MiCAR: GL on redemption plans – Public hearing

Wednesday, 22\textsuperscript{th} May 2024
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Public hearing structure

Introduction

GL on redemption plans

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Suggestions for an efficient session

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Introduction: MiCAR time frame

June 2023
- 9 June 2023: Publication of Regulation 2023/1114 (MiCAR) in the OJ
- 29 June 2023: Entry into force

30 June / 30 Dec. 2024
- June - Date of application of Title III (ART) and Title IV (EMT), which includes recovery and redemption plans
- December - Full application: Title I (Subject, Scope and definitions), Title II (Other crypto-assets), Title V (CASP), Title VI (Market abuse) and Title VII (Competent authorities)

1 July 2026
- End of transitional period for CASP providing services in accordance with national law before 30 Dec. 2024 (optional)
- Authorisation needed under MiCAR, and prudential requirements to apply
Introduction: MiCAR time frame
2024: Finalisation of MiCAR L2/3 (ARTs/EMTs)

- Final report:
  - March
  - Complaints handling

- Final reports:
  - May
  - Authorisation
  - Qualifying holdings
  - White papers

- Final reports:
  - June
  - Governance
  - Prudential package (reserves, own funds etc)

- Final reports:
  - June
  - GL redemption plans
  - GL to address reporting gaps
  - GL on classification

- Final reports:
  - H2-2024
  - Consultation Papers:
    - EBA own initiative
    - GL to address reporting gaps
    - Joint-ESA GL on classification

MiCAR L2/3 available via the EBA’s website:
Part 2
Consultation Paper on GL on redemption plans
Legal basis and objective of the redemption plans

Legal basis

- Art. 47 - for issuers asset-referenced tokens (ART) - and Art. 55 MiCAR for issuers of e-money tokens (EMT)

Obliged entities

- Redemption plan to be developed by all issuers of ART or EMT

Objective

- Orderly redemption of token holders

Activation

- Decision adopted by the CA in case the issuer “is unable or likely unable to fulfil its obligations” under MiCAR.

Addressee

- GL addressed to CAs and issuers of ART or EMT
General principles governing the development and implementation of the redemption plan

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<th>Proportionality for redemption plans</th>
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<td>No undue economic harm to token holders</td>
<td>• maximisation of the proceeds of the liquidation of the reserve of assets (where applicable) to meet redemption claims</td>
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<td>Equitable treatment of token holders</td>
<td>• pari passu ranking and suspension of individual redemption claims upon activation of the redemption plan</td>
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<td>Timely manner</td>
<td>• immediate implementation of actions by the issuers (e.g. communication notice, liquidation of reserve of assets, redemption process, etc.) and preparedness,</td>
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### Scope of the GL in relation to the application of the requirement to hold the reserve of assets

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<td>• ART issuers (including credit institutions)</td>
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<td>• E-money institutions (EMIs) issuing <strong>significant EMT</strong></td>
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**GL scope of application**

- **GL on redemption plan** apply to these issuers
- **Specific sub-sections** on reserve of assets apply to these issuers
- **GL on redemption plan** apply to these issuers
- **Specific sub-sections** dealing with reserve of assets do not apply
Content of the redemption plan

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<th>Governance arrangements</th>
<th>Critical activities and contractual arrangements</th>
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| • **Minimum requirements**: a clear and detailed description of gov. arrangements when the plan is implemented; | • Mapping of the critical activities to be maintained operational for implementation of the plan  
• Overview of the contractual arrangements with third-party providers including custodians  
• **AML/CFT**: compliance to be ensured also via intermediaries that are obliged entities where issuer is not subject to AML/CFT requirements | • **Same token issued by multiple issuers with a single reserve of assets**  
• Redemption plan: common section to all issuers + tailored section to the internal organisation of each issuer  
• **Coordinator** issuer to be appointed by participating issuers  
• **Coordination between CAs** |

**GL on redemption plans - Public hearing**
Redemption process

- Public notice to be published (information to token holders)
- Notice to providers of critical activities to be communicated

Communication plan

Redemption claim

- To be submitted by the token holders
- Assessment of entitlement for redemption
- «Delivery vs payment mechanism»

Distribution plan

- Redemption claims to be met with proceeds from the liquidation of the reserve of assets
Triggers assessed by the (MiCAR) CA for the activation of the redemption plan

Explicit triggers
- Insolvency,
- Resolution (where applicable), or
- Withdrawal of authorisation (Article 47(1) MiCAR).

Additional MiCAR triggers
- Capital position of the issuer,
- Liquidity position of the issuer under MiCAR requirements and/or the reserve of assets, and
- Other requirements for continuing authorisation (only for authorised ART issuers).

Other elements to assess
- Significant adverse developments in the macro-economic environment,
- Significant deterioration of market perception of an issuer, and
- Significant deterioration of the market conditions.

Credit institutions and CCPs: coordination between MiCAR CAs and prudential and resolution CAs, in case of commencement of crisis prevention measures or crisis management measures.
GL on redemption plans: consultation questions

**Question n. 1:** Do you consider that the scope of the GL on redemption plans is sufficiently clear and takes into account the differences regarding the obligation to hold a reserve of assets set out in Regulation (EU) 2023/1114 applicable to the different types of ART or EMT issuers?

**Question n. 2:** Do you consider that the GL on redemption plans are sufficiently clear and comprehensive and that they cover all aspects of the mandate?

**Question n. 3:** Do you consider that the redemption process as described herein provides adequate operational guidance to token holders about the actions and steps relating to the redemption claim?

**Question n. 4:** Do you consider that the information to be contained in the draft public notice is adequate and covers the necessary information to be conveyed to the token holders and for a sound redemption process?
Question n. 5:
5.1 Do you consider that the aspects to be assessed by the competent authority for purposes of assessing whether the issuer is unable or likely to be unable to fulfil its obligations under Regulation (EU) 2023/1114 envisaged in the Guidelines appropriately complement those set out in Article 47(1) of Regulation (EU) 2023/1114?
5.2 Do you agree that in case of credit institutions and the other entities subject to Directive 2014/59/EU or of central counterparties subject to Regulation (EU) 2021/23, the competent authority should not trigger the redemption plan without prior consultation and coordination with the relevant prudential or resolution competent authorities under that Directive or Regulation, in case of commencement of crisis prevention measures or crisis management measures under such sectoral acts?
Part 3
Next steps
Provisional agenda

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Pls send your comments via our EBA website – [link here](#)

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