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| Reply form for the Technical Standards under the CSD Regulation |
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Responding to this paper

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) invites responses to the specific questions listed in the ESMA Consultation Paper - Technical Standards under the CSD Regulation, published on the ESMA website.

***Instructions***

Please note that, in order to facilitate the analysis of the large number of responses expected, you are requested to use this file to send your response to ESMA so as to allow us to process it properly. Therefore, please follow the instructions described below:

1. use this form and send your responses in **Word format**;
2. do not remove the tags of type <ESMA\_QUESTION\_TS\_CSDR\_1> - i.e. the response to one question has to be framed by the 2 tags corresponding to the question; and
3. if you do not have a response to a question, do not delete it and leave the text “TYPE YOUR TEXT HERE” between the tags.

Responses are most helpful:

1. if they respond to the question stated;
2. contain a clear rationale, including on any related costs and benefits; and
3. describe any alternatives that ESMA should consider

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Responses must reach us by **19 February 2015**.

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# General information about respondent

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| Are you representing an association? | No |
| Activity: | Trading Venue |
| Country/Region | UK |

##### Do you think the proposed timeframes for allocations and confirmations under Article 2 of the RTS on Settlement Discipline are adequate?

##### If not, what would be feasible timeframes in your opinion?

##### Please provide details and arguments in case you envisage any technical difficulties in complying with the proposed timeframes.

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##### Do you agree with the cases when matching would not be necessary, as specified under Article 3(2) of the draft RTS?

##### Should other cases be included? Please provide details and evidence for any proposed case.

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##### What are your views on the proposed approach under Article 3(11) of the draft RTS included in Chapter II of Annex I?

##### Do you think that the 0.5% settlement fails threshold (i.e. 99.5% settlement efficiency rate) is adequate? If not, what would be an adequate threshold? Please provide details and arguments.

##### Do you think that the 2,5 billion EUR/year in terms of the value of settlement fails for a securities settlement system operated by a CSD is adequate? If not, what would be an adequate threshold? Please provide details and arguments.

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##### What are your views on the proposed draft RTS included in Chapter II of Annex I?

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#####  What are your views on the proposed draft RTS on the monitoring of settlement fails as included in Section 1 of Chapter III of Annex I?

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BATS Chi-X Europe agrees with the required information a CSD will need to monitor for failed transactions and to communicate this information to a CCP or trading venue.

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##### What are your views on the proposed draft RTS related to the penalty mechanism? Do you agree that when CSDs use a common settlement infrastructure, the procedures for cash penalties should be jointly managed?

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##### What are your views on the proposed draft RTS related to the buy-in process?

##### In particular, what are your views on applying partial settlement at the end of the extension period? Do you consider that the partialling of the settlement instruction would impact the rights and obligations of the participants?

#####  What do you think about the proposed approach for limiting multiple buy-in and the timing for the participant to provide the information to the CSD?

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##### What are your views on the proposed draft RTS related to the buy-in timeframe and extension period?

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BATS Chi-X Europe agrees that the liquidity of the traded instrument (as defined by MiFID) should be a determining factor in the buy-in timeframe, however, BATS would also refer to our answer in Q2 with regards to the fining regime being restricted or capped for SME stocks. BATS Chi-X Europe also agrees that securities such as ETFs and DRs, being more complex in nature, should be considered within the 7 day extension period.

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##### What are your views on the proposed draft RTS related to the type of operations and their timeframe that render buy-in ineffective?

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##### What are your views on the proposed draft RTS related to the calculation of the cash compensation?

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##### What are your views on the proposed draft RTS related to the conditions for a participant to consistently and systematically fail?

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BATS Chi-X Europe broadly agrees with the RTS and with the view that there should be no automation of suspension procedures relating to failing participants. We would also note that within the RTS there should be flexibility within the threshold of each securities settlement system in order to reflect the various trading and settlement liquidities of securities. In our view having the 10% threshold applied across all asset classes and liquidity sub-sectors could be too broad a measure. ESMA should consider some flexibility around this metric.

