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1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

This document sets out the Certificate Policy (CP) governing the personal certificates issued to non-ESCB/non-SSM users (i.e. users that belong to organisations external to ESCB Central Banks and SSM National Competent Authorities) by the Public Key Infrastructure (hereinafter referred to as PKI) of the European System of Central Banks (hereinafter referred to as ESCB-PKI). It has been drafted in compliance with the **Decision ECB/2013/1 of the European Central Bank**¹.

This document is intended for the use of all the participants related to the ESCB-PKI hierarchy, including the Certification Authority (CA), Registration Authorities (RA), certificate applicants, certificate subscribers and relying parties, among others.

From the perspective of the X.509 v3 standard, a CP is a set of rules that define the applicability or use of a certificate within a community of users, systems or specific class of applications that have a series of security requirements in common.

This CP details and completes the "Certification Practice Statement" (CPS) of the ESCB-PKI, containing the rules to which the use of the certificates defined in this policy are subject, as well as the scope of application and the technical characteristics of this type of certificate.

This CP has been structured in accordance with the guidelines of the PKIX work group in the IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force) in its reference document RFC 3647 (approved in November 2003) "Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Certificate Policy and Certification Practices Framework". In order to give the document a uniform structure and facilitate its reading and analysis, all the sections established in RFC 3647 have been included. Where nothing has been established for any section the phrase "No stipulation" will appear.

Furthermore, when drafting its content, European standards have been taken into consideration, among which the most significant are:

- ETSI TS 101 456: Policy Requirements for certification authorities issuing qualified certificates.
- ETSI TS 101 733: Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Electronic Signature Formats
- ETSI TS 101 862: Qualified Certificate Profile.
- ETSI TS 102 042: Policy Requirements for certification authorities issuing public key certificates.

The following legislation has been considered:

- Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 1994².
- Directive 1999/93/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council³.
- Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council⁴.
- Spanish Law 59/2003, of 19 December, the Electronic Signature Act (Spanish Official Journal, 20 December).⁵

¹ Decision ECB/2013/1 of the European Central Bank of 11 January 2013 laying down the framework for a public key infrastructure for the European System of Central Banks (OJ L 74, 16.3.2013, p. 30).

² Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 1994 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (OJ L 281, 23.11.1995, p. 31).

³ Directive 1999/93/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 1999 on a Community framework for electronic signatures (OJ L 13, 19.1.2000, p. 12).

⁴ Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council of 23 July 2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and repealing Directive 1999/93/EC (OJ L 257, 28.8.2014, p. 73).

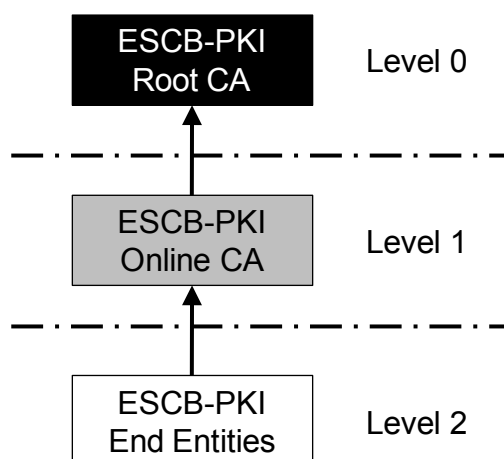
- Spanish Organic Law 15/1999, of 13 December 1999, on the protection of personal data
- Spanish Royal Decree 1720/2007, of 21 December 2007, approving the Regulations for the development of Spanish Organic Law 15/1999.
- National legislation transposing Directive 95/46/EC and the Directive 99/93/EC applicable to the ESCB central banks and SSM national competent authorities acting as Registration Authorities.
- Decision (EU) 2015/XX (ECB/2015/XX)⁶.

This CP sets out the services policy, as well as a statement on the level of guarantee provided, by way of description of the technical and organisational measures established to guarantee the PKI's level of security.

The CP includes all the activities for managing the non-ESCB/non-SSM users' certificates throughout their life cycle, and serves as a guide for the relations between the Online CA and its users. Consequently, all the PKI participants (see section 1.3) involved must be aware of the content of the CP and adapt their activities to the stipulations therein.

This CP assumes that the reader is conversant with the PKI, certificate and electronic signature concepts. If not, readers are recommended to obtain information on the aforementioned concepts before they continue reading this document.

