Tokenisation of cash and securities





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The market is developing new services across the value chain

As the value proposition of blockchain becomes clearer, capital market institutions are pursuing dedicated initiatives – both incumbents and new actors.

Pre-Issuance	Issuance Platforms	Custody & Asset Servicing	Secondary Markets	Clearing & Settlement	Payment Service Providers
 Simplifies the current fragmented processes around pre-issuance. Platform to automate and integrate workflows across different market participants until deal-closing. Digital information-gathering during pre-issuance enhances the process of tokenised securities issuance. 	 Issuance Platforms facilitate the creation of security tokens. They are aimed at the tokenisation of liquid and illiquid assets. Use cases include (debt) issuance, FX trading or securities lending. 	 A secure custody solution allows for the storage of tokens. Custody is the foundation to support the future of tokenised digital assets from origination, to trading, and safe storage. Blockchain and smart contracts can modernise current corporate actions processes. Digital asset custodians provide secure ways to execute, transact, and store digital assets. 	 Investors can trade tokens they own in a secondary market. Prices in a primary market are fixed and in a secondary market they are dependent on demand and supply. Some issuance platforms also provide and digital exchanges for secondary markets. Reduction of counterparty risk, margin, collateral, and liquidity requirements. 	 Creation of digital collateral records to enable near instant ownership transfers of security baskets Accelerated DvP settlement of digital security and cash tokens Simultaneous exchange of cash and securities through tokenised reserve accounts reducing settlement times. 	 Tokenised payments are transactions performed with digital tokens. The tokens can be the asset itself or a digital representation of the asset.
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Euroclear is equipped with innovative R&D to take the next step

The great strides we have made in business and IT innovation through our comprehensive blockchain initiatives have equipped us with the internal preparation and fundamental knowledge base to act now.

Business Innovation #1: Proof of Concept for Commercial Paper instruments

When 2019

Participants

EIB, Santander, E&Y, and Euroclear Bank

Scope

Issuance of a CP in a blockchain platform with integration into Euroclear Bank's settlement platform. The pre-issuance process and the back-office execution took place on the blockchain platform.



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IT Innovations

Definition of the best technology fit for the Euroclear business

Assessment of the best providers for the selected technology

Business Innovation #2: Settlement in CBDC

When 2021

Participants

Banque de France, Agence France Trésor, BNPP, Société Générale, Crédit Agricole CIB, HSBC and Euroclear France

Scope

CBDC settlement of French sovereign debt where the primary distribution and the secondary market transactions (such as standard settlement instructions, repo transactions, auto-collateralisation transactions) took place on the blockchain platform.

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Central banks have increased CBDC initiatives...

Central banks are now actively experimenting or implementing blockchain (CBDC) solutions – arising from the desire to improve international payments as well as geo-political considerations around reserve currencies.



CBDC Programme of Banque de France Experiment led by Euroclear with a consortium of banks

Euroclear Consortium

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	BNP PARIBAS SECURITIES SERVICES
CIB	HSBC 🚺

Euroclear IT partner



Experiment Objectives of Euroclear

Could Blockchain technologies make crypto asset payments cheaper, safer, easier, and more accessible?

- Several market PoC and pilots on DLT have already tested core DVP settlement process and registry management on Blockchain. We wanted to go the extra mile and include in our tests, more post trade operations including liquidity management and inter-operability with T2S.
- However, making substantial developments to deploy blockchain solutions to replicate the 'as is' situation would not bring a lot of value for the capital market. Blockchain will emerge only if it brings additional features and benefits.
- The objective is to assess the added value that blockchain could bring in terms of facilitating access and process of post trade operations, and opening doors to new opportunities

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CBDC Experiment Scope

Use Case 1 (Primary Distribution)

- ISIN dissemination by the AFT
- Rationalization of the distribution model

Use Case 3 (REPO)

- Simplified process in terms of matching (one matching instead of two)
- Interoperability : get liquidity in CBDC based on securities held in T2S.

Use Case 2 (Trading)

- · Simplified process in terms of matching
- Benefits identified for the centralization of settlement instructions reference data
- Possibility to finance purchases and sales with « autocollat mechanism » within the blockchain

Use Case 4 (Coupon)

T+0

 Two models identified : Omnibus or segregated account and/or granularity at the level of the beneficial owner in the blockchain

Role Management and Wallet Set-up



For Securities and for CBDC independently

- Activity guarantor & validator
 - CSD (Euroclear) for Securities
 - Central Bank (BdF) for CBDC
- Instructions validator
 - Sellers, buyers
 - CSD and Central Bank
- Wallet
 - Manager
 - Owner
 - User
- Issuer
- ISIN Manager
- IPA
- Auditor

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Key Learnings

Feasibility

- The implementation of the business requirements were manageable and delivered on time
- The consortium members did not face blocking factors on their side (front and back systems) for a potential future connectivity to a blockchain platform

Benefits at client level

- Cheaper and easier access to settlement services (lower entry barrier)
- Removal of reconciliation process across the chain of intermediaries
- Increased interconnectivity with back-office system. Removal of matching constraints on settlement agents
- Real-time view on investor holding data for issuers and regulators. Real-time report generation for investors



- □ Shorter settlement cycles, down to T+0 EoD
- Larger trade windows, up to 24/7
- Lower operational costs and higher efficiencies



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Experimentation Report

Report:

https://www.euroclear.com/newsandinsights/en/Format/Whitepapers-Reports/cbdc-to-settle-french-government-bonds.html



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Euroclear can remove pain points and unlock operational efficiencies for the market...

