

ECSDA response to the Commission targeted consultation on the review of Regulation on the Markets in CryptoAssets (MiCA)

30 September 2026



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Introduction

Background for this consultation

[Regulation 2023/1114 of 31 May 2023 on Markets in Crypto-Assets \(MiCA\)](#), which sets a dedicated and harmonised framework at Union level to provide specific rules for crypto-assets and related services and activities started to apply in part from 30 June 2024 and in full from 30 December 2024.

Crypto-assets and distributed ledger technology (DLT) offer opportunities for faster cross-border payments, new fundraising methods, and innovative decentralised services, but also entail risks. MiCA was introduced to provide legal certainty through a harmonised EU framework, defining key crypto-asset categories and setting requirements for issuers and service providers, while fostering responsible innovation and mitigating risks related to investor protection, market integrity, and financial stability. As these markets are growing in importance, and traditional financial services providers are also moving into the crypto- and tokenised assets space, a question arises whether the regulatory framework currently governing them remains fit for purpose. The national competent authorities (NCAs), the [European Supervisory Authorities \(ESAs\)](#) and the industry have been sharing feedback on their first implementation experiences. While it may be difficult at this stage to draw conclusions on how MiCA is performing in practice, there have been many policy and regulatory developments globally since MiCA was adopted, and more importantly the crypto-asset markets themselves have significantly developed and continue to evolve since MiCA was designed and adopted. Given these developments, the Commission services consider it necessary to compare and contrast, via this public consultation, the EU framework for crypto-assets with the more recent frameworks of other jurisdictions and with market developments. The results should help assess whether MiCA remains fit for purpose in this evolving policy and market context.

Notwithstanding the objective to promote innovation and digitalisation in European financial systems, financial regulation should remain technology neutral. This is crucial to guarantee the freedom of choice for market participants without inciting them towards using any specific technology and to ensure financial regulation remains adapted to technological advancements without major amendments.

Article 142 MiCA requests the Commission to present a report to the European Parliament and the Council on the latest developments with respect to crypto-assets, in particular, on matters that were left outside the scope of MiCA. The Commission services consider that the review of the Payment Services Directive has largely addressed and clarified some issues emerging from the interplay between the payment services legislation and MiCA following the [advice of the EBA](#).

With this consultation, the Commission services therefore:

- seek to respond to the request in Article 142 of MiCA^[1] and seek to collect the views of the stakeholders on all the market developments not originally covered by MiCA and whether policy or regulatory action would be warranted (see part 5)
- seek feedback to inform the review of MiCA referred to in Article 140 of MiCA^[2], consulting also the [European Banking Authority \(EBA\)](#) and the [European Securities and Markets Authority \(ESMA\)](#) to that effect
- seek to consult on matters that have emerged from the implementation of MiCA to date
- take stock of whether MiCA is fit for the future in the rapidly evolving landscape of digital and tokenised asset markets in a global and internationally competitive context, seizing both the opportunities tokenisation and DLT bring and addressing risks they may generate

In line with its simplification agenda to support EU competitiveness, the Commission services also wish to use this consultation to gather information and assess whether administrative or other burdens emanating from MiCA and its implementation measures can be simplified, reduced or dispensed with.

Beyond questions related to crypto-assets covered by MiCA, this consultation puts forward several questions affecting broader financial acquis. Interested parties that wish to bring other relevant issues, not raised in this consultation, to the Commission's attention, should feel free to communicate them through the open question at the end of this questionnaire. The Commission services welcome specificity and brevity in the replies. The different parts of the consultation cover the following areas:

- **PART 1 - Scope and definitions (title II crypto-assets):** this section includes questions on the current conditions for offering or seeking admission to trading of crypto-assets other than asset referenced tokens (ARTs) or e-money tokens (EMTs)
- **PART 2 - requirements applying to asset referenced tokens (ARTs) and e-money tokens (EMTs) and their issuers (titles III and IV):** this section includes questions on the current conditions for offering or seeking admission to trading of ARTs and EMTs,, their prudential regime, the multi-issuance model of global tokens and considering also the interaction with third country regulatory frameworks, the reserve requirements of ARTs and EMTs, the redemption rights of their holders and crisis management measures
- **PART 3 - the appropriateness of the current legal framework for crypto-asset service providers (CASPs) (titles V and VI):** this section covers questions on the adequacy of the current scope of crypto-asset services regulated under MiCA. Since the supervisory arrangements for CASPs are covered under the current [market integration and supervision package \(MISP\)](#), supervision of CASPs is outside the scope of this consultation
- **PART 4 - topics beyond the initial scope of MiCA:** this final part of the consultation consists of questions relating to decentralised finance, crypto-assets staking, lending and borrowing activities, and non-fungible tokens (NFTs). It also seeks views on whether MiCA should aim to increase legal certainty of crypto-assets and other on-chain assets, particularly in relation to natively issued assets

¹ Regulation (EU) 2023/1114, Article 142(1): 'By 30 December 2024 and after consulting EBA and ESMA, the Commission shall present a report to the European Parliament and the Council on the latest developments with respect to crypto-assets, in particular on matters that are not addressed in this Regulation, accompanied, where appropriate, by a legislative proposal'.

² Regulation (EU) 2023/1114, Article 140(1): 'By 30 June 2027, having consulted EBA and ESMA, the Commission shall present a report to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of this Regulation accompanied, where appropriate, by a legislative proposal. An interim report shall be presented by 30 June 2025, accompanied, where appropriate, by a legislative proposal'.

Responding to this consultation

In this targeted consultation, the Commission is interested in the views of a wide range of stakeholders. Responses to this consultation are expected to be most useful where they present a clear and detailed narrative, demonstrated by data (where possible), concrete examples, legal references and qualitative evidence. Specific suggestions for solutions to address issues raised are welcome.

All interested stakeholders are invited to reply by 30 September 2026 via the online questionnaires below.

To the extent that not all questions will be relevant to all stakeholders, respondents are invited to reply only to those questions that are relevant to them.

Please note: In order to ensure a fair and transparent consultation process **only responses received through our online questionnaire will be taken into account** and included in the report summarising the responses. Should you have a problem completing this questionnaire or if you require particular assistance, please contact fisma-mica-review@ec.europa.eu.

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| ☐ Democratic Republic of the Congo | ☐ Lesotho | ☐ Saint Kitts and Nevis | ☐ Zimbabwe |
| ☐ Denmark | ☐ Liberia | ☐ Saint Lucia | |

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- ☐ Banking
- ☐ Credit rating agencies
- ☐ Insurance
- ☐ Pension provision
- ☐ Investment management (e.g. hedge funds, private equity funds, venture capital funds, money market funds, securities)
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- ☐ Social entrepreneurship
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Not applicable

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PART 1: Scope and definitions, Title II crypto-assets

MiCA covers three types of crypto-assets: asset-referenced tokens (ARTs), electronic money tokens (EMTs) and crypto-assets other than ARTs or EMTs. The provisions related to the last category are set out in Title II of MiCA. This part of the consultation seeks feedback on the regulation of this category of crypto-assets.

Crypto-assets that fall under other sectoral legislation such as deposits, financial instruments including derivatives, or other regulated products, are outside the scope of MiCA. Therefore, some crypto-assets are regulated under MiCA, while tokenised financial instruments are not.

The distinction between crypto-assets regulated under MiCA and those governed by other sectoral legislation can sometimes be complex, particularly given that the definitions of certain assets, such as securities, are established in national law. Evolving market practices further highlight the convergence between the two areas, as traditional financial institutions increasingly offer MiCA-regulated crypto-assets and services, while MiCA-authorised entities expand into traditional financial products, subject to obtaining the necessary authorisations to do so.

1.1 MiCA scope & crypto-asset classification

Question 1. Should crypto-assets that qualify as financial instruments as defined in [Directive 2014/65/EU](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council, continue to be governed by sectorial legislation ([MiFID/MiFIR/MAR/Prospectus Regulation](#), etc.), or should all assets that are recorded and transacted on distributed ledgers and that meet the definition of a crypto-asset, or the services provided on such assets, in principle be covered by MiCA?

- ☒ Yes, they should remain under the main sectoral legislation
- ☐ No, all crypto-assets, or the services provided on such assets, should be covered by MiCA
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Question 1.1 Is the distinction between financial instruments governed by MiFID and crypto-assets governed by MiCA sufficiently clear, also taking into account ESMA's guidelines on the conditions and criteria for the qualification of crypto-assets as financial instruments?

- ☐ Yes, sufficiently clear
- ☒ No, clarification is needed
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Question 1.2 Please explain your answer to question 1.1 and suggest any policy actions for clarification if needed:

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ECSDA considers that crypto-assets which qualify as financial instruments under MiFID II should continue to be governed by the existing sectoral financial services framework, rather than being brought within the scope of

MiCA solely because they are issued, recorded or transacted using distributed ledger technology. In particular, tokenised financial instruments should remain subject to the relevant sectoral legislation, including MiFID/MiFIR, CSDR, MAR and the Prospectus Regulation, as applicable. The use of DLT does not, in itself, change the nature of the underlying financial instrument or justify replacing the established regulatory framework applicable to it.

ECSDA also considers that the ESMA Guideline on the classification of crypto-assets is helpful in providing greater clarity and supporting a consistent application of the boundary between financial instruments and crypto-assets falling within MiCA.

Going forward, the Guidelines could be further strengthened by: (i) reinforcing the principle “substance over technology” that the use of DLT or smart-contract functionality should not, in itself, affect the regulatory classification of an instrument; (ii) providing greater clarity on the boundary between MiCA and sector-specific legislation, including in relation to services provided on tokenised financial instruments; (iii) further promoting supervisory convergence and consistent classification across Member States; and (iv) providing additional practical examples for borderline and hybrid cases, in particular where tokenised financial instruments incorporate specific DLT functionalities.

More generally, ECSDA believes that the regulatory framework should avoid duplicative MiCA-style requirements for financial instruments already subject to comprehensive sectoral regulation. Additional requirements should only be introduced where there is a clearly identified incremental risk arising from the use of DLT or from the specific characteristics of the activity concerned and should be targeted and proportionate to that risk.

Accordingly, ECSDA supports maintaining the current principle whereby the legal and regulatory classification of the asset determines the applicable regulatory framework, rather than the technology used to issue, record or transfer it. This approach would preserve regulatory coherence while allowing targeted adjustments where genuine regulatory gaps or additional risks are identified.

Question 2. To what extent have ESMA’s MiCA Article 2(5) guidelines and the joint ESA standardised classification test reduced uncertainty in practice? Which borderline cases remain difficult?

Please explain your response and suggest any policy actions for clarification if needed.

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As anticipated in the previous question, ECSDA considers that the ESMA Guidelines and the standardised classification test have been helpful in reducing uncertainty in practice, in particular by providing a common analytical framework for distinguishing crypto-assets falling within MiCA from financial instruments subject to sectoral legislation. The Guidelines are also valuable in promoting a more consistent approach across competent authorities.

However, residual uncertainty remains in practice in relation to borderline cases, particularly where financial instruments are issued or recorded using DLT and incorporate additional technological functionalities. In these cases, the interaction between the legal and economic characteristics of the instrument and its technological features may still give rise to different interpretations.

In particular, further clarity would be useful for:

- tokenised financial instruments incorporating smart-contract functionality, where the technological

features may be perceived as affecting the classification despite the underlying instrument retaining the characteristics of a financial instrument;

- hybrid or programmable instruments, where additional functionalities are embedded in the token or its transfer mechanism;
- instruments using DLT across different stages of their lifecycle, including issuance, trading, settlement and custody, where the use of DLT should not, in itself, alter the classification of the underlying instrument;
- services provided in relation to tokenised financial instruments, where there may be uncertainty as to the interaction between MiCA and existing sectoral regimes such as MiFID II and CSDR.

ECSDA would therefore encourage the ESMA to further develop the Guidelines through additional practical examples and case studies, particularly for tokenised securities and instruments with programmable or smart-contract features. A common repository of anonymised classification examples or supervisory Q&As could also contribute to greater convergence and predictability.

