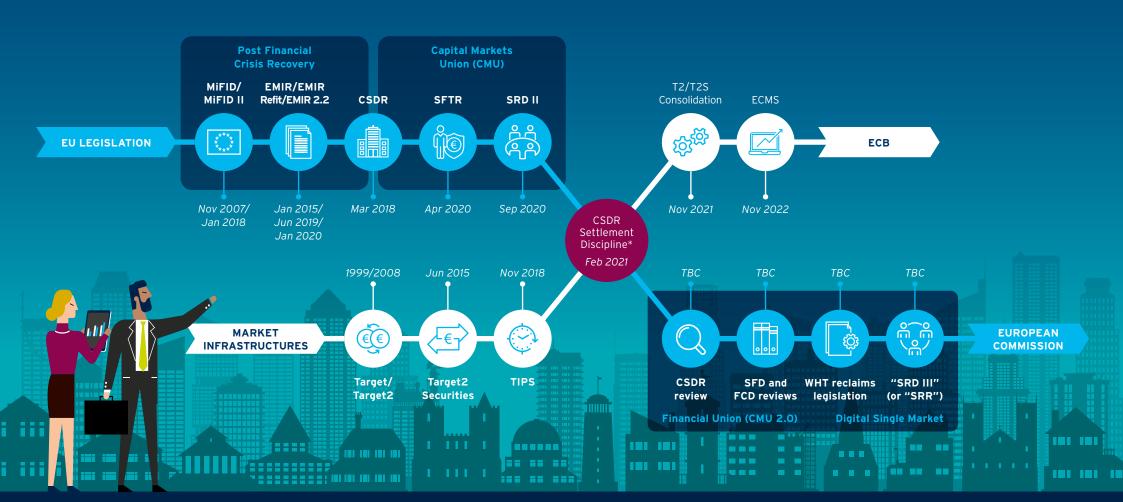


INTERSECTING TIMELINES FOR KEY POST-TRADE INITIATIVES

European Commission and ECB are the two most relevant 'authorities' for the post trade securities services in Europe. The European Commission provides for legislative interventions, regulating how the financial markets and the post trade services operate; The ECB provides and operates a few systemically significant market infrastructures that are used by market actors for cash payments, securities transfers and all related activities and flows.

Both institutions share the same strategic goals, working towards a single European market for financial services, with free and efficient flow of 'value' (cash and securities) within the EU.



Dates shown are implementation dates

^{*}EU legislation (Commission as lead), with significant impact on the T2S infrastructure (ECB as lead)

KEY AND DEFINITIONS

MiFID II: Market in Financial Instruments Directive – Provides harmonised regulation for investment services across the member states of the European Economic Area.

EMIR: European Market Infrastructure Regulation – Rules on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories.

CSDR: Central Securities Depository Regulation – Improving securities settlement system safety and opening the market for central securities depositories (CSD) services.

SFTR: Securities Financing Transactions Regulation – Securities financing transactions (SFTs) allow investors and firms to use assets, such as the shares or bonds they own, to secure funding for their activities.

SRD II: Shareholder Rights Directive II – Helping shareholders exercise voting rights.

CMU: Capital Markets Union – Creating a single market for capital in the European Union.

SFD: Settlement Finality Directive – Guaranteeing the finality of transfer order settlements, even if the sending participant becomes insolvent.

FCD: Financial Collateral Directive – Harmonized legal framework for receipt and enforcement of financial collateral.

WHT Reclaims: Operational procedures for the application of With-Holding Taxes and of Double Tax Treaty benefits.

Target2: RTGS system to process and settle cash transfers in Euro.

T2S: Single platform for securities settlements across Europe, with harmonised rules and practices, using central bank money.

TIPS: Enables payment service providers to offer real-time fund transfers around the clock (24x7x365).

T2/T2S Consolidation: Technical integration of the two platforms, to achieve functional synergies, cost savings and operating efficiency.

ECMS: Unified system for managing assets used as collateral in Eurosystem credit operations. A 'catalyst' for fostering harmonisation of related securities processing activities.

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