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Webinar

9 November 2026

Preparing for EU T+1: Understanding the new Gating Event for SFTs

Agenda

CET

15:00 **Welcome remarks**

Giovanni Sabatini, Independent Chair, EU T+1 Industry Committee

Introduction: What is the new SFT Gating Event and why will it be introduced?

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Alex Westphal, Senior Director, Market Practice and Regulatory Policy, ICMA

15:15 **CSD update: Implementation plans and testing for the Gating Event**

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Arnaud Jochems, Head of Settlement Product, Clearstream

Remy Al Sbinati, T2S evolution management, Market Infrastructure Division, European Central Bank

15:45 **Panel discussion: The market practitioner's perspective on the Gating Event**

Thomas Hansen, Global Head of Securities Finance, Santander CIB

Roy Zimmerhansl, Head of Capital Markets, WTS Hansuke

James Upton, COO, LCH RepoClear and Collateral and Liquidity Management, LSEG

David Le Guern, Executive Director, Head of FIF & Securities Middle Office, J.P. Morgan Chase

16:15 **Q&A**

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What is the problem?

- **Key concern on the repo side about the scale and impact of a potential market shift to T+0**
  - Today: the bulk of the EU repo market settles on a T+2 or T+1 basis and most of this activity gets netted: before reaching the CSD (CCP or bilaterally) and/or as it settles in the overnight cycle
  - This will change under T+1 – expectation that a significant part of the market could move to T+0 settlement
  - Without any changes to the current settlement setup, this is likely to significantly reduce netting potential, because: (i) not enough time to agree pair-offs bilaterally, (ii) no CCP T+0 netting run, and (iii) T+0 repo settlement cannot be instructed into the overnight cycle
  - This could lead to a spike in (uncoordinated) RTGS settlement throughout the day, with a significant impact on firms' intraday liquidity cost and possible knock-on impact on settlement efficiency
- **Mitigating these impacts has been a key focus of the ongoing T+1 discussions**
  - Issue acknowledged in the EU High-Level Roadmap, including detailed problem statement (SF-01 & related box 1), but no agreed solution
  - Dedicated *SFT Settlement Optimisation Taskforce* established to find a technical solution to the problem

SFT Gating Event – what has been agreed?

- **Final Taskforce report (Dec 2025) sets out key specifications for the agreed gating event:**
  - New **optional** settlement functionality at **11am CET** to be introduced across all EU (I)CSDs
  - Mostly based on **existing CSD optimisation tools**, avoiding unnecessary disruption to current process
  - Parties to flag instructions eligible for settlement in the Gating Event (GE) – as a **unilateral choice**
  - Flagged instructions will be **held until the GE on ISD** – afterwards regular settlement process applies
  - GE technically open to all asset/transaction types/currencies but use should be subject to **market practice**
- **Gating Event FAQs and Best Practices published in June 2026:**
  - **FAQs** explain in more detail rationale for the GE and operational setup
  - Strict best practices agreed to limit usage of the GE to **specific, clearly explained use cases**
  - **Three core use cases** for non-CCP cleared transactions; GE should not be used for equities
  - Cleared transactions subject to **common CCP policy**: only start legs of T+0 repos settle in the GE
  - **Monitoring of impacts** post-go-live critical to assess use and any detrimental impacts

Gating Event use cases – status quo (T+2 settlement)

