

Press release

One year to go for T+1 settlement: the regulatory framework is complete, now let's make it happen

The European Union (EU) will switch to T+1 settlement on 11 October 2027. Ahead of the transition, the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the EU's financial markets regulator and supervisor, calls on market participants to finalise technical preparations, assess readiness across their entire ecosystems and begin testing as soon as possible throughout the trading and settlement chain.

With the publication of the [RTS](#) and of [ESMA Guidelines on standardised procedures and messaging protocols](#), the regulatory framework is now ready. The first deadline is for investment firms and their clients to comply with the new requirements on allocations and confirmations from 7 December 2026.

Verena Ross, ESMA's chair, said:

"The transition to T+1 is one of the most impactful recent market structure initiatives. It will fundamentally improve the efficiency and international competitiveness of the EU markets. The date is known, the roadmap is clear, and, with the final piece of regulatory guidance published today, the framework is now in place for all players in the trading and settlement chain to prepare for 11 October 2027.

A successful transition is a shared effort by the industry and the public authorities. The focus now shifts to market participants to comply with the regulatory requirements, ready their systems and processes, and test their preparedness for the change, considering the recommendations of the EU T+1 Industry Committee".

Delivering the final piece of regulatory work

ESMA's revised guidelines on standardised procedures and messaging protocols clarify how market participants should meet the new requirements on allocations and confirmations introduced by the amended RTS on Settlement Discipline, in particular, as of 7 December 2026, the mandatory use of:

- electronic, standardised communication channels and international messaging standards; and
- machine-readable communication methods, except in cases of temporary technical disruptions.

Notes for editors

1. [ESMA74-2119945926-3749 Revised CSDR Guidelines on Standardised procedures and messaging protocols for allocations and confirmations](#)
 2. [Amendments to the RTS on Settlement Discipline](#)
 3. [ESMA calls on firms to finalise preparations ahead of T+1 settlement deadlines](#)
 4. [ESMA74-2119945926-3773 Statement on T+1 preparations: key deadlines and action points](#)
 5. [ESMA T+1 webpage](#)
 6. [EU T+1 Industry Committee website](#)
 7. ESMA is the European Union's EU's financial markets regulator and supervisor. Its mission is to enhance investor protection and promote stable and orderly financial markets.
 8. It achieves this objective through three strategic priorities:
 - fostering effective markets and financial stability,
 - strengthening supervision of EU financial markets,
 - enhancing protection of retail investors,
- and two thematic drivers:
- enabling sustainable finance; and
 - facilitating technological innovation and effective use of data.
9. ESMA achieves its mission within the European System of Financial Supervision (ESFS) through active cooperation with the European Banking Authority (EBA), the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA), the European Systemic Risk Board, and with national authorities with competencies in securities markets (NCAs).

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