The general architecture, in hierarchic terms, of ESCB-PKI is as follows:



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⁵Spanish legislation is also considered owed to the fact that Banco de España, the Service Provide, is established at Spain

⁶ Decision (EU) 2015/[XX] of [date, month] 2015 on the access and use of SSM electronic applications, systems, platforms and services by the European Central Bank and the national competent authorities of the Single Supervisory Mechanism (ECB/2015/XX), not yet published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

OID (Object Identifiers)	<p>0.4.0.127.0.10.1.2.3.0: Certificate policies for the non-ESCB/non-SSM users' certificates (this document)</p> <p>0.4.0.127.0.10.1.2.3.1: Certificate Policy of Advanced Authentication certificate for non-ESCB/non-SSM users</p> <p>0.4.0.127.0.10.1.2.3.2: Certificate Policy of Advanced Encryption certificate for non-ESCB/non-SSM users</p> <p>0.4.0.127.0.10.1.2.3.4: Certificate Policy of Advanced Signature certificate based on a SSCD for non-ESCB/non-SSM users</p> <p>0.4.0.127.0.10.1.2.3.5: Certificate Policy of Advanced Signature certificate for non-ESCB/non-SSM users</p> <p>0.4.0.127.0.10.1.2.3.6: Certificate Policy of Standard Authentication certificate for non-ESCB/non-SSM users</p>
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CPS location	http://pki.escb.eu/policies
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Related CPS	Certification Practice Statement of ESCB-PKI OID 0.4.0.127.0.10.1.2.1
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1.3 ESCB-PKI Participants

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

1.3.1 *The Policy Approval Authority*

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

1.3.2 *Certification Authority*

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

1.3.3 *Registration Authorities*

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

1.3.3.1 *Registration Authorities' roles*

From the list of Registration Authorities' roles described in the CPS the ones required to manage ESCB/SSM users' certificates are the following:

- **Registration Officers for External Organisations**
- **Trusted Agents**

1.3.4 *Validation Authority*

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

1.3.5 Key Archive

No applicable.

1.3.6 Users

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

1.3.6.1 Certificate Subscribers

Certificate subscribers are defined in accordance with the ESCB-PKI CPS.

The categories of persons who may be certificate subscribers of non-ESCB/non-SSM users' certificates issued by the ESCB-PKI Online CA are limited to those included in the following chart:

Certification Authority	Certificate subscribers
Online CA	Users from non-ESCB/non-SSM organisations that need to communicate with ESCB/SSM applications (as non-ESCB/non-SSM users)

Certificate subscribers will be able to receive any of the following certificate packages:

- **Advanced certificates**, where all the following certificates will be stored in a smartcard or other cryptographic token (e.g. USB device):
 - Advanced authentication certificate. The corresponding key pair will be generated inside the cryptographic token.
 - Advanced signature certificate or advanced signature certificate based on a SSCD depending upon if the cryptographic token has got a SSCD certification or not. In both cases, the corresponding private key will be generated inside the cryptographic token.
 - Advanced encryption certificate without key archive. The key pair will be generated inside the cryptographic token and no other copy will be archived.
- **Standard certificates**, where the private key will be generated by the CA and stored in a software device. The only type of standard certificate described in this CP is the authentication certificate.

1.3.6.2 Relying Parties

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

1.4 Certificate Usage

1.4.1 Appropriate certificate use

- 1 Certificates issued by ESCB-PKI in the scope of this CP may only be used within the scope of the ESCB/SSM by users from external organisations.
- 2 Within the scope of the paragraph above, certificates issued by ESCB-PKI may be used for financial activities.

The certificates regulated by this CP shall be used for personal authentication, signing and/or encipherment purposes, depending on the corresponding keyUsage extension and OID attribute in the *certificatePolicies* extension.

1.4.2 Certificate Usage Constraints and Restrictions

Any other use not included in the previous point shall be excluded.

1.5 Policy Approval

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

1.6 Definitions and Acronyms

1.6.1 Definitions

Within the scope of this CPS the following terms are used:

Authentication: the process of confirming the identity of a certificate subscriber.

Identification: the process of verifying the identity of those applying for a certificate.

Eurosystem Central Bank: means either an NCB of a Member State whose currency is the euro or the ECB.

Non-euro area NCB: means an NCB of a Member State whose currency is not the euro.

ESCB Central Bank: means either a Eurosystem Central Bank or a non-euro area NCB.

Central Bank: In this CP the term "Central Bank" is used to refer to any Central Bank belonging to the European System of Central Banks/Eurosystem, including the ECB.