More generally, ECSDA considers that the Guidelines should continue to reinforce the principle that classification should be driven by the legal and economic characteristics of the asset rather than by the technology used to issue, record or transfer it. Where an asset qualifies as a financial instrument, the applicable sectoral framework should remain the primary regulatory framework, and additional MiCA-style requirements should only be considered where a specific incremental risk or regulatory gap has been identified.

This would help preserve the benefits of the standardised classification test while avoiding regulatory duplication and ensuring a proportionate and technology-neutral approach to tokenised financial instruments.

1.2 Transparency rules and ex post supervisory control regime

Question 3. Title II establishes disclosure, marketing, conduct and liability rules for public offers and admission to trading of crypto-assets other than ART and EMT.

How appropriate or effective is the design of Title II in balancing investor protection, market integrity and innovation?

a) Please assess each provision below along their adequacy:

	1 (completely inadequate)	2 (mostly inadequate)	3 (neutral)	4 (moderately adequate)	5 (fully adequate)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Exemptions for offers to <150 persons per Member State, small offerings (<€1m over 12 months), and qualified investors (Article 4 (2))	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
White paper disclosure framework (Article 6): issuer information, crypto-asset characteristics, tokenomics, risks, use of proceeds	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Marketing requirements: identifiable, fair, clear, not misleading and consistent with the white paper (Article 7)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ex ante notification model without prior regulatory approval (Article 8)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Obligation to modify/update the white paper for significant new factors, material mistakes or inaccuracies (Article 12)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Retail investor right of withdrawal (14 days), excluding assets already admitted to trading or after subscription period ends (Article 13)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Conduct obligations: honesty, fairness and professionalism, clear communications, conflicts management, and effective systems and security arrangements (Article 14)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Civil liability for inaccurate, misleading or incomplete white paper information (Article 15)						
Overall balance between investor protection, market integrity and innovation under Title II						

Please explain your ratings in question 3 a), focusing on the issues you deem most significant regarding the overall balance between investor protection, market integrity and innovation:

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b) Please assess each provision below along the direction of change you consider appropriate:

	1 (should be significantly weakened)	2 (should be somewhat weakened)	3 (should remain unchanged)	4 (should be somewhat strengthened)	5 (should be significantly strengthened)	Don't know - No opinion - - (should be significantly strengthened) Not applicable
Exemptions for offers to <150 persons per Member State, small offerings (<€1m over 12 months), and qualified investors (Article 4 (2))	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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Conduct obligations: honesty, fairness and professionalism, clear communications, conflicts management, and effective systems and security arrangements (Article 14)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Civil liability for inaccurate, misleading or incomplete white paper information (Article 15)						
Overall balance between investor protection, market integrity and innovation under Title II						

Please explain your ratings in question 3 b), focusing on the issues you deem most significant regarding the overall balance between investor protection, market integrity and innovation:

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Question 4. Based on initial implementation experience under MiCA, please assess the extent to which the following issues remain a concern:

	1 (not serious concern at all)	2 (rather not serious concern)	3 (neutral)	4 (rather serious concern)	5 (extremely serious concern)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Inadequate or non-comparable disclosure clarity or complexity to retail investors in Title II white papers	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fraudulent or misleading crypto-asset offerings affecting EU investors	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Lack of clear and enforceable investor rights for crypto-asset holders	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Insufficient issuer governance or accountability in crypto-asset projects e.g. monitoring of the use of funds by issuers after the offering period	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Regulatory arbitrage, including activity shifting outside the EU	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Promotions by social media, influencers, sponsorships	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Post-issuance token value erosion or project failure affecting EU retail investors	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Market manipulation practices (e.g. wash trading, price manipulation) in crypto-asset markets	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Misaligned incentives between crypto-asset issuers and investors (e. g. insider allocations, weak lock-ups)						
Difficulty in assessing issuer quality and project credibility for EU investors						
Cross-border enforcement and supervisory coordination challenges within the EU						
Cross-border enforcement and supervisory coordination challenges with third countries authorities outside of the EU						

Please explain your ratings in question 4, focusing on the issues you deem most significant and add any additional issues that you deem highly important:

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Question 5. Should additional measures either at the issuance stage or during the marketing and distribution of crypto-assets, be considered?

Based on your experience or expertise, please evaluate the potential effectiveness of the following additional measures in relation to Title II crypto-assets.

	1 (not at all effective)	2 (slightly effective)	3 (moderately effective)	4 (rather effective)	5 (highly effective)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Marketing restrictions for high-risk or speculative crypto-assets aimed at retail investors e.g. restricting or banning the use of algorithmic or "gamified" marketing tactics for new token launches	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Lock-up periods (e.g. 12 months) or vesting schedules for founder and early investor tokens	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please explain your ratings in question 5, and what (other) regulatory or supervisory actions you would consider useful either at the issuance stage and during marketing or distribution:

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Question 6. What administrative simplification or burden reduction measures should be considered under title II and its implementing measures and technical standards?

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Question 7. Which specific categories remain most difficult to classify in practice? (e.g. hybrid tokens, wrapped assets, tokenised fund interests, tokenised money-market instruments, governance tokens, synthetic exposures, or assets marketed as NFTs but issued in series)?

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From an ECSDA perspective, the most relevant classification challenges concern tokenised financial instruments and hybrid instruments incorporating additional DLT functionalities, rather than crypto-assets which are clearly outside the scope of the traditional financial markets regulatory framework.

In particular, the following categories may still raise questions in practice:

- Tokenised fund interests and other tokenised financial instruments, particularly where the underlying instrument clearly qualifies as a financial instrument but additional technological features are introduced through the tokenisation process;
- Hybrid or programmable instruments, where smart-contract functionality or other embedded features may make the instrument appear to have characteristics going beyond those of the underlying financial instrument;
- Tokenised money-market instruments, where the distinction between a financial instrument and other types of tokenised assets may require particular attention;

- Synthetic exposures and wrapped assets, where the classification may depend on the legal and economic rights actually conferred on the holder, rather than on the technical structure of the token.
- ECSDA considers that, in these cases, the legal and economic substance of the rights attached to the instrument should remain the primary consideration, while technological features should be assessed insofar as they affect those rights or create a genuine additional risk.
- Further practical examples in the ESMA Guidelines would therefore be useful, particularly for tokenised securities, fund interests and programmable financial instruments. Such examples should also clarify that the mere use of DLT, smart contracts, wrapping mechanisms or other technological arrangements should not, in itself, result in the application of MiCA where the underlying asset qualifies as a financial instrument.
- More generally, ECSDA would favour a technology-neutral and risk-based approach, with additional regulatory requirements introduced only where the specific characteristics of the structure give rise to an identifiable incremental risk or regulatory gap.

Question 8. Are the current Title II mechanisms sufficient to ensure meaningful updates to investors after issuance, including where project governance, tokenomics, vesting schedules or control rights change materially?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Please explain your answer to question 8:

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ECSDA considers that the current Title II mechanisms provide a useful framework for keeping investors informed after issuance. However, further clarification could improve the consistency, timeliness and operational usability of information concerning material changes.

In particular, the framework would benefit from a clearer definition of what constitutes a material change, including changes to project governance, tokenomics, vesting schedules, control rights or other features that may materially affect investors' rights or the value or functioning of the crypto-asset.

ECSDA would also support the introduction of a standardised change log or notification format, allowing material changes to be identified and communicated in a consistent and machine-readable manner.

This would be particularly useful for downstream infrastructures and intermediaries relying on issuer information for their operational, record-keeping, settlement, custody or compliance processes. Such infrastructures should be able to rely on a standardised notification without being expected to independently assess the materiality or regulatory implications of the underlying change.

The framework should therefore establish clear responsibilities for the issuer or relevant crypto-asset service provider to identify, document and communicate material changes in a timely and standardised manner, while ensuring that downstream infrastructures receive sufficiently reliable information to update their systems and processes.

PART 2. Requirements applying to Assets referenced tokens (ART) and electronic money tokens (EMT) and their issuers (MiCA Titles III and IV)

MiCA establishes a bespoke regulatory regime for so-called “stablecoins” by distinguishing between asset-referenced tokens (ARTs) and e-money tokens (EMTs).

This section seeks stakeholders’ feedback on stablecoins (EMTs and ARTs) in general, notably on the future role they may play both within the EU and beyond. It also asks more specific questions related to their prudential regime, their reserve requirements, the redemption rights of their holders and whether MiCA’s stablecoin regime remains fit for purpose or requires adjustment in view of market and international regulatory developments.

2.1 The future role of stablecoins

Question 9. Looking 5-10 years ahead, how strongly do you agree with the following visions for the role of stablecoins in the EU?

	1 (strongly disagree)	2 (rather disagree)	3 (neutral)	4 (rather agree)	5 (strongly agree)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
A mainstream digital means of payment for retail transactions within the EU	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
A mainstream digital means of payment for wholesale transactions within the EU	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
A complement to existing payment instruments, used mainly in specific use cases especially in international, cross-border payments	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
A core infrastructure layer for the digital economy and tokenised financial markets especially for settlement	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
A niche or transitional product, eventually displaced by other forms of digital money (e.g. CBDCs or commercial bank money innovations)	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
No clear long-term role can be identified at this stage	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Others	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please explain your answers to question 9:

5000 character(s) maximum

including spaces and line breaks, i.e. stricter than the MS Word characters counting method.

ECSDA considers that stablecoins, and in particular EMTs, may play a complementary role alongside existing and emerging forms of digital settlement assets. Their potential role in wholesale financial markets should therefore be considered as part of a broader ecosystem in which different forms of digital cash may coexist, including central bank money and other regulated forms of commercial bank money.

At the same time, significance criteria should adequately capture risks arising from wholesale use cases. Criteria primarily based on the number of holders, transactions or other retail-oriented metrics may not fully capture the systemic relevance of an EMT used for high-value wholesale settlement, where transaction volumes may be relatively low but individual transactions can be very large and concentrated among financial market participants.

ECSDA therefore suggests considering specific wholesale indicators within the significance framework, including the value and concentration of transactions, the role of the EMT in financial market infrastructure and settlement activity, and the extent to which market participants rely on the instrument for high-value transactions. For wholesale settlement use cases, redemption arrangements are particularly important. An EMT intended to support FMI or wholesale settlement should provide rapid, predictable and operationally reliable redemption, enabling participants to convert the token into the relevant fiat currency without introducing material uncertainty into the settlement process.

ECSDA would therefore support consideration of FMI-grade EMTs, subject to requirements ensuring redemption arrangements and operational resilience commensurate with their role in wholesale settlement. Such requirements could be aligned, where appropriate, with principles equivalent to those applicable to financial market infrastructures, including in relation to the certainty, availability and operational reliability of redemption.

This approach would allow EMTs to develop as a complementary settlement solution, while ensuring that the regulatory framework adequately reflects the different risk profiles of retail and wholesale use cases.

Question 10. The following question explores the current and potential benefits of stablecoins (both EMTs and ARTs) for different use cases. For each use case below, please indicate how beneficial stablecoins would be for EU users:

	1 (not beneficial)	2 (moderately beneficial)	3 (neutral)	4 (beneficial)	5 (very beneficial)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
International payments (non-EU cross-border remittances or transfers)	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Intra-EU payments (domestic and EU cross-border payments)	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Crypto trading and liquidity provision	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Retail payments - Person to Person	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Retail payments – Person to Business (POI payment to merchants including e-commerce)	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Retail payments - Business to Business	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Wholesale payments (between financial institutions)	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Settlement of tokenised financial instruments (e.g., digital bonds, securities)	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐

Corporate treasury management	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Access to programmable or smart contract-based financial services (DeFi applications)	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Provision of financial services in underserved regions in the EU	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Others	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please explain shortly your assessment and expectations in question 10 as regards the benefits of stablecoins for EU users and, where relevant, any potential risks:

5000 character(s) maximum

including spaces and line breaks, i.e. stricter than the MS Word characters counting method.

Stablecoins have the potential to bring significant benefits to EU users by providing an efficient, programmable and potentially more interoperable form of digital cash. In particular, regulated stablecoins could support faster and more automated payments and settlement, facilitate delivery-versus-payment in tokenised markets, and contribute to greater efficiency in cross-border transactions.

For EU capital markets, their potential role as a form of digital settlement asset is particularly relevant as tokenisation develops. Stablecoins could provide an important bridge between tokenised securities and digital cash, supporting new settlement models and greater interoperability between market infrastructures.

