

## New BME Commercial Office

The new BME Commercial Office is working since the end of 2018. The Commercial Office is a multidisciplinary team comprising people from the commercial areas of the different BME business units, including Iberclear, which contributes some members of its Sales & Relationship Management team.

The new unit's role is to offer clients an integrated range of all the BME services, thus strengthening our relationship with each one of them and placing them at the very heart of all the Group's actions.

The new commercial unit reinforces BME's position as a trusted partner for the entire range of products and services that the company offers throughout the value chain for the financial markets.

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## What happened lately



### PROGRESS WITH THE CSDR AUTHORIZATION

On the 11th of April, the CNMV has officially considered the documentation presented by Iberclear to request the authorisation to continue providing services as a Central Securities Depository as properly fulfilled. The CNMV can now take up to six months from this date to inform Iberclear on the acceptance or refusal of this authorisation.

Additionally, a new tab for CSDR (Central Securities Depository Regulation) has been added in the Iberclear website to keep Iberclear participants updated on the status of the CSD licence application. The following documents have been included in this section:

- An update of the CSDR White Paper and a frequently-asked questions document (FAQs).
- The CSDR follow-up report including the main points of interest for participants and related documentation.

Iberclear is working closely with the CNMV on the authorisation process.

This documentation is available from the following link: <http://www.iberclear.es/ing/Regulations/CSDR>

### LAUNCH OF CBS - CROSS-BORDER SERVICES

The cross-border settlement and custody service - known as Cross-Border Services (CBS) – went in production on December 17th 2018. Spanish financial institutions can use this service to register and settle international securities through Iberclear. It was launched granting access to the markets in Germany, France, Italy, the Netherlands and Austria.

The Portuguese market has been added on March 25th through the link established with Portugal's central depository, Interbolsa, being Iberclear the first central depository to establish a link in this market, as an Investor Central Securities Depositor.

In addition to settlement services, CBS also offers custody services, grouped in three blocks: corporate actions, proxy voting and tax reclaims. This service allows participants to optimise and leverage on the use of their accounts opened in Iberclear for both domestic securities and those coming from other markets in the T2S environment, taking advantage of the adaptations they had to go through for the Reform of the System and the migration to T2S.

### NEW ELECTRONIC PLEDGE SERVICE FOR NON-PARTICIPANT BENEFICIARIES

The electronic pledge procedure for securities pledges became available to entities that are not Iberclear participants on March 13th. The procedure includes the non-participant entity designating an existing Iberclear participant to manage on their behalf the communications required by the procedure.

This extends the availability of the electronic pledge offer to virtually all entities which may need to use this tool for securities financing, regardless of their relationship with Iberclear. It also meets participants' needs to be able to arrange pledge transactions for their clients for securities financing.

For more information: [http://www.iberclear.es/docs/docsSubidos/Prenda\\_Electronica-ING.pdf](http://www.iberclear.es/docs/docsSubidos/Prenda_Electronica-ING.pdf)

### JOINT IBERCLEAR AND BME-CLEARING INITIATIVE ON COLLATERAL STRATEGY

One of the Commercial Office's first initiatives has been to coordinate the development of the Collateral Strategy with the entities, which can benefit from both increased efficiency and lower costs in their treasury management. The offer is materialised across a range of tools made available to the entity:

- Access to Iberclear's Cross-Border Services, increasing the range of securities eligible for collateral management, including securities issued in other T2S markets;
- New ways to access repo markets through BME-Clearing, providing access to other trading platforms such as Brokertec, to access a larger number of counterparties and, therefore, increased liquidity volumes;
- Better tools for bilateral transaction management, including electronic pledge services, are available in Iberclear for both participants and non-participants.

Access to T2S is particularly important for fixed income portfolio management, implying reduced settlement risk and increased efficiency by offering additional tools for securities financing, such as collateral management with electronic pledge, already offered by Iberclear, and the T2S autocollateralization service.



## New releases

### USERS COMMITTEE

Circular 1/2019, of 29 January, informs on the creation of the Users Committee, which includes participants and issuers.

The Users Committee plays an advisory role for Iberclear's Board of Directors on the different policies and procedures, including the pricing structure, establishing access criteria and operating rules for the Information System (PTI).

### TECHNICAL MONITORING GROUPS (GTS)

As well as the Users Committee, Iberclear has also launched Technical Monitoring Groups, with an aim to contribute to improve the efficiency, security and competitiveness of the Spanish market settlement and registration system. These groups will also serve as an information and monitoring channel for the existing domestic and international committees and forums addressing post-trade activity topics interesting for Iberclear entities and users.

The Settlement GTS and the Corporate Actions GTS have met for the first time on April 5th.

### INFORMATION SYSTEM CHANGES

Changes to the procedures in the Information System Manual were released in Instruction 3/2019, on 28 February, and are scheduled to come into effect on 11 November. These modifications are designed to facilitate the application of PTI procedures, and to standardise information flows for all types of Iberclear participants, anticipating future demands arising from the new regulatory framework, such as those deriving from the application of the "Settlement Discipline" (CSDR articles 6 and 7).

We must thank everyone in each entity who took part in completing the first Iberclear Satisfaction Survey. The answers received will help us to continue improving our service, which is Iberclear's main objective.

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