

RTGS Renewal Programme – Roundup

Our vision is to develop an RTGS service which is fit for the future, enabling greater resilience, broader access, wider interoperability, global harmonisation, improved user functionality and strengthened end-to-end risk management of CHAPS the UK's High Value Payment System.

Hello

Since our last [Programme Roundup](#) the RTGS Renewal Programme has had a busy summer.

Preparation for the TS2.1 go-live event continues. The Pilot Platform also continues to operate successfully; all tranches on-boarded as planned with the final tranche of DPs coming on-board in early August.

We are currently reviewing learns from the Pilot Platform and are analysing the responses from CHAPS DPs regarding contingency and fix-forward planning.

A contingency walk-through was successfully completed in early July and we are reviewing DPs draft runbooks. These will be combined with the Bank's own runbook to develop a detailed view of the go-live weekend.

We have also been receiving positive feedback from our introduction of RCEP, with around a quarter of Reserves and Settlement Accounts now on-boarded.

Participant Acceptance Testing (PAT) is currently underway, and more than a third of DPs were able to begin testing within the first week.

Industry engagement remains a key priority, please don't hesitate to contact RTGSEngagement@bankofengland.co.uk for any further information.

RTGS Engagement

Programme update

- We are close to completing the build of the TS2.1 production environment.
- The Bank is undertaking **Operational Acceptance Testing**. Three more **maintenance releases** for the Pilot Platform (pre-production environment) are planned during PAT, which will require a 3pm close each Thursday and a 10am opening on Friday (subject to change). Further information will be shared by our testing team. 
- Work on **contingency planning** is continuing, with an emphasis on cost-effective enhancement of existing contingency options. Further engagement has taken place with DPs directly, Pay.UK and UK Finance.
- TS3 development of the new core settlement engine is nearing the final stages. We hosted the first meeting of a new TS3 Working Group in July and a TS3 introductory event aimed at Reserves and Settlement Account Holders in September, followed by a series of SWIFT intros (demos) on the interact service / registration. 
- The Reporting and Analytics (R&A) service went live to CHAPS Direct Participants via the Pilot Platform.
- The [RTGS / CHAPS Annual Report](#) was published in September, and provides a backwards and forwards look against our strategic themes of safe and resilient, well run, responsive and renewed. 
- We recently published an updated version of the UK recommended [Purpose Code list](#) and [Additional Guidance on mandating Enhanced Data](#).

TS2.1 Key Dates

- Participant Acceptance Testing, mandatory testing started 5 September
- SWIFT seminar on registration for live service 5 October (event registration now closed)
- Q3 2022 Reporting & Monitoring returns & questionnaires was due back 22 September
- Participant Group Testing, expected to start in October
- SMF Attestation, due 31 October

Bank of England Real Time Interface

The Bank of England Real Time Interface (BERTI) will replace Enquiry Link Browse (ELB) for all RTGS account holders in TS3. BERTI will offer all the existing functionality of ELB, but with improvements in usability, resilience and security.

Like Enquiry Link Browse, BERTI will be accessed via the SWIFT WebAccess service, all account holders will need to complete the SWIFT registration by January to use this. 

RTGS users and DNS schemes will need to **register for new SWIFT services** in order to be able to access BERTI, and to receive account statement messages in ISO 20022 format. DNS schemes will also need to be able to send messages in ISO 20022 format.

Registration opened in **September** and will need to be completed by **January** ahead of TS3 connectivity testing later in 2023. To support this process, we have worked with SWIFT to provide **tailored webinars** for different user groups and a **'Getting Started'** guide. In addition the **SWIFT Helpdesk** will be able to answer technical queries.

Please can all participants continue to register for new SWIFT services.

Call for interest in APIs

We aim to enable a suite of external-facing Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) to strengthen the resilience of the UK payments industry which will support development of sophisticated and automated real-time tools for interacting with RTGS.

We are happy to announce that we have started on-boarding our first API Direct Participant to our new API Pilot Platform.

Participants that may be interested in joining our API pilot and in shaping the future of APIs should contact APITeam@bankofengland.co.uk by 1 November.