Figure 1: Status quo (until October 2027) - T+2 settlement

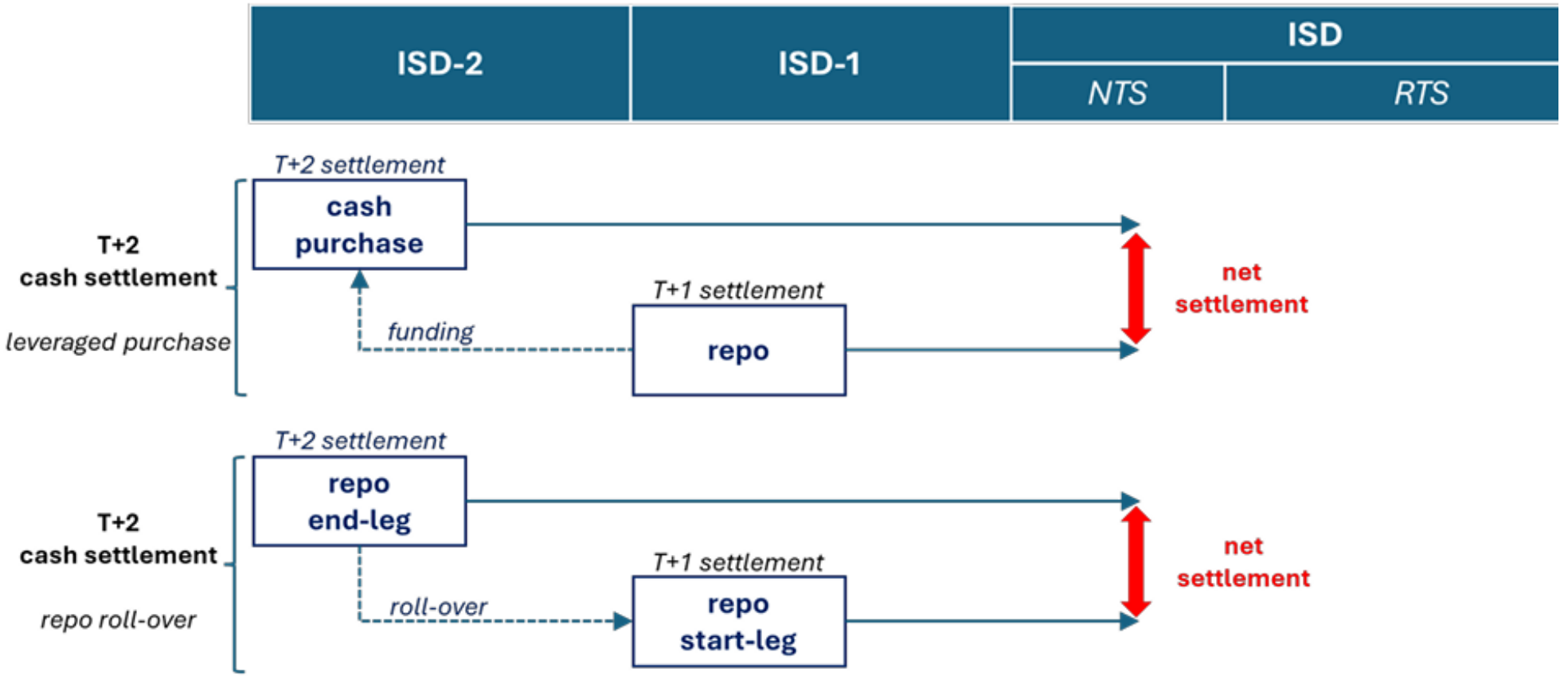

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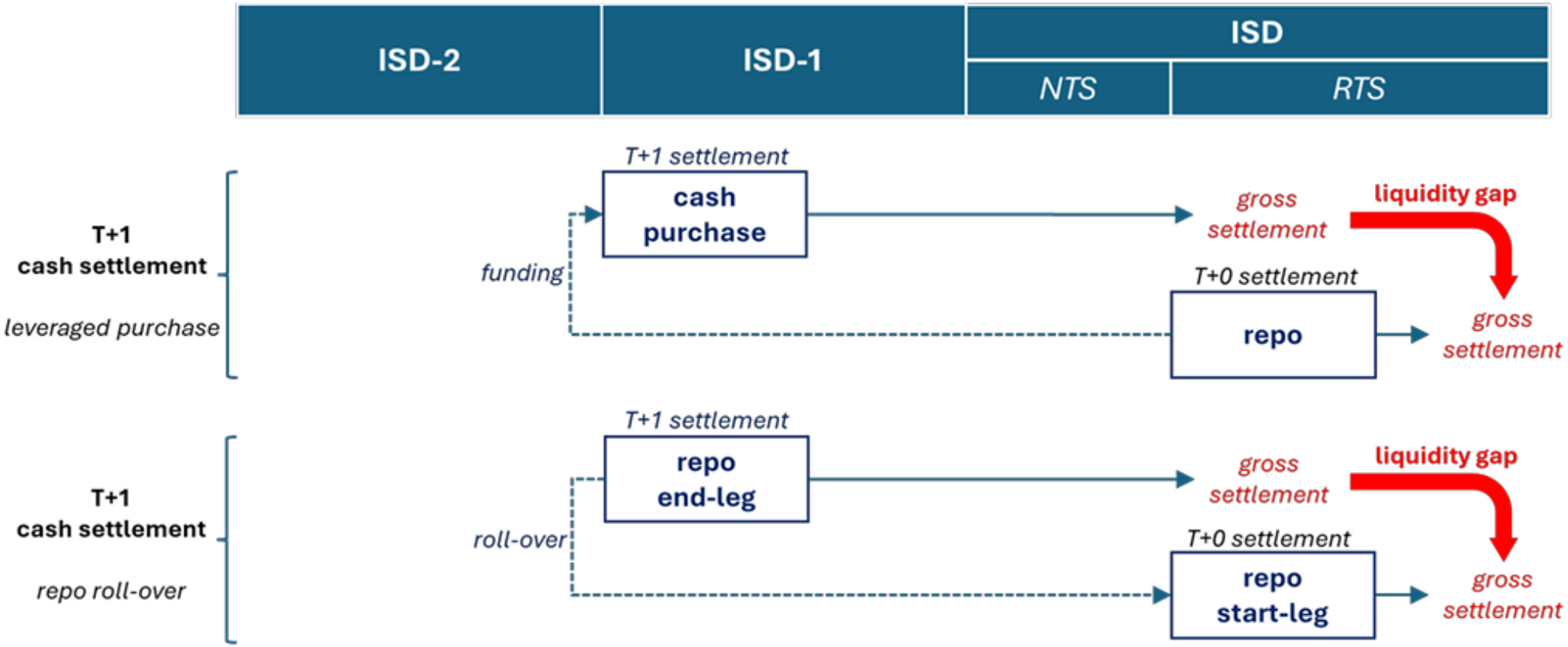
Figure 2: Future state – T+1 settlement without Gating Event



Gating event use cases: post-T+1 (with Gating Event)

