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Summary of the CPMI Cross-border payments interoperability and extension (PIE) taskforce meeting held 15 February 2024

The chair, Mr Ulrich Bindseil (European Central Bank) welcomed participants to the fifth meeting of the PIE taskforce being held virtually. Members agreed on the meeting agenda. The chair reminded members that taskforce meetings are held under the Chatham House Rule.

Progress of the cross-border payments work

The CPMI secretariat gave an update on the work carried out by the Central Bank-Operated Payment Systems Community of Practice (COPS). COPS is progressing to complete G20 Roadmap priority actions 1b and 1c, which focus on expanding access to and extending operating hours of central bank payment systems. In line with priority action 1a, COPS will further expand its outreach activities to this and other relevant groups.

The FSB secretariat provided a summary of the second annual Cross-border Payments Summit hosted by the FSB on 7 February 2024. This forum brings together private and public-sector senior management to jointly progress towards meeting the 2027 G20 targets. Findings of the first key performance indicators (KPIs) progress report and the 2023 consolidated progress report were the main items discussed.

The FSB secretariat also gave a brief update on the progress made by the Legal, Regulatory and Supervisory Frameworks (LRS) taskforce. Most recently this group has provided input to the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) on the review of Recommendation 16 on payment transparency. Furthermore, it provides input to the work of the FSB Working Group on Bank and Non-Bank Supervision (BNBS). The BNBS is responsible for priority action 4 and has the mandate to develop recommendations, as necessary, to strengthen the alignment of the regulation and supervision relevant to banks and non-banks' provision of cross-border payments. PIE members indicated that the work of the LRS Taskforce and the BNBS are of interest for the PIE taskforce.

The CPMI secretariat provided a status update on the governance and oversight of fast payment systems interlinking arrangements work. Following its interim report published in October 2023, the public consultation ended end-2023. The final report is to be published in October this year. The Governance and Oversight Workstream (GO) chair indicated that GO would reach out to the PIE Taskforce to get their feedback during the work on the final report.

Given the increasing scope for the PIE Taskforce to have synergistic exchanges of experiences and information with numerous other working groups, the CPMI secretariat again tabled the earlier presented delivery structure of the various CPMI and FSB groups working under the G20 Roadmap. The secretariat will act as conduit for further enquiries from PIE members and provide contact points.

Finally, the CPMI secretariat provided a high-level overview of the initial results of the 2023 cross-border payments monitoring survey conducted by the CPMI among central banks. The 2023 survey results will be published in Q2 2024 when the new annual survey will be launched.

The Chair concluded that such type of data is essential to measure progress towards the G20 targets, and to enable the Taskforce to identify gaps for further focus in a timely manner.

Practical actions to enhance cross-border payments: task teams updates

The leads of the four PIE task teams (TTs) presented progress made with the tasks and key deliverables of their task teams and indicative timelines for the PIE Taskforce to review and comment. Specifically, updates were given by the four PIE TT leads:

- TT1 on expanding payment system access, currency access and operating hours, led by representatives from Mercado Pago and CLS.
- TT2 on promoting FPS and their interlinking for cross-border payments, led by representatives from Iberpay and UK Finance.
- TT3 on fostering ISO 20022 harmonisation, led by a Deutsche Bank representative.
- TT4 on developing market intelligence and identifying supply side opportunities, led by a Wells Fargo representative.

All PIE TTs have taken an action-led and ambitious approach in planning their work and envisage to deliver on concrete actions by the end of 2024. To ensure efficiency and effectiveness in this process, members intend to continually reach out to other relevant groups of the G20 cross-border payments programme.

Compilation of industry initiatives and other relevant developments

The CPMI secretariat provided a high-level overview of the industry initiatives collected via the quarterly PIE taskforce information gathering exercise. The CPMI secretariat will compile the responses on a quarterly basis (the next cut-off date is 31 March 2024), the results will be analysed by TT4, and findings might be used in publication. Information should be submitted by owners of respective projects/initiatives.

Next meeting

The next PIE taskforce meeting will be hosted by the European Central Bank in Frankfurt on 25 April 2024 in a hybrid format.