The main risks relate to the stability and redeemability of the instrument, operational resilience, liquidity and governance. These risks should be addressed through an appropriate regulatory framework, while preserving sufficient scope for innovation and interoperability. In this context, ECSDA sees regulated stablecoins as potentially an important component of the evolving digital financial market infrastructure in the EU.

2.2 Prudential regime and capital requirements

MiCA sets out different capital requirements for issuers of EMTs and ARTs, with additional requirements applying where tokens are classified as “significant”. Article 35 and 46 require that non-bank issuers of ARTs and EMTs shall, at all times, have own funds equal to an amount of at least the highest of the following:

- a. EUR 350 000
- b. 2% of the average amount of the reserve of assets referred to in Article 36
- c. a quarter of the fixed overheads of the preceding year

Question 11.1 To what extent do you think the calculation methods are relevant?

	1 (not at all relevant)	2 (slightly relevant)	3 (moderately relevant)	4 (mostly relevant)	5 (highly relevant)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Minimum own funds of EUR 350,000	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2% of the average reserve of assets	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
25% of the fixed overheads of the preceding year	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Additional own funds for "significant" tokens	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Question 11.2 To what extent do you think the calculation methods are appropriately calibrated?

	1 (not at all appropriately calibrated)	2 (slightly appropriately calibrated)	3 (moderately appropriately calibrated)	4 (mostly appropriately calibrated)	5 (highly appropriately calibrated)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Minimum own funds of EUR 350,000	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2% of the average reserve of assets	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
25% of the fixed overheads of the preceding year	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Additional own funds for “significant” tokens	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please explain your answers to question 11.1 and 11.2, including your reasoning and any suggestions for recalibration or alternative approaches (e.g. greater risk sensitivity, differentiation by business model, or interaction with reserve and liquidity requirements):

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Question 12. After being in effect for close to two years, no ARTs have been licensed in the EU under MiCA. In your view, does this absence primarily reflect low market interest in ARTs or other reasons?

Please rate each factor below:

	1 (not at all a factor)	2 (rather not a factor)	3 (neutral/ uncertain)	4 (rather a factor)	5 (a major factor)	Do not know
Market interests for ARTs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Licencing and regulatory requirements for ARTs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	

Please explain your answers to question 12:

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including spaces and line breaks, i.e. stricter than the MS Word characters counting method.

Question 13. If ARTs were to come to market, what do you think is the primary purpose from a consumer/investor perspective: investment or alternative means of exchange/payment? Please explain your answer:

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including spaces and line breaks, i.e. stricter than the MS Word characters counting method.

2.3 Liquidity and reserve requirements

Question 14. MiCA requires Issuers of ARTs to establish, maintain, and prudently manage a reserve of assets and appropriate liquidity arrangements to ensure orderly redemptions and mitigate financial stability, liquidity, and operational risks. Additional and enhanced requirements apply to ARTs classified as “significant” under Article 45.

How do you think, if at all, each of the following elements of the MiCA liquidity and reserve regime for ARTs should be adjusted?

Please rate each aspect on a scale from 1 to 5, where

- **“1” indicates that requirements should be significantly relaxed (e.g. lower liquidity buffers or remove specific obligations)**
- **“3” indicates that the current framework is appropriate and should remain unchanged**
- **“5” indicates that requirements should be made substantially more stringent (e.g. higher reserves, tighter risk controls, or enhanced safeguards)**

a) Please rate each aspect below as regard to non-significant ARTs:

	1 (should be significantly relaxed)	2 (should be somehow relaxed)	3 (current framework appropriate)	4 (should be made somehow more stringent)	5 (should be made substantially more stringent)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Obligation to constitute and maintain a reserve of assets covering redemption and liquidity risks (Article 36(1))	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Liquidity composition and maturity structure of the reserve (Article 36(4), RTS)	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Minimum amount of deposits held (30% and 60%) (Article 36(4), RTS)	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Auditing requirements (Article 36(9))	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Custody requirements (Article 37)	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐

b) Please rate each aspect below as regard to requirements for significant ARTs:

	1 (should be significantly relaxed)	2 (should be somehow relaxed)	3 (current framework appropriate)	4 (should be made somehow more stringent)	5 (should be made substantially more stringent)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Obligation to constitute and maintain a reserve of assets covering redemption and liquidity risks (Article 36(1))	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Liquidity composition and maturity structure of the reserve (Article 36(4), RTS)	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Minimum amount of deposits held (30% and 60%) (Article 36(4), RTS)	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Auditing requirements (Article 36(9))	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Custody requirements (Article 37)	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Enhanced liquidity management, stress testing, monitoring, and reporting obligations for significant ARTs (Article 45(3)-(4))	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐

Please explain your answers to question 14 a) and b), including your reasoning and any suggestions for recalibration or alternative approaches (e.g. greater risk sensitivity, differentiation by business model, or interaction with reserve and liquidity requirements):

5000 character(s) maximum

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Question 15. MiCA sets out liquidity and reserve requirements for issuers of EMTs to ensure immediate redemption of tokens, mitigation of credit and operational risk, and resilience under stress scenarios. Additional requirements apply to EMTs classified as “significant” (Article 56).

Should any of the following aspects of the MiCA regime for EMTs issued by e-money institutions be adjusted?

Please rate each aspect on a scale from 1 to 5, where

- **“1” indicates that requirements should be significantly relaxed (e.g. lower liquidity buffers or remove specific obligations)**
- **“3” indicates that the current framework is appropriate and should remain unchanged**
- **“5” indicates that requirements should be made substantially more stringent (e.g. higher reserves, tighter risk controls, or enhanced safeguards)**

a) Please rate each aspect below as regard to requirements for non-significant ARTs:

	1 (should be significantly relaxed)	2 (should be somehow relaxed)	3 (current framework appropriate)	4 (should be made somehow more stringent)	5 (should be made substantially more stringent)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Obligation to constitute and maintain a reserve of assets covering redemption and liquidity risks (Article 36(1))	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Legal and operational segregation of reserve assets from the issuer's own estate and from other token reserves (Article 36(2)–(3))	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Liquidity composition and maturity structure of the reserve (Article 36(4), RTS)	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Minimum amount of deposits held (30% and 60%) (Article 36(4), RTS)	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Auditing requirements (Article 36(9))	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Custody requirements (Article 37)	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Excessive exposure / concentration between bank and token (Article 36(4) MiCA) Do you consider the 1.5% binding limit adequate? (RTS)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

b) Please rate each aspect below as regard to requirements for significant ARTs:

	1 (should be significantly relaxed)	2 (should be somehow relaxed)	3 (current framework appropriate)	4 (should be made somehow more stringent)	5 (should be made substantially more stringent)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Obligation to constitute and maintain a reserve of assets covering redemption and liquidity risks (Article 36(1))	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Legal and operational segregation of reserve assets from the issuer's own estate and from other token reserves (Article 36(2)–(3))	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Liquidity composition and maturity structure of the reserve (Article 36(4), RTS)	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Minimum amount of deposits held (30% and 60%) (Article 36(4), RTS)	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Auditing requirements (Article 36(9))	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Custody requirements (Article 37)	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Enhanced liquidity management, stress testing, monitoring, and reporting obligations for significant EMTs (Article 45(3)–(4))	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐

Excessive exposure / concentration between bank and token (Article 36(4) MiCA) Do you consider the 1.5% binding limit adequate? (RTS)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
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Please explain your answers to question 15 a) and b), including your reasoning and any suggestions for recalibration or alternative approaches:

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ECSDA considers that the requirements applicable to the composition of reserves should be risk-based and appropriately calibrated to the nature of the assets held, rather than relying on rigid quantitative requirements applicable irrespective of the underlying risk profile.

In particular, a clear distinction should be made between cash deposits and securities held as reserve assets. These assets present different liquidity, credit, concentration and maturity risk profiles and should therefore not necessarily be subject to identical requirements.

For CSDs with a specialised to CSD-related services limited-purpose banking licence, the specific business model and existing prudential framework should also be taken into account the specific prudential requirements addressing, among other things, liquidity, credit, concentration and risk management and go beyond the ones of a regular bank. In this context, the regulatory framework should avoid introducing rigid balance-sheet caps or deposit quotas that may not appropriately reflect the risk profile of the institution.

In particular, where securities are held by a CSD as part of its reserve assets, the safeguards applicable to the custody and segregation of securities may provide a level of protection that is materially different from, and potentially substantially stronger than, that associated with cash deposits. The regulatory treatment should therefore reflect the legal and operational characteristics of the assets and the protections applicable to them.

ECSDA would therefore support moving away from rigid deposit minima or quotas and instead calibrating reserve requirements around the underlying risk characteristics, including:

- liquidity, ensuring that assets can be realised when needed;
- credit quality, including the quality of issuers and counterparties;
- diversification, addressing concentration risks across issuers, counterparties and asset classes; and
- maturity, ensuring an appropriate alignment between the maturity profile of reserve assets and potential redemption needs.

Such a risk-based approach would provide greater flexibility while maintaining appropriate safeguards and would better accommodate the specific characteristics of regulated financial market infrastructures, including CSDs subject to a banking prudential framework.

We also suggest clarifying in art. 37 that all CSDs are eligible to provide custody services for reserve assets consisting of financial instruments. The regulatory framework should recognise the specific role and safeguards of CSDs as regulated securities infrastructures, including their segregation, asset protection and risk-management arrangements. Eligibility to provide such custody should not be limited to banking CSDs or otherwise depend on the CSD holding a banking licence, where the relevant custody activity is already covered by its CSD authorisation and supervisory framework.

Question 16. Under MiCA, credit institutions issuing EMTs are not subject to the reserve asset segregation requirements or the requirement to maintain a reserve of assets applicable to non-bank EMT issuers (Article 58 MiCA). This is consistent with the approach to the regulation of traditional e-money.

Should MiCA be adjusted to introduce a requirement to maintain a reserve of assets and segregation requirements for reserve assets of EMTs issued by credit institutions?

- ☐ Yes – require reserve maintenance and segregation of EMT reserve assets within the credit institution’s balance sheet
- ☐ Yes – require issuance through a legally separate entity of the credit institution with full segregation of EMT reserve assets
- ☐ No – keep the current MiCA approach unchanged
- ☐ Others / alternative approach
- ☐ Don’t know / no opinion / not applicable

Please explain your answer to question 16, including your reasoning and any suggestions for other/alternative approaches:

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2.4 Criteria for determining significance

Under MiCA, ARTs and EMTs may be classified as “significant” based on a set of quantitative and qualitative criteria set out in Article 43 (ARTs) and Article 56 (EMTs), which trigger enhanced prudential, governance, and supervisory requirements. The Commission has adopted a [delegated act](#) to further clarify the criteria for determining significance.

Question 17. Do you think the following quantitative criteria thresholds used to classify EMTs or ARTs as “significant” should be adjusted, and if so how?

Please rate each quantitative criteria thresholds on a scale from 1 to 5, where

- **“1” = Significantly decreased (thresholds should be much lower / classification triggered earlier)**
- **“2” = Somewhat decreased**
- **“3” = Kept as is (current MICA thresholds are broadly appropriate)**
- **“4” = Somewhat increased**
- **“5” = Significantly increased (thresholds should be much higher / classification triggered later)**

a) Please rate how each quantitative criteria thresholds used to classify EMTs should be adjusted:

	1 (significantly decreased)	2 (somewhat decreased)	3 (kept as is)	4 (somewhat increased)	5 (significantly increased)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Number of holders / users exceeding 10 million (Articles 43(1)(a) and 56)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Total outstanding value / market capitalisation exceeding EUR 5 billion (Articles 43(1)(b) and 56)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Transaction volume or value per day (average 2.5 million transactions and EUR 500 million) (Articles 43(1)(c) and 54)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

b) Please rate how each quantitative criteria thresholds used to classify ARTs should be adjusted:

	1 (significantly decreased)	2 (somewhat decreased)	3 (kept as is)	4 (somewhat increased)	5 (significantly increased)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Number of holders / users exceeding 10 million (Articles 43(1)(a) and 56)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Total outstanding value / market capitalisation exceeding EUR 5 billion (Articles 43(1)(b) and 56)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Transaction volume or value per day (average 2.5 million transactions and EUR 500 million) (Articles 43(1)(c) and 54)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please explain your answers to question 17 a) & b), including your reasoning and any suggestions for other/alternative approaches:

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including spaces and line breaks, i.e. stricter than the MS Word characters counting method.