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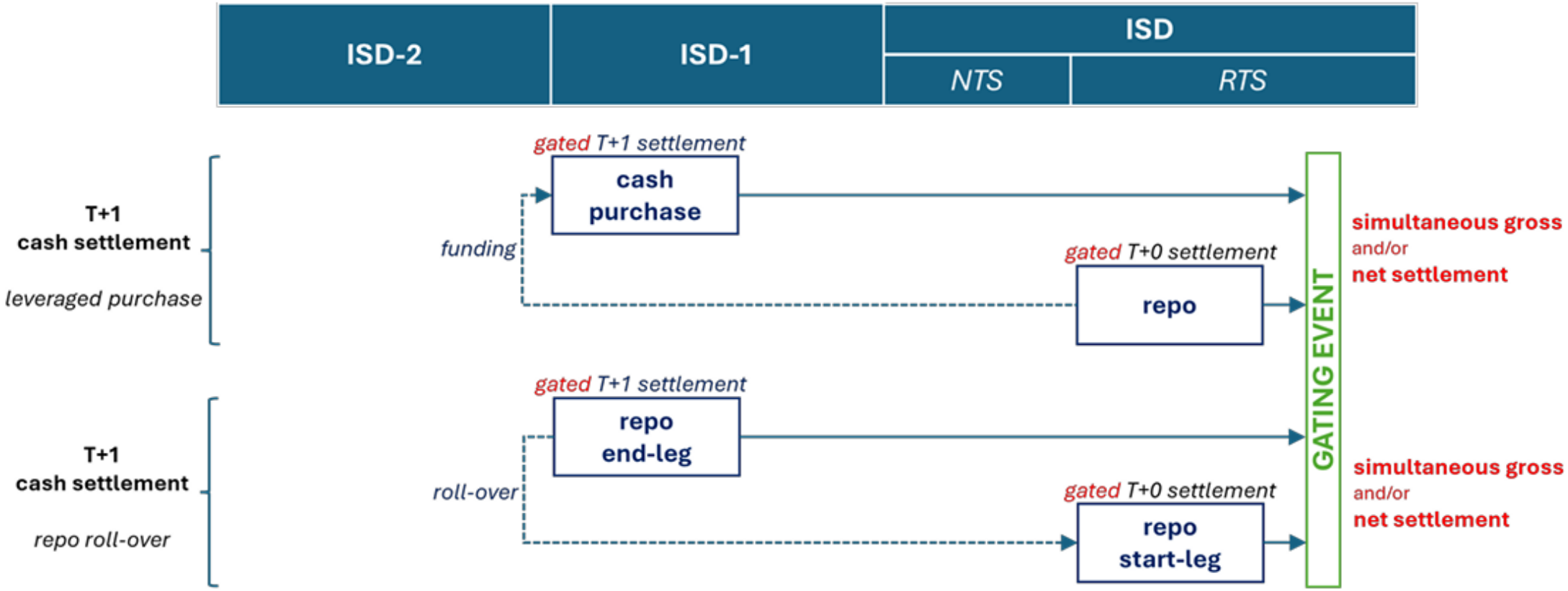

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Gating event webinar, 9 November 2026

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Testing from February 2027, T+1 go-live on 11 October 2027

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Useful links

Relevant documentation

The Gating Event at a glance

A daily synchronised settlement point in time under T+1

EVERY BUSINESS DAY

11:00

Gating event in real-time settlement

Flagged transactions are released together and attempted in the existing settlement algorithms.

1 Why a Gating Event?

- Under T+1, much repo activity is expected to move to same-day (T+0) settlement
- A synchronised settlement point to maximise netting effects and make intraday liquidity more predictable

2 How to flag an instruction

- Specific code GATE in settlement instruction
- Flagged if at least one matched settlement instruction carries GATE
- Flag cannot be amended

3 When they settle

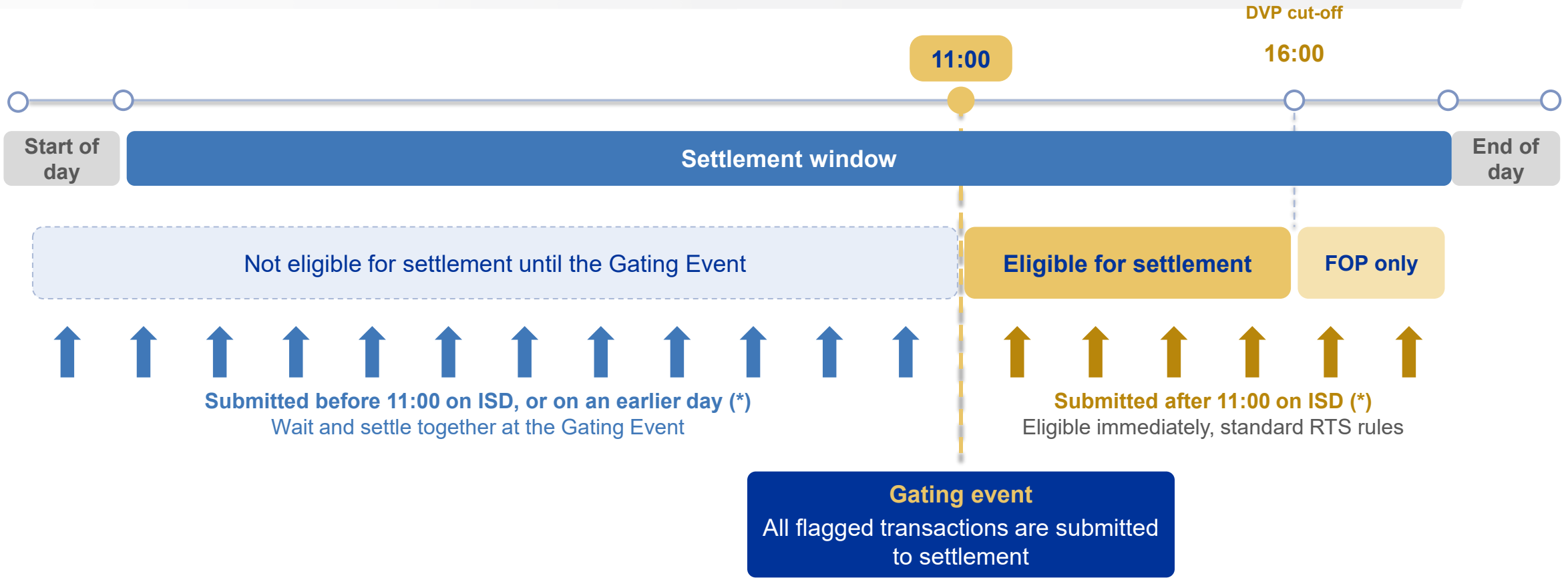
- By 11:00 on Intended Settlement Day (ISD): not eligible until 11:00
- After 11:00 on ISD: eligible immediately
- Not settled at first attempt: standard recycling rules

