



Progress update on the Bank's blueprint for a new RTGS system

It has been five months since Deputy Governor for Markets and Banking, Minouche Shafik, announced that the Bank planned to design a blueprint for a new RTGS system at the heart of the UK's payment system in a [speech on January 27 2016](#). This is a progress update on developing this blueprint.

Outreach phase

Since January 2016 the team designing the blueprint has had over 100 meetings with representatives from a variety of organisations including banks, new technology firms, infrastructure providers, end users, academics and other central banks – with the aim of understanding what the next generation of central bank money settlement will need to provide.

Access to settlement accounts

The Governor of the Bank of England announced on 17 June that the Bank intends, over time, to extend direct access to RTGS to non-bank Payment Service Providers (firms granted the status of E-Money Institutions or Payment Institutions in the UK), collectively known as PSPs. By extending RTGS access, our objective is to increase competition and innovation in the market for payment services.

It is not a one-way street, however. As we extend access, we will safeguard resilience. Both the FCA and HMRC, who together supervise these institutions, are committed to developing a strengthened supervisory regime for those who apply for an RTGS settlement account, to give assurance that non-bank PSPs can safely take their place at the heart of the payment system. As the Governor has announced, the Chancellor has committed to make the necessary legislative changes to ensure that these new entrants can access RTGS safely and efficiently.

For further information, please see the speech which is available here:

<http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/publications/Documents/speeches/2016/speech914.pdf>

Timeline for publishing the blueprint

We are making good progress on the wider range of other design issues discussed during the outreach phase. The end of the initial outreach programme does not signal the end of engagement with stakeholders. The team will continue to engage on the relevant topics over the coming months. The input received will provide important input into the development of a blueprint for a future RTGS system, and we are on track to consult formally in the autumn. Current plans are for the consultation period to run from September to November, though this is subject to final confirmation. The aim remains to publish a blueprint for the service in early 2017.



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If you have any questions, or additional thoughts to share on the future of RTGS please do contact the team at rsr@bankofengland.co.uk

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