changes envisaged by SWIFT, with the installation of the TARGET2 Single Shared Platform (SSP) release 13.0 on 18 November 2019, also the access to TARGET2 will change from Browse to WebAccess.

The impact of this change on the TARGET2 users is that it will require a change of the URL used for accessing the TARGET2 ICM U2A services. Thus as provided in the <u>Qualified</u> <u>configurations for Credit Institutions and Ancillary Systems (SSP Release 13.0)</u>, the following URLs will be exclusively used for accessing the TARGET2 ICM in U2A mode, starting with the first business day of release TARGET2 SSP release 13.0 in the respective environments:

Test Environment (CUST; 09.09.2019¹):

https://trgt-papss-cust.ssp.browse.swiftnet.sipn.swift.com

Live Environment (PROD; 18.11.2019):

https://trgt-papss.ssp.browse.swiftnet.sipn.swift.com

In order to limit the risk of potential issues that may impact operations of TARGET2 participants on the first day the TARGET2 SSP release 13.0 is operational (i.e. 18 November 2019), all TARGET2 central banks, critical TARGET2 participants and TARGET2 participants settling very critical payments shall verify their access to the TARGET2 ICM in U2A on the changeover weekend. The timeframe envisaged for conducting the verification activities in the LIVE Environment (PROD) is as follows:

Saturday, 16 November 2019, from 11:00 CET until 14:00 CET.

¹ 9 September corresponds to the date when the user testing in TARGET2 CUST starts. The new release will be installed in CUST already with the 9 August, however the period to 9 September is reserved for the central banks acceptance testing.

While the same post-implementation check is not mandatory for all other types of TARGET2 participants, it is nevertheless strongly recommended to conduct it.

In case any issues are observed by those TARGET2 participants that conducted the verification activities during the aforementioned timeslot, relevant National Service Desks should be contacted.

It should be noted that that support to TARGET2 participants that did not conduct the verification activities in the period specified above will be provided only on a best-effort basis (as stated in the TARGET2 Guideline concerning contingency situations).