4 Points of attention

- Mainly for T+0 repos and related fixed-income cash trades, see also market practice under useful links
- Settlement instructions linked to a flagged one are also ineligible until the gating event
- A party hold must also be released

Revised T+1 settlement day

The daily 11:00 Gating Event



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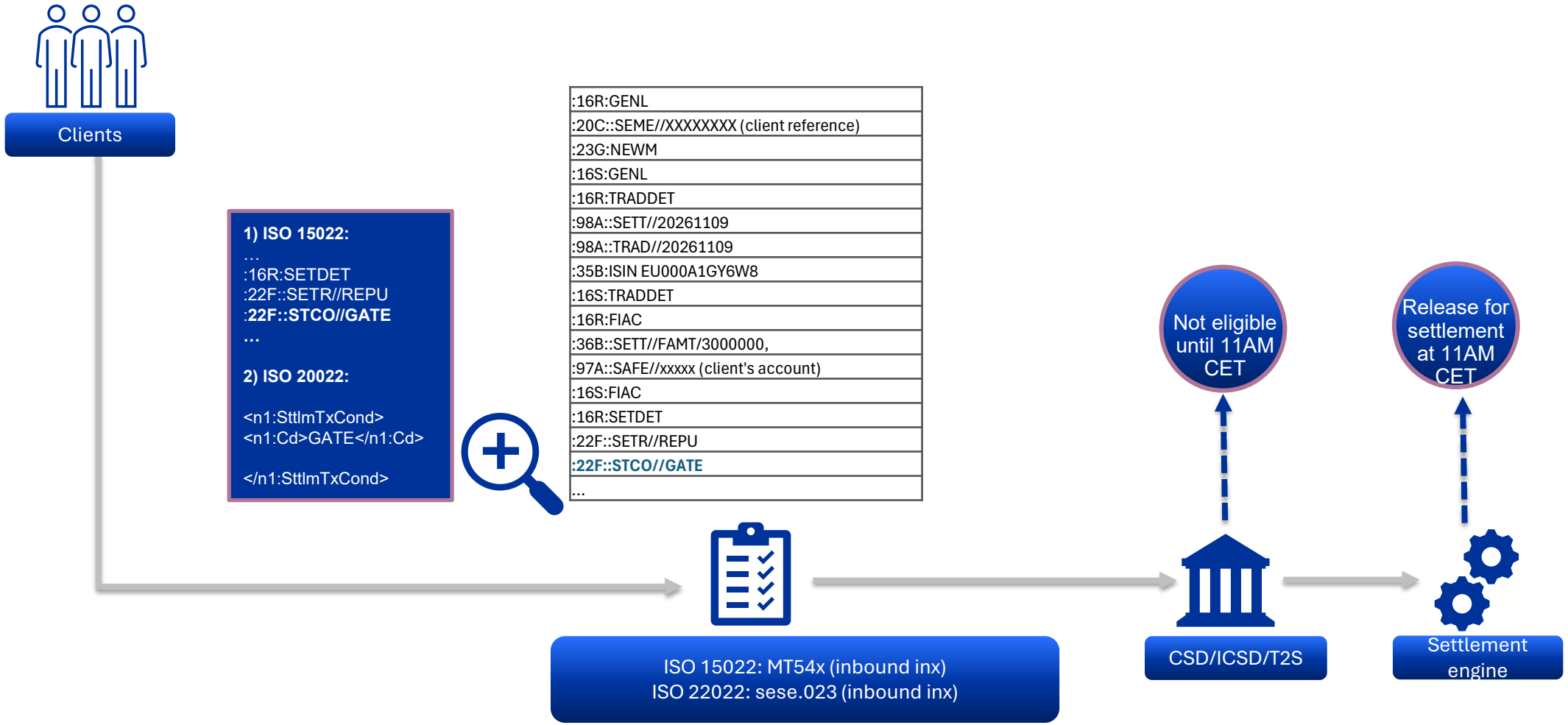
Note: the revised T2S and Euroclear Bank settlement day under T+1 is detailed in Annex.

How to instruct for the Gating Event ?



How will instructions subject to Gating Event be reported in ISO15022?



CSD/ICSD/T2S

Before the SWIFT release 2027 (Nov27)

After the SWIFT release 2027 (Nov27)