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##### What are your views on the proposed draft RTS related to the settlement information for CCPs and trading venues?

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BATS Chi-X Europe agrees with the RTS that where the CSD has not received the trade information from a CCP or trading venue the Participant should identify the trading venue on which the trade was agreed within their settlement instruction. The trading venue identifier should be a standardised code format such as a SWIFT MIC (Market Identifier Code).

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##### What are your views on the proposed draft RTS related to anti-avoidance rules for cash penalties and buy-in?

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BATS Chi-X Europe agrees with the draft RTS.

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##### Do you agree that 18 months would be an appropriate timeframe for the implementation of the settlement discipline regime under CSDR? If not, what would be an appropriate timeframe in your opinion? Please provide concrete data and evidence justifying a phase-in for the settlement discipline measures and supporting your proposals.

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BATS Chi-X Europe appreciates the 18 months proposal as a minimum timeframe for the implementation of the settlement discipline regime; however we feel this may not go far enough. ESMA should consider how this impacts the T2S implementation, as technical changes will be required within T2S to support the flow of information. All adopters of T2S agreed that no changes would be introduced during the testing and migration phases due to the size of the project and its implications on Europe’s settlement infrastructure. BATS Chi-X Europe would therefore suggest the implementation is delayed by 24 months to allow the last wave of T2S to be introduced and established.

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##### What are your views on the proposed draft RTS on CSD authorisation (Chapter II of Annex II) and draft ITS on CSD authorisation (Chapter I of Annex VI)?

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##### What are your views on the proposed draft RTS on CSD review and evaluation (Chapter III of Annex II) and draft ITS (Chapter II of Annex VI)?

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##### What are your views on the proposed draft ITS on cooperation arrangements as included in Chapter III of Annex VI?

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##### What are your views on the proposed draft RTS on CSD recognition (Chapter IV of Annex II)?

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##### What are your views on the proposed approach regarding the determination of the most relevant currencies?

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##### What are your views on the proposed draft RTS on banking type of ancillary services (Chapter VI of Annex II) and draft ITS on banking type of ancillary services (Chapter IV of Annex VI)?

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##### What are your views on the proposed draft RTS on CSD participations (Chapter II of Annex III)?

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##### What are your views on the proposed draft RTS on CSD risk monitoring tools (Chapter III of Annex III)?

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##### What are your views on the proposed draft RTS on CSD record keeping (Chapter IV of Annex III) and draft ITS on CSD record keeping (Annex VII)?

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##### What are your views on the types of records to be retained by CSDs in relation to ancillary services as included in the Annex to the draft RTS on CSD Requirements (Annex III)? Please provide examples regarding the formats of the records to be retained by CSDs in relation to ancillary services.

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##### What are your views on the proposed draft RTS on reconciliation measures included in Chapter V of Annex III?

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##### Do you believe that the proposed reconciliation measures where other entities are involved in the reconciliation process for a certain securities issue within the meaning of Article 37(2) of CSDR are adequate? Please explain if you think that any of the proposed measures would not be applicable in the case of a specific entity. Please provide examples of any additional measures that would be relevant in the case of specific entities.

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##### What are your views on the proposed reconciliation measures for corporate actions under Article 15 of the draft RTS included in Chapter V of Annex III?

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##### What are your views on the proposed draft RTS on CSD operational risks included in Chapter VI of Annex III?

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##### What are your views on the proposed draft RTS on CSD investment policy (Chapter VII of Annex III)?

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##### What are your views on the proposed draft RTS on access (Chapters I-III of Annex IV) and draft ITS on access (Annex VIII)?

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##### What are your views on the proposed draft RTS on CSD links as included in Chapter IV of Annex IV?

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##### What are your views on the proposed draft RTS on internalised settlement (Annex V) and draft ITS on internalised settlement (Annex IX)?

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