

## FrontLine SIX x-clear Ltd

### **Irish settlements: Euroclear Bank as issuer CSD for Irish corporate securities**

#### **1.0 Overview**

SIX x-clear Ltd (SIX x-clear) is currently settling Irish corporate securities in the CREST system operated by Euroclear UK & Ireland (EUI), a UK-incorporated company. Following the UK's decision to leave the European Union (EU), the role of the issuer CSD for Irish corporate securities will be migrated from EUI to Euroclear Bank for trades as of the trade date 15 March 2021.

Due to this change of settlement location, Members are advised to review their setups in Euroclear Bank and inform SIX x-clear of their settlement details for Irish securities. Members are strongly recommended to involve SIX x-clear for any changes as early as possible and engage in end-to-end testing of the new flows from the execution at the trading venue until the settlement at Euroclear Bank.

#### **2.0 Effective date**

15 March 2021.

The migration is expected to take place in one single event, starting at the close of business on Friday, 12 March 2021. As of the trade date Monday, 15 March 2021, Members are expected to populate Euroclear Bank as the settlement location for Irish corporate securities. Trades in Irish corporate securities with a trade date up to and including Friday, 12 March 2021 will continue to settle in the CREST system operated by EUI.

#### **3.0 Impact on Members**

SIX x-clear will follow the market guidelines and will settle Irish corporate securities in Euroclear Bank as of the trade date 15 March 2021. As per market standards for the setup of instruments including the Place of Settlement, SIX x-clear will adhere to the information as received from the respective trading venues.

Members active in Irish corporate securities need to be able to settle instruments at Euroclear Bank. Members with no current relationship with Euroclear Bank need to open this connection in order to settle Irish corporate securities at Euroclear Bank after 15 March 2021. The first settlement date for Irish corporate securities after the migration to Euroclear Bank will be 17 March 2021.

For Members which currently have a Power of Attorney (PoA) in place with SIX x-clear for Euroclear Bank, SIX x-clear will continue to instruct the Member leg of the settlement instruction to the Member's settlement agent.

Members need to inform SIX x-clear of their settlement details at Euroclear Bank for Irish corporate securities by 1 March 2021 at the latest.

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SIX x-clear's Member Test environment is open and testing can be initiated in coordination with SIX x-clear and the trading venues on which they are trading Irish corporate securities at any time. Members are advised to engage in a conversation with the trading venues on which they are trading Irish corporate securities to understand potential changes to trading.

### 4.0 Details

Irish corporate securities are currently settled in the CREST system operated by EUI, a UK-incorporated company, which operates the CREST Irish System as the issuer CSD. The UK's decision to leave the EU will make the current arrangements between EUI and the Irish corporate securities market untenable.

In December 2018, Euronext Dublin announced that it had selected Euroclear Bank to be the market solution for the long-term settlement of Irish securities. Irish corporate securities will therefore migrate from EUI to Euroclear Bank as the issuer CSD in March 2021.

Members are asked to consult EUI and/or Euroclear Bank in case they require more information regarding the migration of the issuer CSD for Irish corporate securities. SIX x-clear is expecting Members to follow the market guidelines as set by the respective CSD.

Members need to inform SIX x-clear of their settlement details at Euroclear Bank for Irish corporate securities by 1 March 2021 at the latest.

SIX x-clear's Member Test environment is already open and testing can be initiated in coordination with SIX x-clear and the trading venues on which they are trading Irish corporate securities at any time. Members are advised to engage in a conversation with the trading venues on which they are trading Irish corporate securities to understand potential changes to trading.

### 5.0 Contact

If you have any further questions, please contact your Relationship Manager. The contact details are mentioned in the list of SIX SIS contacts published at [www.six-group.com](http://www.six-group.com) > Login > Securities Services Private > Contacts > SIX SIS > List of SIX SIS contacts.

In this context, SIX x-clear Ltd draws the Members' attention to **clause 7.1, chapter 17.0 and clause 24.1** (liability) of the Rulebook of SIX x-clear Ltd stipulating that the Member is responsible for compliance with the applicable laws (in particular domestic and foreign tax, foreign exchange and stock market regulations as well as with company law and articles of association) with respect to the Clearing services obtained from SIX x-clear Ltd.