MT578 allegements	MT548 status update	MT548 status update
:16R:GENL	:16R:GENL	:16R:GENL
:20C::SEME//message reference	:20C::SEME//6663504784204	:20C::SEME//6663504784204
:23G:NEWM	:23G:INST	:23G:INST
:16S:GENL	:98C::PREP//20260627050432	:98C::PREP//20260627050432
:16R:TRADDET	:16R:LINK	:16R:LINK
:98A::SETT//20261109	:13A::LINK//540	:13A::LINK//540
:98A::TRAD//20261109	:20C::RELA//message reference from the client	:20C::RELA//message reference from the client
:35B:ISIN EU000A1GY6W8	:16S:LINK	:16S:LINK
:16S:TRADDET	:16R:STAT	:16R:STAT
:16R:FIAC	:25D::SETT//PEND	:25D::SETT//PEND
:36B::SETT//FAMT/3000000,	:16R:REAS	:16R:REAS
:97A::SAFE//xxxxx (account against which the allegement is made)	:24B::PEND//NARR	:24B::PEND//**GATE or GATB or GATC (structured field!)**
:16S:FIAC	**:70D::GATE or GATB or GATC (or any narrative)**	...
:16R:SETDET	...	**:22F::STCO//GATE**
:22F::SETR//REPU	**:22F::STCO//GATE**	
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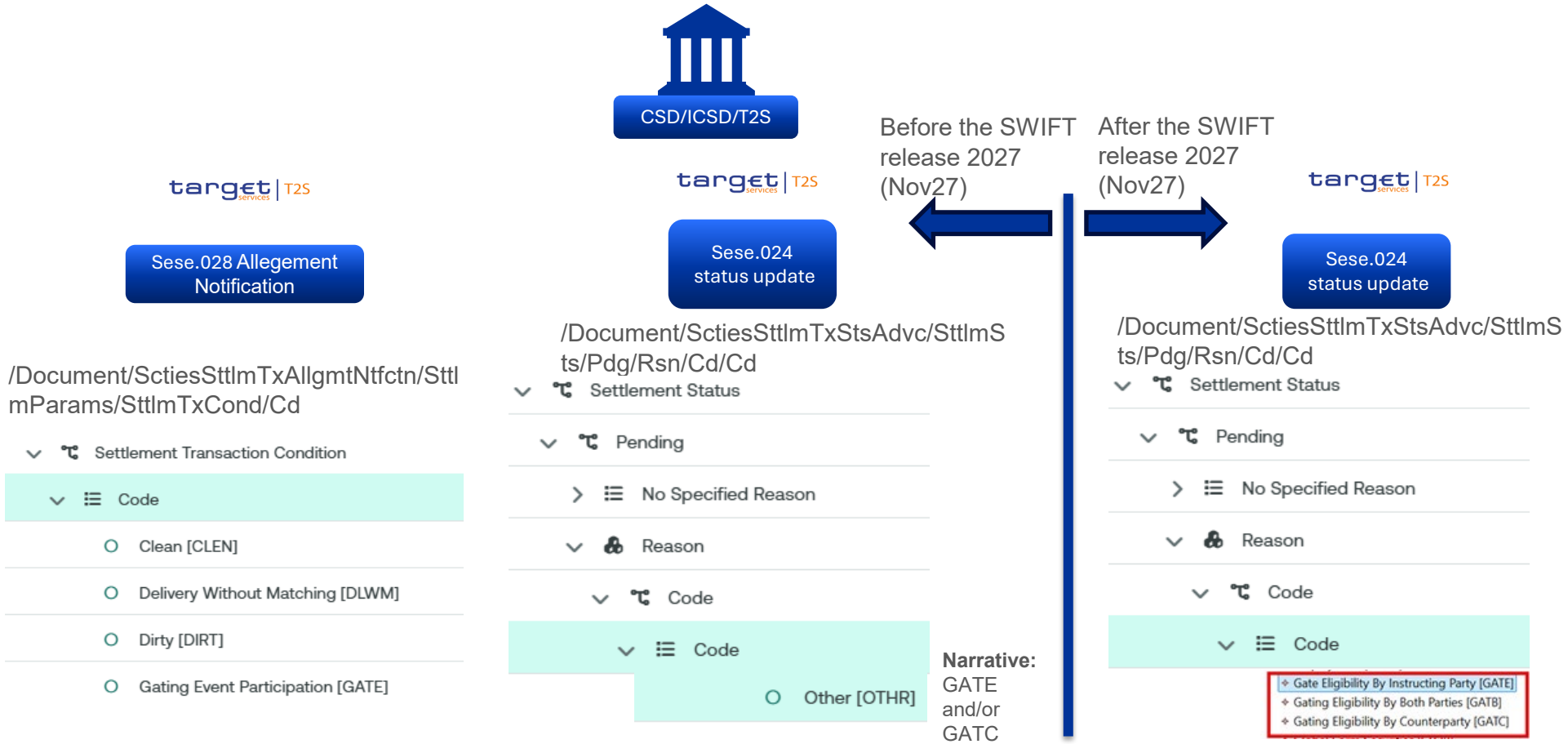
GATE = Indicates that the instruction is pending due to Gating Event eligibility initiated by the instructing party
GATC: Indicates that the instruction is pending due to Gating Event eligibility initiated by the counterparty
GATB: Indicates that the instruction is pending due to Gating Event eligibility initiated by both parties

How will instructions subject to Gating Event be reported in ISO20022?



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Key information to be highlighted

- ✓ **Gating event indicator:** As of the SWIFT June Release, clients can include the Gating Event indicator in settlement instructions using STCO//GATE in ISO 15022 or GATE in the SttlmTxCond field in ISO 20022, subject to implementation by the relevant service provider and market infrastructure.

- ✓ **Status reporting:** Reporting based on dedicated ISO reason codes will only be available with the SWIFT November 2027 Release. Until then, the reporting will be based on the use of narrative fields, while allegement messages should also indicate the Gating Event through the relevant settlement transaction code.

- ✓ **Modification:** The Gating Event indicator cannot be modified. The change request to modify the Gating Event indicator via transaction modification messages, such as MT530 / sese.030, was not included in the SWIFT 2027 Release and may be considered later based on business need.

- ✓ **GATE/GATC/GATB reporting:** The ICSDs will report the counterparty Gating Event information from matching, while T2S will report it when the Intended Settlement Date (ISD) has been reached (same point in time for T+0 or T+x instructions matched on ISD).