Question 18. Do you think the qualitative criteria used to classify EMTs or ARTs as “significant” under MiCA should be adjusted?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Please explain how you think the qualitative criteria for classifying EMTs or ARTs as “significant” should be adjusted:

5000 character(s) maximum

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See the following question

Question 19. Are there any additional criteria or metrics that should be added to determine “significant” tokens?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Please specify which criteria or metrics and explain why:

5000 character(s) maximum

including spaces and line breaks, i.e. stricter than the MS Word characters counting method.

ECSDA considers that stablecoins, and in particular EMTs, may play a complementary role alongside existing and emerging forms of digital settlement assets. Their potential role in wholesale financial markets should therefore be considered as part of a broader ecosystem in which different forms of digital cash may coexist, including central bank money and other regulated forms of commercial bank money.

At the same time, significance criteria should adequately capture risks arising from wholesale use cases. Criteria primarily based on the number of holders, transactions or other retail-oriented metrics may not fully capture the systemic relevance of an EMT used for high-value wholesale settlement, where transaction volumes may be relatively low but individual transactions can be very large and concentrated among financial market participants.

ECSDA therefore suggests considering specific wholesale indicators within the significance framework, including the value and concentration of transactions, the role of the EMT in financial market infrastructure and settlement activity, and the extent to which market participants rely on the instrument for high-value transactions. For wholesale settlement use cases, redemption arrangements are particularly important. An EMT intended to support FMI or wholesale settlement should provide rapid, predictable and operationally reliable redemption, enabling participants to convert the token into the relevant fiat currency without introducing material uncertainty into the settlement process.

ECSDA would therefore support consideration of FMI-grade EMTs, subject to requirements ensuring redemption arrangements and operational resilience commensurate with their role in wholesale settlement. Such requirements could be aligned, where appropriate, with principles equivalent to those applicable to financial market infrastructures, including in relation to the certainty, availability and operational reliability of redemption.

This approach would allow EMTs to develop as a complementary settlement solution, while ensuring that the regulatory framework adequately reflects the different risk profiles of retail and wholesale use cases.

2.5 Interest payment

MiCA currently prohibits the granting of interest or any interest-equivalent remuneration of stablecoins by either the issuer, offeror or crypto asset service provider. This prohibition applies to ARTs under Article 40 and to EMTs under Article 50 of MiCA.

Question 20. In your view, should the MICA prohibition on granting interest or any interest-equivalent remuneration be modified?

a) for EMTs:

- ☐ No, interest and interest-equivalent remuneration should continue to be prohibited
- ☐ Yes, interest or interest-equivalent remuneration should be allowed under defined conditions
- ☐ Yes, interest or interest-equivalent remuneration should be allowed fully
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

b) for ARTs:



No, interest and interest-equivalent remuneration should continue to be prohibited

- ☐ Yes, interest or interest-equivalent remuneration should be allowed under defined conditions
- ☐ Yes, interest or interest-equivalent remuneration should be allowed fully
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

2.6 Redemption

MiCA establishes distinct redemption regimes for ARTs and EMTs. For ARTs, redemption rights are primarily governed by Article 39, supported by operational and prudential requirements in Articles 36–38 and 47. For EMTs, redemption rights are set out in Article 49, with supporting provisions in Articles 46 and 47.

Question 21. Based on your experience either as a holder of EMTs or as an issuer of EMTs, how have redemption requests been processed and executed in practice by issuers or their agents? What practical problems, if any, have been encountered?

5000 character(s) maximum

including spaces and line breaks, i.e. stricter than the MS Word characters counting method.

Question 22. If you hold EMTs and wish to dispose of them, which of the following options would you most likely choose?

a) In a normal market situation

- ☐ I would likely spend them (e.g. on goods or services)
- ☐ I would likely sell or exchange them with a broker or at a trading venue
- ☐ I would likely turn to the EMT issuer or his agent to exercise my statutory redemption right
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

b) In a stressed market situation

- ☐ I would likely spend them (e.g. on goods or services)

- ☐ I would likely sell or exchange them with a broker or at a trading venue
- ☐ I would likely turn to the EMT issuer or his agent to exercise my statutory redemption right
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Please explain your answer to question 22 a) and b):

5000 character(s) maximum

including spaces and line breaks, i.e. stricter than the MS Word characters counting method.

Question 23. For each of the redemption rights and rules listed below, please indicate whether the existing MiCA rules should be amended or specified or kept as they are.

Please consider, in particular, implications for financial stability, consumer protection, and cross-border usability.

	Weaken	Keep as is	Strengthen	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Permanent right of redemption against the issuer, either at market value (ARTs) or at par (EMTs)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Timing of redemption (timeframe for redemption by the issuer)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Prohibition of redemption fees	☐	☐	☐	☐

Conditions, procedures, and transparency of redemption policies	☐	☐	☐	☐
Supervisory powers to intervene in or trigger redemption plans	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please explain your assessment to question 23, including if a different approach is warranted for significant vs non-significant tokens, or in crisis scenarios and share any suggestions for adjustments you may have:

5000 character(s) maximum

including spaces and line breaks, i.e. stricter than the MS Word characters counting method.

2.7 Stability issues

Stablecoins have the potential to reshape part of the financial service value chain as they can offer faster, cheaper, and more direct global payment and settlement transactions by bypassing certain financial intermediaries. They can also pose risks. This subsection aims to explore the adequacy of the safeguards provided by MiCA, especially regarding redemption and resolution plans.

Question 24. Articles 46 and 47 require issuers of ARTs and EMT to prepare a recovery plan and a redemption plan in case an issuer cannot comply with reserve requirements e.g. due to significant and sudden requests for redemptions.

Please indicate whether the current MiCA requirements are fit for purpose in those regards or should be amended:

a) Current MiCA requirements for ARTs

	Weaken	Keep as is	Strengthen	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Recovery plans	☐	☒	☐	☐

Redemption plans	☐	☒	☐	☐
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b) Current MiCA requirements for EMTs

	Weaken	Keep as is	Strengthen	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Recovery plans	☐	☒	☐	☐
Redemption plans	☐	☒	☐	☐

Please explain your assessment to question 24 a) & b), including if a different approach is warranted for significant vs non-significant tokens, and share any suggestions for adjustments you may have:

5000 character(s) maximum

including spaces and line breaks, i.e. stricter than the MS Word characters counting method.

ECSDA considers that the existing framework should provide an appropriate basis for recovery and redemption planning and that no specific new recovery-planning requirements should be introduced at Level 1 solely in response to the significance of an EMT.

However, the framework should ensure that a change in the significance of an EMT, or another material change in its risk profile or use, triggers a timely review of the relevant recovery and redemption arrangements.

In particular, where an EMT becomes significant, or where its use in wholesale financial markets or settlement activity increases materially, the issuer should reassess whether its existing recovery and redemption arrangements remain adequate in light of the increased scale, liquidity needs, interconnectedness and potential impact of the EMT.

Such a trigger should lead to a proportionate review and, where necessary, update of existing plans, rather than automatically imposing a new or separate Level 1 planning regime. This would avoid unnecessary duplication while ensuring that recovery and redemption arrangements remain commensurate with the actual risk profile and market relevance of the EMT.

ECSDA also considers that any review should pay particular attention to redemption capacity, liquidity availability, operational continuity and the ability to execute redemption in a timely and predictable manner, especially where the EMT is used for wholesale settlement or by financial market infrastructures.

Question 25. EMTs issued by authorised e-money institutions (EMIs) could potentially operate with enhanced monetary and financial safeguards.

Please rate the appropriateness and desirability of the following policy options for EMTs issued by e-money institutions:

	1 (not at all appropriate / desirable)	2 (slightly (moderately appropriate / desirable)	3 (moderately appropriate / desirable)	4 (mostly (moderately appropriate / desirable)	5 (highly (moderately appropriate / desirable)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Allowing EMT issuers to deposit their reserve assets directly into central bank accounts	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Providing clear rules that ensure the continuity of redemption rights (reserves are safeguarded for the benefit of token holders and are ring-fenced in insolvency, giving these holders an exclusive claim against those assets) in case of insolvency of the issuer	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Establishing a dedicated resolution regime for EMIs issuing EMTs	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Allowing emergency liquidity support / lender-of-last-resort (LOLR) facilities for EMIs issuing EMTs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
Others	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please explain your ratings in question 25, including potential benefits, risks, or implementation challenges:

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including spaces and line breaks, i.e. stricter than the MS Word characters counting method.

Question 26. How appropriate is it to require EMT-issuing EMIs to hold 30-60% of their reserve assets in bank deposits?

- ☐ 1 - Not at all appropriate / desirable
- ☐ 2 - Slightly appropriate / desirable
- ☐ 3 - Moderately appropriate / desirable
- ☐ 4 - Mostly appropriate / desirable
- ☐ 5 - Highly appropriate / desirable
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Please explain your ratings in question 26 and add any suggestions for recalibration or alternative approaches:

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2.8 Global stablecoins arrangements and interactions with other regulatory frameworks

Global stablecoins are stablecoins that have a wide existing or potential reach and use across multiple jurisdictions.

Question 27. What are the potential benefits of global stablecoins for different use cases?

For each use case below, please indicate on a scale of 1 to 5 how beneficial global stablecoins would be for EU holders:

	1 (not beneficial)	2 (moderately beneficial)	3 (neutral)	4 (rather beneficial)	5 (very beneficial)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
International payments (cross-border remittances or transfers,)	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Intra-EU payments (domestic and cross-border EU payments)	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Crypto trading and liquidity provision	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Retail payments - Person to Person	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Retail payments - Person to Business (POI payment to merchants including e-commerce)	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Retail payments - Business to Business	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Settlement of tokenised financial instruments (e.g., digital bonds, securities)	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Corporate treasury management	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐

Access to programmable or smart contract-based financial services (DeFi applications)	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Provision of financial services in underserved regions in the world	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Other potential use cases	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please explain your answers to question 27:

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Question 28. How important is it for EU users (both people and businesses) to be able to access global stablecoins via EU-based and licenced issuers and CASPs?

	1 (not important at all)	2 (moderately important)	3 (neutral / no clear preference)	4 (rather important)	5 (highly important)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
EU-based and licenced stablecoins Issuers	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
EU-based and licenced CASPs	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐

Please explain your answers to question 28:

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ECSDA considers access to global stablecoins through EU-based and appropriately licensed issuers and crypto-asset service providers to be important for EU users, particularly where such instruments may support cross-border payments, wholesale transactions and settlement use cases.

Access through EU-regulated entities can provide greater legal certainty, transparency and supervisory oversight, while allowing EU market participants to benefit from potentially broader liquidity, interoperability and network effects associated with global stablecoins.

At the same time, the regulatory framework should ensure that access does not compromise reserve transparency, redemption certainty, segregation of assets or effective supervisory oversight. The ability to access global stablecoins should therefore be accompanied by appropriate safeguards and clear responsibility for the relevant issuer and service provider.

For wholesale financial markets and settlement, particular attention should be given to ensuring that the relevant stablecoin arrangements provide predictable and timely redemption and operational resilience commensurate with their use.

Question 29. Based on your experience and assessment, how significant are the following risks associated with a multi-issuance model^[3] of global stablecoins for the EU financial system?

³Under a multi-issuer model, the global stablecoin issuer operates subject to the requirements of the EU MICA framework for stablecoins offered or held in the EU (EU establishment, EU reserve requirements, redemption obligations, EU supervision) and the requirements of third country jurisdictions, if any, where it also issues or offers stablecoins. Protection of EU holders relies on EU prudential, operational, and consumer protection safeguards set out in MICA.