Key characteristics of DLT...

Distribution and dissemination of trustable and immutable data across the ecosystem can **remove reconciliation needs** between members, **reduce input and reporting** across systems, and **minimise the risk of centralised failure** disrupting key services:



...will provide cross-industry benefits...

	Holistic View	Universal view of information from a single source
	Transparency	Providence and greater transparency for regulatory reporting
	Simplified	Decreased operational costs and complexity
\bigcirc	Speed	Can enable faster data transfer times
3	Security	Data is immutable, logged transactions cannot be altered
	Resilience	Resilience by design, reducing systemic risks

Value for Capital Markets

DLT can alleviate pain points and unlock market efficiencies:



Euroclear can be an ecosystem orchestrator

Euroclear's New Ecosystem Role The next form factor will likely consist of a multitude of ecosystems interacting with one another. Euroclear can be a key driver and orchestrate one or more sub-ecosystems, while being a participant in others depending on the context.

Euroclear is well-positioned to be an ecosystem orchestrator for several reasons:

Neutral and trusted 3rd party

Existing access to **cash legs** (including central bank money)

Existing interoperability with markets and currencies across the globe

Existing settlement and position-keeping commodity services

As market infrastructure Euroclear provides the institutional knowledge to **understand which services can be commoditised**.

We can **unlock value for the market** by providing a common data layer, as well as other FMI utility services.

We will provide market participants that connect to the network with the ability to **build value-add applications** for their clients that **can resemble existing services or provide entirely new market services**.

However, the participants will keep the **autonomy and flexibility to manage their own client ecosystems**.

Throughout the course of our **market research and assessment**, we will determine the necessary **requirements** to become an **FMI ecosystem orchestrator**.

...which will allow us to offer new services and lead market discussions

Investing in DLT will allow Euroclear new opportunities to service dedicated ecosystems and equip us with the credentials to facilitate market leading discussions.

Value for Euroclear

New Opportunities for Euroclear to Serve Dedicated Ecosystems

Pre-Issuance



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Capturing securities data as soon as the deal is done, and data is generated

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Orchestrating the securities data workflows among all parties of the issuance process

BO Ledger

Setting up a BO ledger of the BO handled by the custodians

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Setting up an E2E digital workflow for tax documents and leveraging BO data to manage tax relief at source and other processes

Registry Offering reg

Offering registrar capabilities to issuers and agents directly on platform and blurring workflow process between registered and bearer security holdings

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Gathering distribution and transfer agent flows to the benefits of fund managers and TAs

Additional Services Allow for the white labeling

Allow for the white labeling of other commoditized client services for (e.g., cash ecosystem, ESG)

Leading Market Discussions on Blockchain Solutions



Market Leadership

Be a leader in removing pain points for the market



Facilitate Discussions

Drive discussions with key market players (e.g., BNYM, Citi, JPM, Clearstream) on reshaping the industry



Regulatory Presence

Sit on the table of regulators (e.g., ISSA, group regulators, NCBs) and the EU



Securing Our Position

Defend our leadership position in securities market infrastructure

The journey towards end-state starts with a first step: Securities Issuance



Securities issuance platform overview

The first step of our go-to-market will be a DLT securities issuance platform, as a reusable component with full listing and secondary market liquidity in the legacy system.



The DFMI will interact with external platforms to create its digital tokens

Securities tokens in the DFMI

Pre-issuance

platforms

- Digital bonds in the DFMI will be created and issued based on term sheet and final terms data
- □ The DFMI will be interoperable with all pre-issuance platforms based on a market standardized API interface



The DFMI will interact with our legacy platform to create its digital cash tokens



The primary market settlement will take place in the DFMI

Atomic DVP settlement

- The settlement instructions will be entered matched and positioned in the DFMI based on the securities and cash tokens of the participants in the DFMI
- On closing date, the atomic DVP settlement will take place whereby cash tokes and securities tokens are moved simultaneously between the relevant wallets



Legacy bridges will be temporarily put in place to ensure immediate access to digital securities for all investors

Legacy bridge

- Euroclear's technical wallet serves as the bridge with the legacy environment
- By transferring the securities tokens to the Euroclear wallet, the securities accounts of the syndicate members in the legacy environment will be credited
- The entire digital bond will remain in Euroclear Bank's technical wallet until redemption





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