National Competent Authority or SSM National Competent Authority: means any National Competent Authority (NCA) belonging to the Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM) that has agreed to use the ESCB-PKI.

External or non-ESCB/non-SSM Organisation: public or private organisation that do not belong to the European System of Central Banks (ESCB) or to the Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM).

Non-ESCB/non-SSM user: user that belongs to a non-ESCB/non-SSM organisation.

Electronic certificate or certificate: electronic file, issued by a certification authority, that binds a public key with a certificate subscriber's identity and is used for the following: to verify that a public key belongs to a certificate subscriber; to authenticate a certificate subscriber; to check a certificate's subscriber signature; to encrypt a message addressed to a certificate subscriber; or to verify a certificate subscriber's access rights to ESCB/SSM electronic applications, systems, platforms and services. Certificates are held on data carrier devices, and references to certificates include such devices.

Public key and private key: the asymmetric cryptography on which the PKI is based employs a key pair in which what is enciphered with one key of this pair can only be deciphered by the other, and vice versa. One of these keys is "public" and is included in the electronic certificate, whilst the other is "private" and is only known by the certificate subscriber.

Session key: a key established to encipher communication between two entities. The key is established specifically for each communication, or session, and its utility expires upon termination of the session.

Key agreement: a process used by two or more technical components to agree on a session key in order to protect a communication.

Directory: a data repository that is usually accessed through the LDAP protocol.

User identifier: a set of characters that are used to uniquely identify the user of a system.

Public Key Infrastructure: the set of individuals, policies, procedures, and computer systems necessary to provide authentication, encryption, integrity and non-repudiation services, by way of public and private key cryptography and electronic certificates.

ESCB-PKI Certification Authority: means the entity, trusted by users, to issue, manage, revoke and renew certificates in accordance with the ESCB certificate acceptance framework.

Trust hierarchy: the set of Certification Authorities that maintain a relationship of trust by which a CA of a higher level guarantees the trustworthiness of one or several lower level CAs. In the case of ESCB-PKI, the hierarchy has two levels: the Root CA at the top level guarantees the trustworthiness of its subordinate CAs, one of which is the Online CA.

Certification Service Provider (CSP): entity or a legal or natural person who issues certificates or provides other services related to electronic signatures.

Registration Authority: means an entity trusted by the users of the certification services which verifies the identity of individuals applying for a certificate before the issuance of the certificate by the ESCB-PKI Certification Authority.

Certificate applicants: the individuals who request the issuance of certificates.

Certificate subscribers: the individuals for which an electronic certificate is issued and accepted by said individuals.

Relying parties: individuals or entities, other than certificate subscribers, that decide to accept and rely on a certificate issued by ESCB-PKI.

Providing Central Bank or service provider: means the NCB appointed by the Governing Council to develop the ESCB-PKI and to issue, manage, revoke and renew electronic certificates on behalf and for the benefit of the Eurosystem central banks.

Repository: a part of the content of the ESCB-PKI website where relying parties, certificate subscribers and the general public can obtain copies of ESCB-PKI documents, including but not limited to this CP and CRLs.

Validation Authority: means an entity trusted by the users of the certification services which provides information about the revocation status of the certificates issued by the ESCB-PKI Certification Authority.

1.6.2 Acronyms

C: (Country). Distinguished Name (DN) attribute of an object within the X.500 directory structure

CA: Certification Authority

CAF: Certificate Acceptance Framework

CB: Central Bank that uses the ESCB-PKI

CDP: CRL Distribution Point

CEN: Comité Européen de Normalisation

CN: Common Name Distinguished Name (DN) attribute of an object within the X.500 directory structure

CP: Certificate Policy

CPS: Certification Practice Statement

CRL: Certificate Revocation List

CSP: Certification Service Provider

CSR: Certificate Signing Request: set of data that contains the public key and its electronic signature using the companion private key, sent to the CA for the issue of an electronic signature that contains said public key

CWA: CEN Workshop Agreement

DN: Distinguished Name: unique identification of an entry within the X.500 directory structure

ECB: European Central Bank

ESCB: European System of Central Banks

ESCB-PKI: European System of Central Banks Public Key Infrastructure: means the public key infrastructure developed by the providing central bank on behalf of and for the benefit of the Eurosystem Central Banks which issues, manages, revokes and renews certificates in accordance with the ESCB certificate acceptance framework - as amended from time to time including in relation to SSM -