	1 (irrelevant)	2 (rather not relevant)	3 (neutral)	4 (rather significant)	5 (very significant)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Run risk and reserve depletion in the EU (e.g. cross-border migration of tokens during stress leading to sudden increase of redemption pressure on EU issuers)	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Unbalanced reserve distribution across jurisdictions (e.g. fragmentation of reserves between EU and non-EU entities)	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Cross-border reserve transfer restrictions (e.g. third-country limitations on moving reserves during stress events)	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Regulatory arbitrage due to fungibility of tokens (e.g. operation across regimes exploiting differences in prudential or conduct rules)	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐

Supervisory monitoring and data-tracking challenges (e.g. difficulty measuring EU-holdings, especially holdings in self-custodial wallets)	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Risks resulting from the stablecoin issuer home jurisdictions not having prudential or conduct rules that meet internationally accepted standards or that are significantly lower than those set out in EU law.	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Others	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please explain the reasoning behind your ratings in question 29. Describe the nature and importance of these risks, the underlying assumptions, market dynamics, or regulatory factors informing your view:

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Question 30. MiCA does not currently prohibit multi-issuer models, nor does the EU have jurisdiction to determine how third country entities, that also have licensed entities in the EU, should be regulated in third country jurisdictions.

Given your assessment of the advantages or disadvantages of global stablecoins and multi-issuance models, do you think that MiCA should continue to be open to multi-issuance models?

- ☒ Yes, the multi-issuance model for stablecoins should be permitted under MiCA
- ☐ No, MiCA should disallow the multi-issuance model for stablecoins
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Please explain the reasons for your response to question 30 and describe the potential implications for the EU market and relevant stakeholders:

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ECSDA considers that the treatment of global, third-country and multi-issuer stablecoins should be based on clear identification of the legal entity responsible for the token, the applicable regulatory framework and the reserve and redemption arrangements supporting each issuance.
In particular, tokens issued by different legal entities, even where they share the same brand, economic characteristics or technical infrastructure, should not be presumed to be fully fungible where they are subject to different regulatory regimes, reserve pools or redemption arrangements. The regulatory framework should therefore ensure that the legal and economic basis for redemption is clearly identifiable for each token.
For multi-issuer structures, this requires either:

- clear legal and technical segregation, ensuring that each token can be linked to its issuer, the relevant reserve pool and the applicable redemption regime; or
- an effective framework based on enforceable mutual recognition, supervisory cooperation or outcome-

based equivalence, where the relevant issuers and reserve arrangements are established under different regulatory regimes.

In either case, the framework should ensure effective traceability of reserve assets and clear responsibility for redemption, including where tokens circulate across jurisdictions or are supported by multiple issuing entities. ECSDA considers that supervisory cooperation will be particularly important for third-country and multi-issuer structures. However, reliance on equivalence or mutual recognition should be supported by clear, enforceable arrangements ensuring comparable outcomes in relation to reserve protection, segregation, redemption and access to information.

This approach would provide legal and operational certainty while avoiding the assumption that technical interoperability or a common brand necessarily implies legal fungibility between tokens issued under different regimes.

Question 31. MiCA considers that all EMTs that are pegged to or denominated in an EU currency are offered to the EU and therefore fully subject to MiCA issuer requirements.

a) Does this approach continue to be justified in view of market developments?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

b) Does it discourage the international role of the euro?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Please explain your answer to question 31 a) & b):

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Question 32. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this approach for the EU and the international role of EU currencies?

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2.9 Interaction with the EU's economic security and the international role of the euro

Question 33. To what extent do you believe that euro-denominated stablecoins can contribute to the following objectives?

	1 (not at all)	2 (to a small extent)	3 (to a moderate extent)	4 (to a large extent)	5 (to a very large extent)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Strengthening EU payment autonomy in retail payments	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Strengthening EU payment autonomy in wholesale payments	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Enhancing the international role of the euro	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please explain your answers to question 33:

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2.10 Current safeguards in MiCA

Question 34. MiCA provides safeguards to mitigate the risks of multi-issuance stablecoins.

For each safeguard listed below, please indicate how effective you consider it to be:

	1 (not at all effective)	2 (slightly effective)	3 (moderately effective)	4 (rather effective)	5 (highly effective)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Restriction of widely used ARTs and EMTs denominated in a currency that is not an official currency of a Member State (Articles 23, 58)	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
ECB binding opinion powers on withdrawing authorisation and limit the amounts of ARTs and EMTs (Articles 24(2)(3), 58)	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
EU establishment requirement for ART and EMT issuers (Article 16)	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Reserve location, composition and liquidity requirements for ARTs and EMTs (Articles 36-38, 45, 54)	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
The powers of competent authorities listed in Article 94, especially to suspend or prohibit the trading of crypto-assets	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
National supervisory intervention powers (Article 105)	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
EBA temporary intervention powers (Article 104)	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐

Please explain your answers to question 34:

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Question 35. MiCA requires that the reserves of the EMTs and ARTs issued, offered or held in the EU should be held in the EU.

Can the tokens held in the EU be determined or estimated with sufficient accuracy and frequency?

- ☒ Yes, EU holdings can be determined with sufficient accuracy and frequency
- ☐ Partially, but with some limitations (e.g., delays, estimation challenges)
- ☐ No, current methods are insufficient for reliable compliance
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Please explain your answer to question 35, including any specific remarks with regard to tokens held in unhosted wallets:

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The amount of EMTs and ARTs reserves held by EU-based holders can, in principle, be determined or estimated with a high degree of accuracy and frequency by combining on-chain data with information from regulated intermediaries. The main challenges arise where tokens are held through multiple intermediaries, self-hosted wallets or across jurisdictions, as the location of the ultimate holder may not always be directly observable in real time.

Where tokens are used within regulated financial-market ecosystems, regulated intermediaries and market infrastructures, including CSDs where relevant, could play a useful role as trusted custody and record-keeping points. This could support the availability and reliability of information on EU holdings and facilitate monitoring for regulatory purposes.

ECSDA therefore considers that the necessary information can largely be obtained, while appropriate methodologies and reliance on regulated intermediaries could further improve the accuracy and frequency of EU-holdings estimates.

Question 36. Should MiCA redemption rights be explicitly limited to EU holders only?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Please explain your answer to question 36:

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2.11 Potential additional safeguards

Question 37. In a multi-issuance model, reserve assets may be located across jurisdictions and legal entities. Concerns have been expressed that in times of market stress, the transfer or rebalancing of reserves between issuers may be delayed or restricted.

Is this concern valid or substantiated in your view?

- ☐ Valid-substantiated
- ☐ Not valid-not substantiated
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Please explain your answer to question 37:

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Question 38. How effective would the following possible additional measures be in mitigating such concerns?

	1 (highly ineffective)	2 (rather ineffective)	3 (neutral / uncertain)	4 (somewhat effective)	5 (highly effective)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Introducing requirements that would favour or strengthen the redemption rights of holders of stablecoins that are genuinely circulating in the EU, as opposed to redemption rights associated with stablecoins transferred to the EU in times of stress to take advantage of MiCA protections (including redemption rights)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Restricting direct redemption rights in the EU to holders who are clients of EU-authorised CASPs, while holders that keep the tokens in un-hosted wallets do not have a MiCA guaranteed redemption right in the EU.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Differentiating redemption rights in crisis situations between retail and wholesale/professional holders	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Requiring a dedicated liquidity buffer or additional reserve tranche specifically calibrated to cover short-term redemption spikes in the EU	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Strengthening real-time or high-frequency reserve and liquidity reporting to EU competent authorities, including granular disclosure of reserve location and transfer constraints	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Establishing binding cooperation arrangements between home and host supervisors to ensure rapid approval and execution of cross-border reserve transfers in stress scenarios						
Others						

Please explain your answers to question 38:

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including spaces and line breaks, i.e. stricter than the MS Word characters counting method.

Question 39. If you referred in your response to question 38 to adjusting redemption rights, please provide any comments on the operational feasibility, legal implications, proportionality, or potential intended or unintended consequences of such amendments the redemption rights in MiCA as listed above or in any other way:

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Question 40. Do you see merit in introducing an equivalence regime for global stablecoins in the EU?

- ☐ Yes but only if other mitigation measures are not introduced
- ☒ Yes, in addition to mitigation measures
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Please provide reasons for your response to question 40, including any perceived advantages or disadvantages of equivalence regimes:

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see question 30

Question 41. Equivalence regimes can rely on the third country's regime to various degrees.

How far, in your opinion, should a possible equivalence regime go in terms of relying on third-country regime?

What rights or benefits should EU issuers derive from equivalence of a third country and what rights or benefits in the EU should issuers from an equivalent jurisdiction receive in the EU?

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Question 42. What administrative simplification or burden reduction measures should be considered under titles III and IV and their implementing measures and technical standards?

Do you believe that MiCA level 1 provisions lay down proportionate rules for issuers of EMTs and ARTs?

	1 (strongly disagree)	2 (rather disagree)	3 (neutral)	4 (rather agree)	5 (strongly agree)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Authorisation of ARTs and EMTs issuers	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Prudential requirements	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Governance arrangements	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Obligations in respect of specific crypto-asset services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please explain your answers to question 42:

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Question 43. Do you believe that below specified MiCA level 2 acts lay down proportionate and simple-to-apply rules for ART and EMT issuers, taking into account their different size, scope of activity and risk profile?

	1 (strongly disagree)	2 (rather disagree)	3 (neutral)	4 (rather agree)	5 (strongly agree)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
RTS on complaint handling by issuers of ARTs (Article 31(5))	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
RTS on the minimum content of governance remuneration (Article 45 (7)(a))	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
RTS on the information to be submitted in an application for authorisation to issue ARTs (Article 18(6))	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
COM Delegated Act on ART/EMT significance criteria (Article 43 (11))	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
RTS on own funds for issuers of ARTs and EMTs (Article 35(6))	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please motivate your answers to question 43 and briefly explain what the problems are for your highest-rated issue(s) and suggest how they should be addressed (e.g. legislative clarification, supervisory guidance, industry standards):

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Question 44. Do issuers identify any need to further standardise reporting requirements for issuers/information flow between CASPs and issuers for the purposes of MiCA?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Please explain your answer to question 44:

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PART 3. The appropriateness of the legal framework for crypto-asset service providers (CASPs)

MiCA created a legal framework for crypto-asset service providers. While provisions governing crypto asset service providers have been in operation only since the end of 2024 and a transitional period for service providers that were already on the market is still in place in a number of Member States, a substantial number of crypto asset service providers have now been authorised across a range of Member States and service categories (currently, there are

around 170 CASPs listed in the ESMA register – including both authorised CASPs and other entities that have notified to their national competent authorities their intention to provide crypto-asset services. These authorisations or notifications come from 18 different Member States).

This section accordingly seeks stakeholders' feedback on the adequacy of the current scope of crypto-asset services regulated under MiCA and seeks views on the merits of simplification of the framework, any risks not properly accounted for and on the functioning of certain CASP business models in light of MiCA.

3.1 Crypto-asset services

Question 45. Is the list of crypto-asset services as defined in Article 3(16) of MiCA adequate to effectively cover crypto-asset markets and provide sufficient legal clarity for businesses?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Please explain your answer to question 45:

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ECSDA considers that some MiCA's service definitions should be further clarified.

In particular, Article 60 should make clear that a CSD may provide crypto-asset service functions that are functionally linked to, and necessary for, the provision of its regulated CSDR services.

This should include activities that are ancillary or technically necessary to the provision of CSDR-authorised services, as well as activities carried out in response to client instructions in the context of the CSD's regulated post-trade role.

The clarification should also cover relevant bring-your-own-wallet (BYOW) models, where the CSD does not operate or control the client's wallet but may need to perform technical or operational activities relating to transfers to or from such wallets as part of the provision of its regulated services.

ECSDA considers that the regulatory framework should avoid a situation where a CSD, solely because of the technological form of the asset or the technical means through which a post-trade activity is performed, is required to obtain a separate authorisation for an activity that is already intrinsically connected to its CSDR-regulated function.

A clear functional perimeter under Article 60 would therefore support regulatory consistency, avoid unnecessary duplication between CSDR and MiCA, and facilitate the development of DLT-based post-trade infrastructures while maintaining the existing prudential and supervisory safeguards applicable to CSDs.

Question 46. If additional services should be added, what should those be and what requirements should be applied to these services and service providers?

