

Post-Trade Task Force

Criteria for Membership Selection

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This note summarises the factors that will be taken into account when selecting the members of the Post-trade Task Force and also of members of the Task Force's Working Groups.

Members of the Post-Trade Technology Market Practitioners Panel will be automatically eligible to join the Post-trade Task Force and the Task Force's Working Groups. Such persons will not need to be assessed for admission, provided that they elect to join before the first meeting of the Task Force and/or relevant Working Group, as applicable.

The following criteria will be taken into account:

1. Knowledge and experience. The member should be a knowledgeable and experienced financial markets participant, currently active in post-trade processing activities. The individual should have first-hand professional experience in either technology or operations in financial markets businesses, including investment banks, asset managers or market infrastructure providers.
2. Post-trade processing is a material business activity for their organisation. The Task Force's work focusses on identifying the pinch-points within, and viable technology solutions for, the post-trade ecosystem. This requires bringing together individuals who face these issues on a daily basis as a core business activity. Note that settlement processes and payment systems are not in scope of the Task Force because there are a number of other parallel initiatives underway, including some involving the Bank of England in other capacities, looking at this area.
3. Ability to commit time and resources to project. The Task Force will require a time commitment from members, including attendance at Task Force meetings and preparatory work, as well as some resource commitment at working level from within their organisations to provide input into meeting agendas and papers. In addition, members of the Task Force will be required to fund costs associated with retaining outside counsel, which will be shared equally amongst members.
4. Contributing to the overall diversity of members and the institutions they come from. The membership will reflect gender and sectoral diversity. This means that within the sell-side, market infrastructure, and buy-side categories, different kinds of firms based on size, geography, nature of business, etc. may be selected.
5. Familiarity with the issues and objectives of the Post-Trade Technology Market Practitioners Panel.

Other things to note about the composition of the Task Force are:

6. The Bank of England and the FCA will attend the Task Force as observers. The Bank of England will also provide some administrative support and will have the right to approve any outputs (eg minutes, or publications) for release.
7. In order to mitigate conflicts of interest that may arise from vendor relationships between Task Force members, individuals from firms that specialise in providing services and solutions for post-trade issues being considered by the Task Force will generally not be invited to sit on the Task Force. However, they may be invited to do so on an exceptional basis, for example if they are judged to bring expertise that are not available elsewhere.
8. Individuals from trade associations are not included in the Task Force because trade associations do not conduct post-trade operations as a part of their normal course of business. Corporates have

been excluded as they are less affected by the complexity and inefficiency of the post-trade ecosystem on a day-to-day basis since they trade infrequently.

9. However, the Task Force will gather the views of these types of firms and individuals as appropriate in order to inform its discussions.

Membership of the Post-Trade Task Force's Working Groups

10. Each firm represented on the Task Force will be entitled and expected to nominate one individual to attend each of the Task Force's three Working Groups. The principles relevant to membership of the Task Force shall apply to membership of each Working Group, with individuals requiring expertise relevant to the Working Group in question.
11. The Chair of each Working Group may in addition invite other individuals to participate in the Working Group where their skills, experience and knowledge, or the resources of, or services available from, their organisations, would be helpful to the Working Group in achieving its objectives.