SFT gating implementation is phased across three settlement platforms

T2S, Euroclear Bank and Clearstream phase1 launch in June 2027, followed by full Euroclear Bank and Clearstream coverage in August

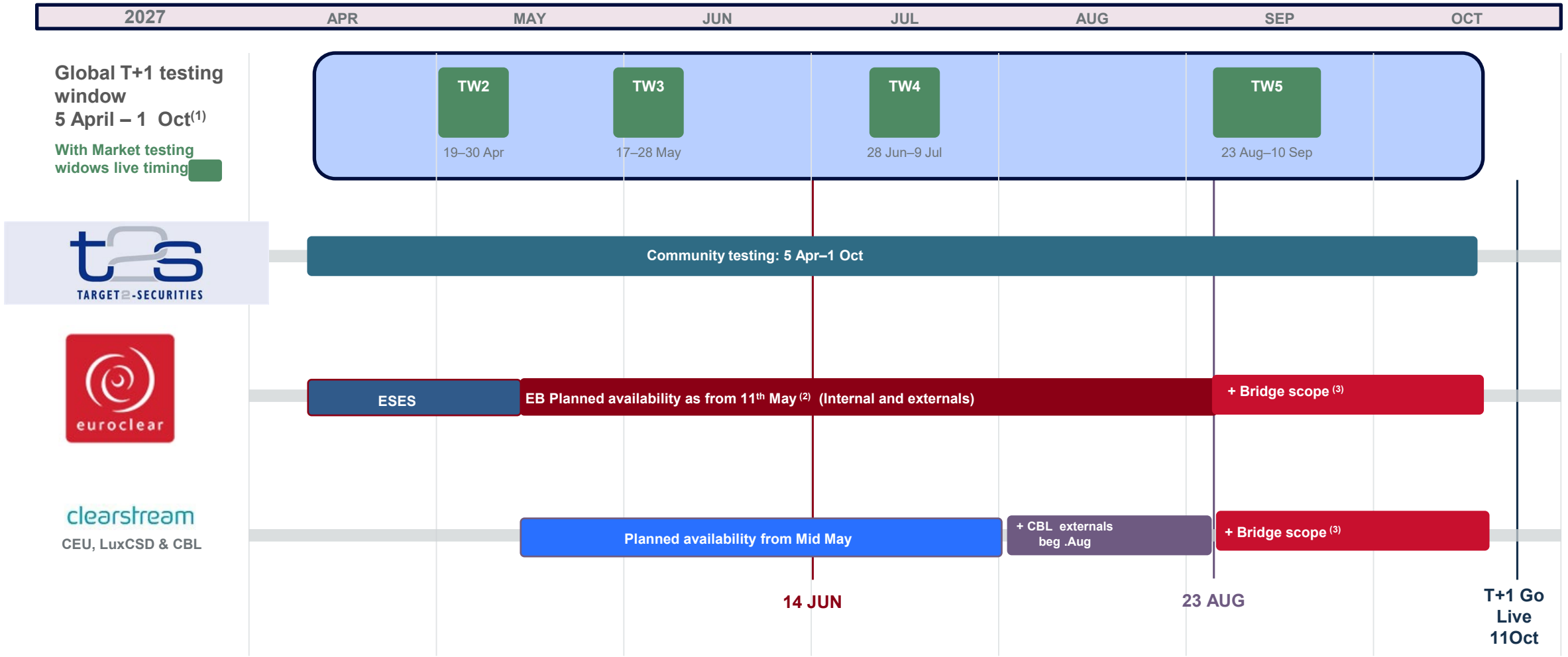


Two-step market rollout: T2S-aligned deployment in June, followed by complete ICSD bridge coverage on 21 August.

Dates reflect current planning and remain subject to final platform confirmation.

Testing is sequenced by platform and aligned to coordinated market testing windows

Four EU/UK/CH coordinated windows support progressive testing



(1) Joint EU-UK-CH testing plan for T+1
(2) Euroclear Bank availability from 11th May is pending final release confirmation.
(3) Bridge client testing is not available.

Useful links T2S and Gating Event best practice

Where to find the relevant documentation

CHANGE REQUESTS

T2S adaptations for T+1

T2S-0858-URD

Adjustment of the night-time settlement for accommodating the shortening of the settlement cycle to T+1

T2S-0865-URD

Dedicated T2S Gating Event to optimise settlement resources in the context of the move to T+1

To be implemented with R2027.JUN on 12 June 2027

T2S-0875-SYS

Enhance the reporting of GATE eligibility using specific reason codes

To be implemented with R2027.NOV on 20 Nov. 2027

DOCUMENTATION

T2S scope-defining documents

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Publication timeline for R2027.JUN

1–19 Feb 2027 Market review of draft documents

16 Mar 2027 Publication of final documents

UDFS, UHB and other scope-defining documents

INDUSTRY GUIDANCE

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Gating Event FAQs and best practice guide

Published 16 June 2026. Explains intended use, mainly for T+0 repos and related fixed-income cash trades, and how the Gating Event should not be used.