If you believe that certain services should be removed, please specify which ones and why:

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Question 47. Would the introduction of appropriateness test for the crypto-asset services of reception and transmission, execution and placing of crypto-assets increase the protection for CASP clients, especially retail clients?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Please explain your answer to question 47:

5000 character(s) maximum

including spaces and line breaks, i.e. stricter than the MS Word characters counting method.

Question 48. The provision in the EU of crypto asset services covered by MiCA requires that the service provider is authorised under MiCA and complies with its requirements.

Do you have evidence of non-EU authorised crypto asset services providers continuing to offer their services in the EU?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

3.2 Prudential requirements for CASPs

Article 67 of MiCA provides that prudential safeguards for crypto-asset service providers shall be equal to an amount or at least the higher of an amount of permanent minimum capital or one quarter of fixed overheads of the preceding year, reviewed annually.

Question 49. Is the prudential regime for crypto-asset service providers appropriate to capture the risks associated with the provision of crypto-asset services, or would it be warranted to adjust the prudential stance, e.g. by aligning it with the requirements for own funds applicable to investment firms (including K-factors) that provide services that are broadly similar?

- ☐ It is appropriate to capture the risks associated with the provision of crypto-asset services
- ☒ It would be warranted to adjust the prudential stance
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Please explain your answer to question 49:

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ECSDA considers that CASP prudential, governance and organisational requirements should be proportionate to the nature, scale and risk profile of the activities actually performed, rather than based on undifferentiated capital or organisational requirements applying irrespective of the business model.

In particular, prudential safeguards should be activity- and risk-sensitive, taking into account the nature of the services provided, the assets and client funds involved, operational dependencies and the extent to which the relevant risks are already addressed under another regulatory framework.

Where a CASP provides a combination of regulated and unregulated services, consolidated supervision should ensure that risks arising from the different activities are adequately identified and controlled without duplicating sectoral supervision.

ECSDA therefore supports a framework based on risk-based and proportionate safeguards, with reliance on existing sectoral and consolidated supervision where it provides equivalent protection. Additional MiCA requirements should be introduced where they address a specific risk that is not already adequately covered, rather than duplicating existing prudential, governance or organisational requirements.

Question 50. Is the amount of minimum capital provided for each class of CASP listed in Annex IV of MiCA adequate or should it be recalibrated?

Please rate each minimal requirement on a scale from 1 to 5, where:

- 1 = Significantly decreased (much lower than current MiCA requirements)**
- 2 = Somewhat decreased (moderately lower than current MiCA requirements)**
- 3 = Kept roughly as is (current MiCA calibration is broadly appropriate)**
- 4 = Somewhat increased (moderately higher than current MiCA requirements)**
- 5 = Significantly increased (much higher than current MiCA requirements)**

	1	2	3 (kept roughly as is)	4	5	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
	(significantly decreased)	(somewhat decreased)		(somewhat increased)	(significantly increased)	
Minimum initial capital for Class 1 (EUR 50.000)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Minimum initial capital for Class 2 (EUR 125.000)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Minimum initial capital for Class 3 (EUR 150.000)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐



Please explain your answers to question 50, indicating, if necessary, how the amount of minimum capital should it be recalibrated:

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3.3 Multi-function groups

MiCA recognises and supports multi-function groups in which issuers, crypto-asset service providers (CASPs) may provide multiple MiCA-scope crypto-asset services, or may also carry out other types of financial activity, based on proper governance and management of the conflicts of interest this may generate.

Question 51. Should the current approach be maintained or should there be enhanced oversight and coordination in relation to entities that in addition to providing crypto-asset services, offer (1) other unregulated services or (2) other types of regulated services, (3) a combination of crypto-asset services? What kind of action would be appropriate?

- ☐ The existing approach should be maintained
- ☐ There should be enhanced oversight and coordination in relation to such entities
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

3.4 Reporting

Apart from the obligation to report any reasonable suspicion regarding an order or transaction where there might exist circumstances indicating that market abuse has been committed, is being committed or is likely to be committed, there are no formal reporting obligations for CASPs in MiCA.

Question 52. Should CASPs report regularly their activities?

	Yes	No	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Direct holdings of crypto-assets by CASPs	☐	☐	☐

Large exposures to derivatives with crypto-assets as the underlying asset	☐	☐	☐
Volumes of leveraged contracts and the extent to which leverage is actually used on trading platforms	☐	☐	☐
Information on counterparty risk	☐	☐	☐

3.5 Environmental and sustainability reporting

MiCA strengthens transparency on the environmental impact of crypto-assets. It does so by

- requiring white papers to contain information on the main adverse impacts on the climate and other environment-related adverse impacts of the consensus mechanism used to issue the crypto-asset
- requiring CASPs to make that information prominently available for each crypto-asset where they provide services

Question 53. Based on your experience to date, how do you assess the current environmental/sustainability disclosure regime under MiCA (including the relevant Level 2 RTS)?

- ☐ Fully appropriate and proportionate
- ☐ Broadly appropriate, with limited areas for clarification
- ☐ Partially appropriate, but improvements could be considered
- ☐ Not appropriate
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Please explain your answer to question 53:

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including spaces and line breaks, i.e. stricter than the MS Word characters counting method.

3.6 Other issues

Question 54. Given that crypto-asset service providers are entities subject to the regulatory framework of the Digital Operational Resilience Act (DORA), are there any additional issues/challenges that need to be addressed in relation to cybersecurity?

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Question 55. The Payment Services Directive has been substantially reviewed recently, bringing notably more clarity on the interplay between the MiCA rules applying to the transfer services in relation to e-money tokens and the rules under the payment services framework which apply to the provision of payment services. As a result, the PSD3/R will clarify which crypto-asset services may qualify as payment services, including targeted exclusions from the scope of PSD3/R for specific types of transactions /exchanges involving EMTs, and will specify the authorisation process under PSD3 in cases where CASPs are required to obtain a PSD3 authorisation.

Do you consider these changes bring sufficient clarity or are there other issues that remain to be addressed?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Please explain your answer to question 55:

5000 character(s) maximum

including spaces and line breaks, i.e. stricter than the MS Word characters counting method.

Question 56. Do MiCA provisions governing crypto asset service providers sufficiently allow, or unduly restrict, access for EU consumers and investors to non-EU and global crypto asset trading and liquidity pools?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Question 56.1 What are the advantages and disadvantages of focusing on EU liquidity or full access to global liquidity?

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Question 57. Do you believe that the below specified groups of MiCA level 1 provisions lay down proportionate and simple-to-apply rules for CASPs, taking into account their different size, scope of activity and risk profile?

	1 (strongly disagree)	2 (rather disagree)	3 (neutral)	4 (rather agree)	5 (strongly agree)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Authorisation of crypto-asset service providers	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Prudential requirements	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Governance arrangements	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Obligations in respect of specific crypto-asset services	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Other Title V rules	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒

Please explain your ratings in question 57 and suggest how rules could be made simpler and more proportionate (e.g. legislative clarification, supervisory guidance, industry standards):

5000 character(s) maximum

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ECSDA considers that the notification-only regime under Article 60 should cover the full range of crypto-asset services that are functionally linked to a CSD's authorised post-trade activities under CSDR.

The regime should therefore extend to ancillary or technically necessary activities performed in connection with the CSD's regulated role, including relevant bring-your-own-wallet models, where the CSD does not operate or control the client's wallet but performs transfer or other technical functions on the basis of client instructions.

Where equivalent controls and safeguards already apply under the CSDR framework, the provision of the same function should not trigger a separate MiCA authorisation solely because the relevant asset or transfer is recorded or executed using DLT. This would ensure a proportionate, technology-neutral approach and avoid duplicative regulatory requirements for activities that are intrinsically linked to regulated CSD services.

Question 58. Do you believe that below specified MiCA level 2 acts lay down proportionate and simple-to-apply rules for CASPs, taking into account their different size, scope of activity and risk profile?

	1 (strongly disagree)	2 (rather disagree)	3 (neutral)	4 (rather agree)	5 (strongly agree)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
RTS on complaint handling for CASPs (Article 71(5))	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
RTS on offering pre-trading and post-trading data to the public (Article 76(16)(a))	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
RTS on content and format of order book and records to be maintained (Article 76(16)(b))	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
RTS on records to be kept of all crypto-asset services, activities, orders and transactions undertaken (Article 68 (10)(b))	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
RTS on the continuity and regularity in performance of crypto services (Article 68 (10)(a))	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please explain your ratings in question 58 and suggest how rules could be made simpler and more proportionate:

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PART 4. Policy areas beyond the current scope of MiCA

The following sections seek feedback from stakeholders on these areas, as well as some additional topical issues that are not currently directly regulated by MiCA

4.1 Decentralised finance

This section refers to decentralised finance (DeFi), understood as software programs deployed on blockchains or other types of DLT that operate autonomously without intermediaries and offer financial functionalities such as trading, lending, borrowing or portfolio management. In the broader sense, DeFi also refers to any blockchain-based application, including an application that does have an identifiable intermediary or person exercising control over its operation.

MiCA excludes from its scope 'crypto-asset services that are provided in a fully decentralised manner without any intermediary (MiCA Recital 22: "Where crypto-asset services are provided in a fully decentralised manner without any intermediary, they should not fall within the scope of this Regulation").

This section seeks feedback on whether and how to complement MiCA as regards DeFi considering potential opportunities and challenges.

Question 59. In case you are aware or make use of DeFi currently beyond the regulatory perimeter of MiCA, what are the main services you (would) use and for which of them do you consider they bring benefits compared to similar intermediated digital assets services?

a) Exchange services

- ☐ DeFi applications present **limited interest** and are **moderately used** for this service
- ☐ DeFi applications present **important potential benefits** for this service but their **use remains limited** due to some non-mitigated weaknesses
- ☐ DeFi applications present **important benefits** for this service and are **already significantly used**, despite **important non-mitigated weaknesses**
- ☐

DeFi applications present **important benefits** for this service, they are **already significantly used** and **present limited risks**

- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

b) Payments and transactions services

- ☐ DeFi applications present **limited interest** and are **moderately used** for this service
- ☐ DeFi applications present **important potential benefits** for this service but their **use remains limited** due to some non-mitigated weaknesses
- ☐ DeFi applications present **important benefits** for this service and are **already significantly used**, despite **important non-mitigated weaknesses**
- ☐ DeFi applications present **important benefits** for this service, they are **already significantly used** and **present limited risks**
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

c) Trading and investment services

- ☐ DeFi applications present **limited interest** and are **moderately used** for this service
- ☐ DeFi applications present **important potential benefits** for this service but their **use remains limited** due to some non-mitigated weaknesses
- ☐ DeFi applications present **important benefits** for this service and are **already significantly used**, despite **important non-mitigated weaknesses**
- ☐ DeFi applications present **important benefits** for this service, they are **already significantly used** and **present limited risks**
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

d) Lending and borrowing services

- ☐ DeFi applications present **limited interest** and are **moderately used** for this service
- ☐ DeFi applications present **important potential benefits** for this service but their **use remains limited** due to some non-mitigated weaknesses
- ☐ DeFi applications present **important benefits** for this service and are **already significantly used**, despite **important non-mitigated weaknesses**
- ☐

DeFi applications present **important benefits** for this service, they are **already significantly used** and **present limited risks**

- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

e) Custody services

- ☐ DeFi applications present **limited interest** and are **moderately used** for this service
- ☐ DeFi applications present **important potential benefits** for this service but their **use remains limited** due to some non-mitigated weaknesses
- ☐ DeFi applications present **important benefits** for this service and are **already significantly used**, despite **important non-mitigated weaknesses**
- ☐ DeFi applications present **important benefits** for this service, they are **already significantly used** and **present limited risks**
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Please detail the benefits or weaknesses you associate with the use of DeFi applications for these different services in question 59, and the actions you would consider appropriate to optimise these benefits or address the possible issues they raise:

5000 character(s) maximum

including spaces and line breaks, i.e. stricter than the MS Word characters counting method.

Question 60. What do you consider to be the main risks associated with DeFi?

	1 (strongly disagree)	2 (rather disagree)	3 (neutral)	4 (rather agree)	5 (strongly agree)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Operational risk	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Money laundering and terrorist financing risk	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Market abuse	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Investor protection risk (information asymmetry, no redress, opacity of functioning)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Financial stability	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please explain your answers to question 60:

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Question 61. In case you consider the criteria for establishing whether a DeFi application is not fully decentralised not sufficiently clear, which of them should do you consider should be used to assess the degree of decentralisation?