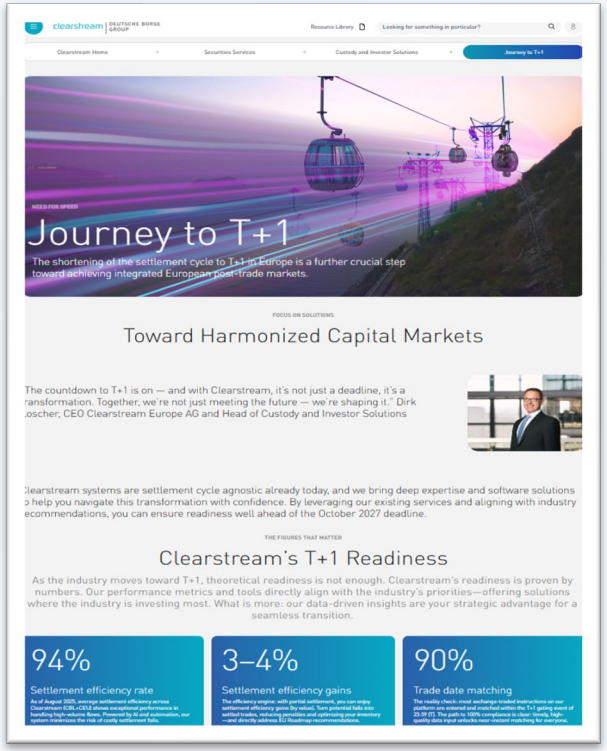
Recommended reading before testing starts

Useful links Clearstream

Mastering Your T+1 Transition with Clearstream

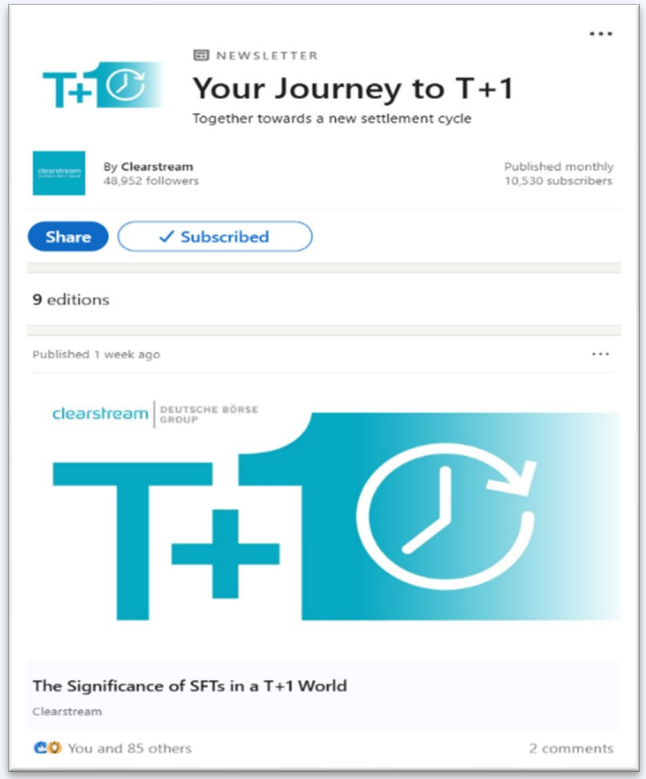
Dedicated T+1 web page

Including FAQs and contact info:
T+1@clearstream.com



Newsletters and Webinars

Deep dives into the topics shaping T+1



Implementation guide

A guide to successful T+1 implementation



Useful links Euroclear

Where to find Euroclear T+1 information, guidance and support

PUBLIC WEBSITE

T+1 in Europe

- Latest Euroclear updates on the transition to T+1
- Recordings of Euroclear quarterly webinar

T+1 in Europe - The road ahead for the EU – Euroclear

Follow for market updates

CLIENT RESOURCES

MyEuroclear client pages

- Practical T+1 recommendations and an overview of planned Euroclear enhancements

Euroclear Bank: readiness information and upcoming service enhancements

ESES: dedicated preparation guidance for CSD clients

Access the client guidance

GUIDANCE & SUPPORT

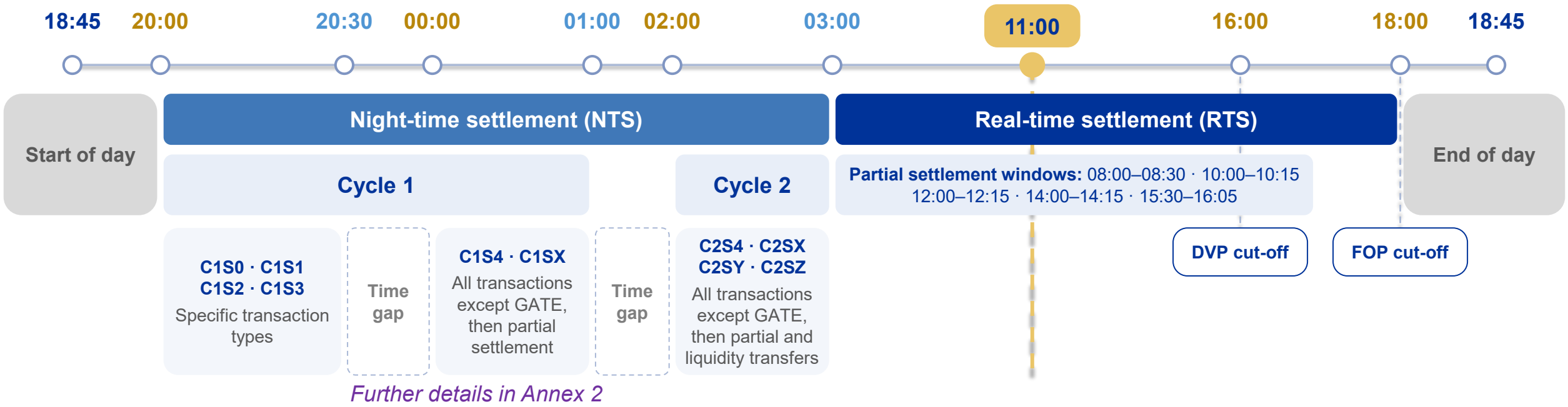
Contact and testing

- Question and follow-up: tplus1@euroclear.com
- **Testing Guide** to be published by End November

Contact the T+1 team

Annex 1 - Revised T2S settlement day under T+1

Extended night-time settlement and the new 11:00 Gating Event



Further details in Annex 2

Gating event

Settlement of transactions flagged for the Gating Event (*)

Reading the timeline

- Updated time-based trigger vs current T2S schedule
- Time depends on the duration of T2S processes

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Annex 2: T2S night-time settlement sequences

What runs in night-time settlement cycles 1 and 2

Cycle 1 · 20:00

C1S0	Initial settlement sequence (liquidity transfers, settlement instructions, cash and settlement restrictions)
C1S1	Corporate actions
C1S2	Free-of-payment (FOP) rebalancing
C1S3	Central bank operations
C1S4	New start-time condition at 00:00: settlement of all eligible transactions after the scheduled time gap
C1SX	Additional partial settlement sequence for eligible instructions that remain unsettled

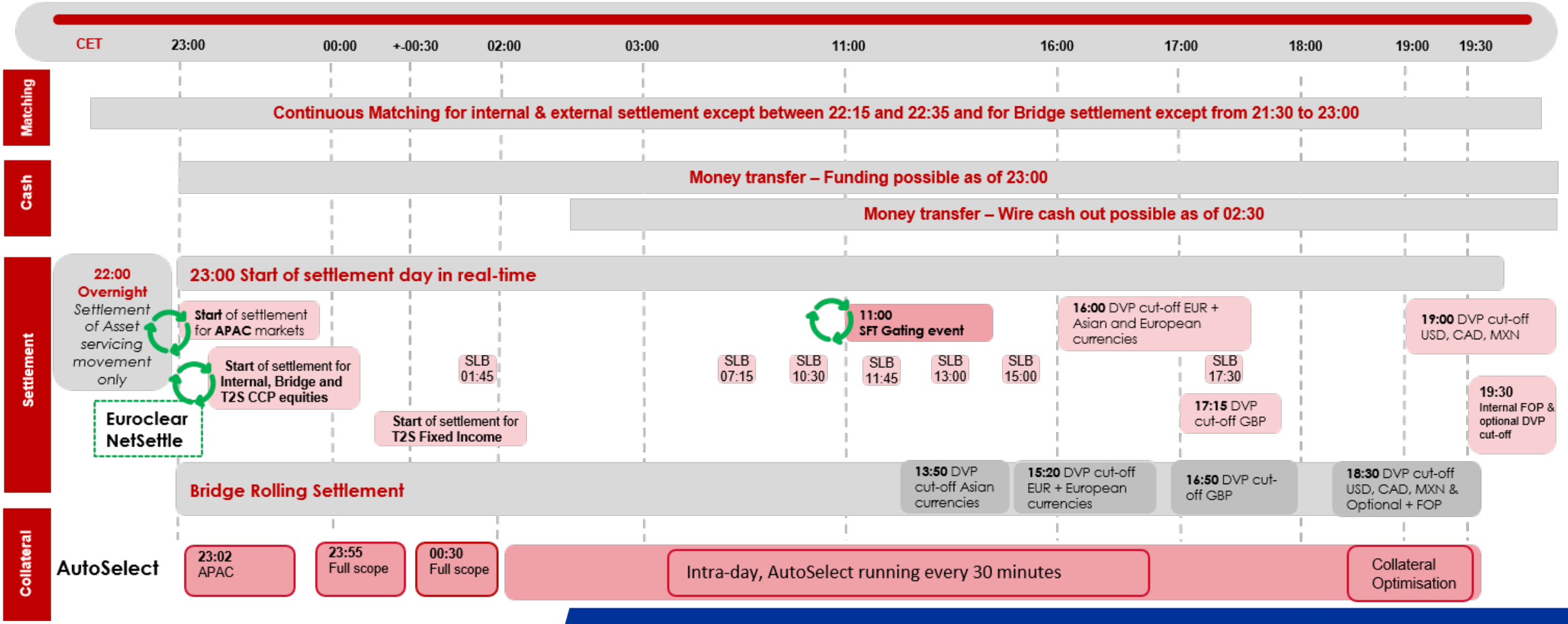
Cycle 2 · from 02:00

C2S4	New start-time condition at 02:00: settlement of all eligible transactions after the scheduled time gap if applicable
C2SX	Additional partial settlement
C2SY	Multi-provider liquidity transfers
C2SZ	Liquidity transfers

- New start-time condition for T+1 (T2S-0858-URD)

Annex 3: Euroclear Bank – A new streamlined operational day

Enhanced interoperability with local markets and across Euroclear Bank services



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SFT Gating Event – ongoing work

Messaging

- **GATE indicator:** SWIFT fast-track process to deliver new structured field in Nov 2026 release - deferred to June 2027
- **Additional Change Requests under consideration for future releases**

IMPLEMENTATION (CSDs & market participants)

Awareness raising

- Given time constraints and impacts, ensuring broad awareness and understanding will be critical
- **Additional Gating Event resources: webinar, further guidance and central webpage with available material and links**

Monitoring of impacts

- Close monitoring of GATE use and any unintended impacts post-T+1 go-live - as a basis for assessing whether any adjustments are needed
- **Define relevant data points, KPIs, process and responsibilities by end of 2026**

INDUSTRY TESTING

Potential future adjustments

- Final specifications have been agreed and are being implemented, but post-Oct '27 adjustments will be considered, if deemed necessary
- **Further assess options for managing GATE use and respective costs/benefits and complexities early on – enable quicker implementation, as and when needed**

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