	1 (strongly disagree)	2 (rather disagree)	3 (neutral)	4 (rather agree)	5 (strongly agree)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Existence of an identifiable intermediary (person or group of persons) providing a crypto-asset service	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Presence of control by an identifiable person e or group of persons (e.g. via admin keys) over the key functionalities of a DeFi protocol (e.g. upgradeability of protocol)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Significant concentration of governance power over the key functionalities of a DeFi protocol	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Custody of user assets by the DeFi protocol	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
DeFi protocol code is not open source	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Marketing of a DeFi protocol by an identifiable entity or person	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please explain your answers to question 61:

5000 character(s) maximum

including spaces and line breaks, i.e. stricter than the MS Word characters counting method.

Question 62. Do you believe that risks to users of fully decentralised DeFi protocols should be indirectly accounted for by MiCA, e.g. by requiring CASPs to conduct due diligence over DeFi protocols they connect their clients with, or in any other way?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Question 63. Do you support introducing certification schemes for DeFi protocols and smart contracts?

- ☐ Yes, for all DeFi protocols and smart contracts providing any of the crypto-assets services defined under MiCA, and possibly also other services not in MiCA's scope such as lending and borrowing
 - ☐ Yes for the DeFi protocols and smart contracts providing some of the crypto-assets services defined under MiCA
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable
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Question 64. Which of the following statements about potential certification schemes of DeFi protocols do you agree with?

	1 (strongly disagree)	2 (rather disagree)	3 (neutral)	4 (rather agree)	5 (strongly agree)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Instead of a full CASP licence, DeFi protocols that are not fully decentralised should be required to obtain a certification before or soon after making the protocol available to the public	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
To obtain their certificate, DeFi protocols that are not fully decentralised should be required to integrate specific compliance tools in the design of their protocols	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
DeFi protocols and software developers offering the possibility to create and use non-custodial wallets should be required to obtain a certificate before making these wallets available to the public	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
DeFi protocols and software developers offering the possibility to create and use non-custodial wallets should be incentivised to obtain a certificate	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please explain your answers to question 64:

5000 character(s) maximum

including spaces and line breaks, i.e. stricter than the MS Word characters counting method.

Question 65. Which of the following statements about potential certification schemes of DeFi protocols or smart contracts do you agree with?

	1 (strongly disagree)	2 (rather disagree)	3 (neutral)	4 (rather agree)	5 (strongly agree)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Certificates should be issued by qualified private sector entities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Certificates should be issued by qualified public sector entities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Any interested party (e.g. persons providing connectivity to or participating in governance of DeFi protocols) should have the possibility to ask for the certification of a fully decentralised DeFi protocol	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Only fully decentralised DeFi protocols that reach a certain significance (e.g. based on total value locked) should be required to obtain a certificate	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
CASPs should not be allowed to connect clients with DeFi protocols that are not certified	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please explain your answers to question 65:

5000 character(s) maximum

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4.2 Staking, lending and borrowing of crypto-assets

This section seeks stakeholders' feedback on staking, lending and borrowing of crypto-assets, currently not addressed in MiCA regulation ([EBA-ESMA joint report on recent developments in crypto-asset markets - January 2025](#)). Staking is the process of immobilising crypto-assets to support the operations of proof-of-stake and proof-of-stake-like blockchain consensus mechanisms in exchange for the granting of validator privileges that can generate block rewards. The provision of staking services often implies that the crypto-assets, or the private keys giving access to them, are held by the staking service provider in custody. Thus, the provision of staking services is ancillary to custody services which are fully covered under MiCA. The provision of staking services therefore requires that the staking service provider is authorised under MiCA to provide custody and administration of crypto-assets on behalf of clients, as set out in Article 75 MiCA. Furthermore, CASPs should obtain an explicit consent from the clients to stake their crypto-assets, as it may have an impact on their clients' ability to access them.

Respondents are asked to provide concrete examples to support answers provided, and, where possible, quantitative and qualitative information.

Question 66. Do you think the current approach whereby staking services are not separately regulated is adequate?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Question 67. Do you think that lending and borrowing of crypto-assets should be regulated?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

What do you believe should be the main elements of regulatory requirements applicable to lending and borrowing and why?

ECSDA considers that crypto-asset lending and borrowing should be subject to a proportionate and risk-based framework addressing the specific risks arising from such activities, while ensuring that comparable risks are regulated consistently across different business models.

The regulatory treatment should be based on the legal and economic substance of the activity, including the nature of the parties' contractual relationship and the risks assumed, while avoiding regulatory arbitrage.

The framework should take into account existing regulatory requirements applicable to entities already authorised and supervised under sectoral legislation. In particular, CSDs should be permitted to provide crypto-asset lending and borrowing activities where these are ancillary to, or functionally linked with, their authorised activities, including custody, settlement or collateral management.

Where such activities are performed within the scope of a CSD's regulated post-trade role and the relevant risks are already adequately addressed through the CSDR framework and applicable supervisory requirements, additional or duplicative MiCA requirements should be avoided.

The regulatory framework should therefore recognise the specific role and safeguards of regulated financial market infrastructures, while ensuring equivalent regulatory treatment for comparable risks across different types of service providers.

4.3 Non-fungible tokens

Under MiCA Article 2(3), crypto-assets that are unique and not fungible with other crypto-assets (NFTs) are out of the scope of the regulation.

Question 68. In your view, does the current state of the NFT market and the risks and opportunities associated with it justify regulating providers of services related to these tokens?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

4.4 Prediction markets and perpetual futures

One of the most marked developments in crypto markets since MiCA was adopted is the emergence of DLT-based prediction markets and the volume of trading activity in perpetual futures on crypto-assets.

Prediction markets where parties take a bet on a future development in almost any area, often far removed from financial assets or services, are increasingly conducted on or are structured through DLT, smart contracts and crypto-assets.

Question 69. Do prediction markets present opportunities or risks for EU consumer and investors?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Please elaborate on your answer to question 69:

5000 character(s) maximum

including spaces and line breaks, i.e. stricter than the MS Word characters counting method.

Question 70. Should prediction markets, where they are DLT enabled and facilitated through smart contracts be governed by MiFID or MiCA?

- ☐ By MiFID
- ☐ By MiCA
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Please explain your answer to question 70:

5000 character(s) maximum

including spaces and line breaks, i.e. stricter than the MS Word characters counting method.

Question 71. What substantive requirements should be considered for service providers that provide prediction market services?

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including spaces and line breaks, i.e. stricter than the MS Word characters counting method.

Question 72. Should perpetual futures on crypto-assets and services towards such perpetual futures be governed by MiCA or MiFID.

- ☐ By MiFID
- ☐ By MiCA
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Please explain your answer to question 72:

5000 character(s) maximum

including spaces and line breaks, i.e. stricter than the MS Word characters counting method.

Question 73. What substantive requirements should be considered for perpetual futures on crypto-assets and service providers providing service for such perpetual futures?

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4.5 Tokenised deposits

The terms 'tokenised deposit' and 'deposit tokens' are not defined terms and are sometimes used interchangeably ([EBA Report on tokenised deposits - December 2024](#)). For the purposes of the following questions, 'tokenised deposits' are digital representations of traditional commercial bank deposits recorded on a blockchain or distributed ledger, allowing for programmable, instant 24/7 settlements.

Question 74. Tokenised deposits could be deployed in support of a range of use cases across payments, capital markets, and on-chain financial activities.

Based on your experience and expectations, please assess the potential relevance and benefit of tokenised deposits for each of the following use cases in the EU:

	1 (not relevant / no meaningful benefit)	2 (low relevance / limited benefit)	3 (moderate relevance / moderate benefit)	4 (high relevance / high benefit)	5 (very high relevance / transformative benefit)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Person to person payments	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Retail POI payments (domestic, day-to-day point of interaction transactions)	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Intra-EU cross-border payments (non-POI)	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
International payments and remittances (third countries)	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Settlement of tokenised securities and other financial instruments	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Delivery-versus-payment (DvP) and atomic settlement	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Intraday liquidity management (real-time funding and liquidity optimisation)	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐

Treasury and liquidity management services for corporates and financial institutions						
Programmable payments and smart-contract-based use cases						
On-chain collateral or margining in regulated markets						
Improved settlement speed and operational efficiency						
Reduction of counterparty and settlement risk						

Please explain your answers to question 74:

5000 character(s) maximum

including spaces and line breaks, i.e. stricter than the MS Word characters counting method.

ECSDA considers settlement of tokenised financial instruments, including cross-border transactions, to be one of the most promising use cases for tokenised deposits.

Tokenised deposits could provide a programmable form of commercial bank money within DLT-based settlement environments, supporting faster and more integrated delivery-versus-payment processes and enabling greater automation across the transaction lifecycle. They could therefore complement central bank money and other settlement assets, particularly where settlement in tokenised central bank money is not yet available or practical.

This potential is consistent with the Eurosystem's view that tokenised deposits could play a more prominent role as a private settlement asset for tokenised transactions, while central bank money remains the primary settlement anchor for wholesale markets.

Question 75. Please select one or two use cases and benefits above that you consider most promising in the EU:

Maximum 2 selection(s)

Please select as many answers as you like

- ☐ Person to person payments
- ☐ Retail POI payments (domestic, day-to-day point of interaction transactions)
- ☐ Intra-EU cross-border payments (non-POI)
- ☐ International payments and remittances (third countries)
- ☒ Settlement of tokenised securities and other financial instruments
- ☐ Delivery-versus-payment (DvP) and atomic settlement
- ☒ Intraday liquidity management (real-time funding and liquidity optimisation)
- ☐ Treasury and liquidity management services for corporates and financial institutions
- ☐ Programmable payments and smart-contract-based use cases
- ☐ On-chain collateral or margining in regulated markets
- ☐ Improved settlement speed and operational efficiency
- ☐ Reduction of counterparty and settlement risk

Please explain why the case(s) you selected in your answer to question 75 are the most promising in the EU:

5000 character(s) maximum

including spaces and line breaks, i.e. stricter than the MS Word characters counting method.

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Tokenised deposits could provide a programmable form of commercial bank money within DLT-based settlement environments, supporting faster and more integrated delivery-versus-payment processes and enabling greater automation across the transaction lifecycle. They could therefore complement central bank money and other settlement assets, particularly where settlement in tokenised central bank money is not yet available or practical.

This potential is consistent with the Eurosystem's view that tokenised deposits appear well suited as a private settlement asset for tokenised transactions and could play a more prominent role where settlement in central bank money is not available or practical. At the same time, central bank money remains the primary settlement asset and anchor of trust and stability for wholesale financial markets.

Question 76. What factors, if any, constrain the development and uptake of tokenised deposits in the EU?

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ECSDA considers that the development and uptake of tokenised deposits may be constrained by a combination of market, technological and regulatory factors.

In particular, scale and interoperability across different issuers and DLT environments will be important for avoiding fragmented pools of liquidity. Transferability is also a key factor, as non-bearer tokenised deposits may be restricted to customers of the issuing bank and therefore require appropriate mechanisms to enable settlement across banks.

The development of common standards and appropriate infrastructure for interoperability, together with legal clarity on the status and transferability of tokenised deposits, will therefore be important to enable their use beyond individual bank or platform ecosystems. These factors are particularly relevant for wholesale settlement, where network effects and broad accessibility are essential for adoption.

Question 77. If you identify any regulatory issue(s) in your answer to the previous question, please indicate what regulatory action is appropriate to address the issue(s) identified:

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ECSDA considers that tokenised deposits should remain outside the scope of MiCAR and continue to be governed by the applicable banking and prudential framework.

The use of DLT or other technological means to represent or transfer commercial bank money should not, in itself, change the regulatory classification of a deposit. This is particularly relevant in the settlement context, where commercial bank money in tokenised form should be recognised as a valid form of settlement asset. A technology-neutral approach is therefore essential to avoid creating a separate regulatory regime for

tokenised deposits where the underlying asset and associated risks are already adequately addressed under the existing banking framework.

Question 78. Do tokenised deposits raise any specific issues under the CRD /CRR framework?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Question 79. Do tokenised deposits raise any questions and challenges from a deposit insurance perspective?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

4.6 Legal treatment of tokens

Legal certainty in the treatment of tokens in the EU and in the Member States is crucial in supporting predictable outcomes in financial markets in Europe and is vital to avoid stifling innovation, both in relation to MiCA crypto-assets (crypto-assets) as well as for the tokenisation and issuance of financial instruments in the form of tokens, currently governed by MiFID/R or asset management regulation (DLT financial instruments). Tokens in this section generally refer to both DLT financial instruments and crypto-assets, unless specified otherwise. In relation to legal certainty in the treatment of tokens, at least several issues have been noted by stakeholders, supervisors and academics. These include questions on whether tokens can be objects of property, which rules apply to the title and transfer of tokens, their treatment in the event of insolvency, custody relationships, and security rights in crypto-assets.

There are different ways to categorise tokens depending on the type of rights they confer to the holder. There are two general types of tokens, native tokens and non-native tokens. Native tokens tend to represent an asset (such as a share or security) that **only exists on-chain** (i.e. without a physical or traditional paper-based equivalent). Non-native tokens tend to **represent an on chain right over an asset that is legally constituted and represented elsewhere (off chain)** allowing this right to be held and transacted on DLT. Regarding non-native tokens, legal uncertainties may arise because, depending on the legal framework and the way the token was created, the tokenisation often leads to the simultaneous existence of two assets: the token representing the asset and the asset that the token asset represents^[4]. Native tokens too may raise important legal questions about their nature as many jurisdictions of today do not explicitly recognise existence of on-chain assets and it is often unclear if and how they fall under current rules on taxonomy and creation of traditional financial assets.

One of the key questions concerning legal certainty is whether holding (or controlling) a token on a blockchain constitutes ownership, and whether holding (or controlling) a non-native token constitutes ownership or merely a claim on the underlying asset that it represents. MiCA contains clear requirements for issuers or offerors of crypto-assets but it does not

directly regulate the ownership of such assets, which remains a matter of (national) property laws. Similarly, MiFID does not define the proprietary nature of financial instruments or transfer of ownership, which is left to the discretion of national laws. Some Member States have implemented specific regulations to ensure legal certainty for tokens, including to provide for statutory “bridges” that synchronise the technical state of the ledger with the legal status of the asset.

⁴ In “complete tokenisation” possession can equate to legal ownership over the asset it represents if the legal system recognises the token as the asset’s representation; the “indirect tokenisation” where the legal ownership depends on the intermediary entity or legal structure, not just the token; and the “incomplete tokenisation” where the token might only act as evidence or an interface to rights that are legally held off-chain. [X. Lavayssière, “Legal Structures of Tokenised Assets”. European Journal of Risk Regulation.](#)

Question 80. Is there legal uncertainty as to the private law treatment of issuance, holding and transfers of tokens, under national law?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don’t know / no opinion / not applicable

Question 80.1 Which of the following issues are most significant?

	1 (none or not significant)	2 (low)	3 (moderate)	4 (high)	5 (very high)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Issuing a crypto-asset token in compliance with national law	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Issuing a tokenised financial instrument in compliance with national law	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Transferring ownership (acquisitions, dispositions, earmarking)						

etc) over a token, including good faith acquisition / bona fide ownership						
Recognising ownership in a token towards third-parties						
Using tokens as collateral						
Possibility to differentiate between native and non-native tokens in national law						
Recognising tokens as objects of property						
Rights of token holders in intermediated custody chains						
Enforcement and exercise of rights arising from /over tokens or the underlying assets						

Custody of tokens	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Treatment of tokens in insolvency proceedings including intermediary risk	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Others	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please explain your answers to question 80.1 and provide examples from national law. In particular specify if any of the answers is specifically referring to native or non-native tokens and specify if any of the answers would be different depending on if the token is recording a tokenised financial instrument or crypto-assets:

5000 character(s) maximum

including spaces and line breaks, i.e. stricter than the MS Word characters counting method.

ECSDA considers that the legal framework for on-chain assets and transactions should provide greater legal certainty on property rights, applicable law and cross-border recognition, while remaining technology-neutral and consistent with the existing legal framework applicable to the underlying assets.

In particular, priority should be given to establishing a clear legal regime for collateral arrangements involving non-native securities tokens, including clarity on the creation, perfection, enforceability and realisation of security interests. This is particularly important to enable tokenised securities to be effectively used and mobilised as collateral across EU markets.

For cross-border situations, the EU should work towards a targeted and harmonised conflict-of-law framework addressing on-chain assets and transactions. This should provide clear and predictable rules for determining the applicable law and for the recognition and enforceability of property and collateral rights across jurisdictions.

The use of DLT should not, in itself, alter the legal nature of the underlying asset or create uncertainty as to the applicable legal regime. Clear EU-level rules would be particularly important to support the use of tokenised securities as collateral and their integration into cross-border post-trade and financial market activities.

More broadly, the legal framework should ensure that technological interoperability is supported by legal interoperability, including with respect to custody, asset servicing, and the enforceability of smart-contract outcomes. The use of DLT should not, in itself, create uncertainty as to the legal status of the underlying asset or the rights attached to it.

Question 80.2 What is the urgency with which each issue should be addressed by regulators?

	1 (none or not urgent)	2 (low urgency)	3 (moderate urgency)	4 (high urgency)	5 (immediate / critical)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Issuing a crypto-asset token in compliance with national law	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Issuing a tokenised financial instrument in compliance with national law	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Transferring ownership (acquisitions, dispositions, earmarking etc) over a token, including good faith acquisition / bona fide ownership	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Recognising ownership in a token towards third-parties	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Using tokens as collateral	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Possibility to differentiate between native and non-native tokens in national law	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Recognising tokens as objects of property	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Rights of token holders in intermediated custody chains	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Enforcement and exercise of rights arising from /over tokens or the underlying assets	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐

Custody of tokens	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Treatment of tokens in insolvency proceedings including intermediary risk	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Others	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please explain your answers to question 80.2 and provide examples from national law. In particular specify if any of the answers is specifically referring to native or non-native tokens and specify if any of the answers would be different depending on if the token is recording a tokenised financial instrument or crypto-assets:

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See previous quesiton

Question 81. Would you recommend increasing the legal certainty in the treatment of tokens through EU law?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Question 81.1. What are the 3 most important elements that should be addressed in EU law?

Please explain your answer and provide examples:

Most important element number 1:

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Transferring ownership (acquisitions, dispositions, earmarking, etc.) over a token, including good faith acquisition / bona fide ownership
Recognising ownership in a token towards third-parties
Using tokens as collateral

Most important element number 2:

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Most important element number 3:

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Question 81.2 Can legal certainty (ownership or entitlement, transfer and enforceability of rights recorded as tokens) be achieved under EU law in one of the following manners?

	1 (strongly disagree)	2 (rather disagree)	3 (neutral)	4 (rather agree)	5 (strongly agree)	Don't know - No opinion - Not applicable
Implementation of a 28th regime recognising legal effects of DLT registers holding tokens, including good-faith acquisition rules and rules on opposability/enforceability to third parties (erga omnes effects)	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Full harmonisation of private law treatment of tokens in Member States	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Partial harmonisation of private law treatment of tokens in Member States	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Introducing a conflict of law regime for tokens under EU law	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
Other model	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please explain your answers to question 81.2 and provide examples, in particular from national law. Where you favour full or partial harmonisation or the introduction of a conflict of laws regime, please specify which legal instrument would be most appropriate for that purpose (a new Regulation or the use of existing regimes, such as MiFID or MiCA). Also consider if there are risks with establishing an ownership regime at EU level and how these risks could be mitigated:

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ECSDA supports the development of a targeted 28th regime recognising the legal effects of DLT registers holding tokens, including clear rules on good-faith acquisition and on the opposability and enforceability of rights against third parties.

Such a framework would provide the legal certainty necessary for the development of tokenised financial markets, while avoiding the need to fully harmonise all aspects of Member States' private law. In particular, clear and harmonised rules on the legal effects of entries in DLT registers would help ensure that technological differences do not create uncertainty as to ownership and other rights attached to tokenised assets.

ECSDA also supports the introduction of an EU conflict-of-law framework for tokens. Clear and predictable connecting factors are essential for cross-border transactions and for the recognition and enforcement of ownership and collateral rights across Member States.

More broadly, ECSDA would support targeted harmonisation where this is necessary to ensure legal certainty, interoperability and effective cross-border use of tokenised assets, while avoiding a broader harmonisation of private law where it is not necessary to address the specific legal issues arising from DLT-based markets.

Question 82. There are different “ownership models” that could be used to increase legal certainty over tokens.

Please indicate maximum two models listed below that you think EU law could apply if it were to improve the legal certainty of tokens in the EU:

Maximum 2 selection(s)

Please select as many answers as you like

- ☐ **MODEL 1:** The token is the asset by law, the law recognises a ledger-based asset and the ownership rights are constituted directly by the ledger entry.
- ☐ **MODEL 2:** The token is the asset by law, where the law recognises that e.g. securities (dematerialised or physical) can be replaced by an entry into a DLT register and by this “replacing” (immobilisation) of the securities the function of

the initial security is substituted by entry into a DLT register and the ownership rights are constituted by the representation on the ledger.

- **MODEL 3:** Token is the asset by law. In this case the law does not actively regulate legal aspects such as what property is or how transfer of ownership occurs etc. but instructs on the legal consequences of entries in a DLT register (this is often called a functional approach). The law could at EU level stipulate who may exercise rights, i.e. the person recorded in the DLT register as holder of a tokenised asset, that these rights have full third-party effect and protects from competing claims. This also creates legal certainty for collateral use. The EU law would create a uniform rule of “digital entitlement” that functions across all Member States’ property law structures.
- **MODEL 4:** The token is the legal carrier of rights associated with a related (often off-chain) asset. The law defines tokens as legal objects that do not create new rights, but can –like a “container” –represent various kinds of rights, such as membership rights, ownership, intellectual property rights, usage rights or rights of lien etc. The token would represent the rights stemming from the underlying assets and the law would ensure that the transfer of a token on the ledger legally transfers ownership of the rights stemming from the underlying asset.

([Inspired by Lichtenstein Law](#). Art 2 TVTG defines token as a piece of information on a TT System which can represent claims or rights of memberships against a person, rights to property, or other absolute or relative rights.

Art 5 TVTG states that the TT Key holder has the power of disposal over the Token. It is further assumed that the person possessing the power of disposal over a Token also has the right to dispose of the Token. For every previous holder of the power of disposal, it is presumed that he was the person possessing the right of disposal at the time of this ownership).

- **MODEL 5:** Any other legal ownership structures, for example based on the approaches taken by different countries, including France, Germany, Luxembourg or adopted in other jurisdictions or internationally, that could be implemented in EU law.

Question 83. Comparing national laws of Member States, what are the main differences in how national laws governs the issuance, holdings and transfers of tokens? Please explain your answer and provide examples:

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4.7 Questions on conflicts of law

Financial Collateral Directive (FCD) and Settlement Finality Directive (SFD) entails targeted conflict of law rules, mainly applicable to financial instruments hence broadly relevant for DLT financial instruments, however the current regime leaves a potential gap where the token does not qualify under the scope of FCD and SFD or where existing conflict rules do not easily lend its application to tokens. As noted in the [UNIDROIT Principles on digital assets and private law](#) the usual connecting factors for choice-of-law rules, such as the location of persons, offices, activity, or assets have less of a useful role for DLT financial instruments and crypto-assets and the approach would rather be to identify connecting factors relevant to such instruments and assets.

Question 84. Should EU law introduce a conflict of law rule for tokens?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know / no opinion / not applicable

Question 85. If there are any other issues relating to legal certainty which are not mentioned above, please describe them here:

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4.8 Final open question

Question 86. Interested parties that wish to bring other relevant issues, not raised in this consultation, to the Commission's attention, should feel free to communicate them here:

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Additional information

Should you wish to provide additional information (e.g. a position paper, report) or raise specific points not covered by the questionnaire, you can upload your additional document(s) below. **Please make sure you do not include any personal data or any information that might identify you in the file you upload if you want to remain anonymous.**

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