ETSI: European Telecommunications Standard Institute

FIPS: Federal Information Processing Standard

HSM: Hardware Security Module: cryptographic security module used to store keys and carry out secure cryptographic operations

IAM: Identity and Access Management

IETF: Internet Engineering Task Force (internet standardisation organisation)

ITC: Information Technology Committee

LDAP: Lightweight Directory Access Protocol

NCA: National Competent Authority

NCB: National Central Bank

O: Organisation. Distinguished Name (DN) attribute of an object within the X.500 directory structure

OCSP: Online Certificate Status Protocol: this protocol enables online verification of the validity of an electronic certificate

OID: Object Identifier

OU: Organisational Unit. Distinguished Name (DN) attribute of an object within the X.500 directory structure

PAA: Policy Approval Authority

PIN: Personal Identification Number: password that protects access to a cryptographic card

PKCS: Public Key Cryptography Standards: internationally accepted PKI standards developed by RSA Laboratories

PKI: Public Key Infrastructure

PKIX: Work group within the IETF (Internet Engineering Task Group) set up for the purpose of developing PKI and internet specifications

PUK: PIN UnlocK Code: password used to unblock a cryptographic card that has been blocked after repeatedly and consecutively entering the wrong PIN

RA: Registration Authority

RO: Registration Officer

RO4EO: Registration Officer for External Organisations

RFC: Request For Comments (Standard issued by the IETF)

SSCD: Secure Signature Creation Device

SSM: Single Supervisory Mechanism

T&C: Terms and conditions application form

UID: User identifier

VA: Validation Authority

2 Publication and Repository Responsibilities

2.1 Repositories

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

2.2 Publication of Certification Data, CPS and CP

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

Moreover, a copy of the non-ESCB/non-SSM users' certificates is published in the directory of the ESCB Identity and Access Management (IAM) service.

2.3 Publication Timescale or Frequency

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

2.4 Repository Access Controls

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

3 Identification and Authentication (I&A)

3.1 Naming

3.1.1 *Types of names*

The certificates issued by ESCB-PKI contain the Distinguished Name (or DN) X.500 of the issuer and that of the certificate subject in the fields *issuer name* and *subject name*, respectively. The CN (Common Name) attribute of the DN contains a prefix that identifies the certificate usage, and the following are accepted:

- [AUT:S] → Standard Authentication certificate
- [AUT:A] → Advanced Authentication certificate
- [SIG:A] → Advanced Signature certificate based on a token without SSCD certification
- [SIG:Q] → Advanced Signature certificate based on a token with SSCD certification
- [ENC:A] → Advanced Encryption certificate without private key archive

This prefix will be followed by the name, middle name and surnames of the certificate subscribers.

Additionally, the following field is used:

- PS (OID: 2.5.4.65)= <User identifier at ESCB/SSM level>

The rest of the DN attributes shall have the following fixed values:

- C [Country where the Registration Authority is located]
- O EUROPEAN SYSTEM OF CENTRAL BANKS
- OU Non-ESCB/non-SSM organisation to which the subscriber belongs to

3.1.2 *The need for names to be meaningful*

In all cases the distinguished names of the certificates are meaningful because they are subject to the rules established in the previous point in this respect.

3.1.3 *Rules for interpreting various name formats*

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

3.1.4 *Uniqueness of names*

The whole made up of the combination of the distinguished name plus the KeyUsage extension content must be unique and unambiguous to ensure that certificates issued for two different certificate subscribers will have different distinguished names.

Certificate DNs must not be repeated. The use of the user identifier at ESCB/SSM level guarantees the uniqueness of the DN.

3.1.5 *Name dispute resolution procedures*

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

3.1.6 *Recognition, authentication, and the role of trademarks*

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

3.2 Initial Identity Validation

3.2.1 Means of proof of possession of the private key

Depending on the specific certificate type, the means of proof of private key possession will be different:

- [AUT:S] → standard authentication certificate: the key pair will be created by the ESCB-PKI Online Certification Authority, so this section does not apply.
- [AUT:A] → advanced authentication certificate: the key pair will be created by the subject in the private zone into his cryptographic token and the public key will be provided to the ESCB-PKI Online CA for its certification.
- [SIG:A] → advanced signature certificate (no SSCD token): the key pair will be created by the subject in the private zone into his cryptographic token and the public key will be provided to the ESCB-PKI Online CA for its certification.
- [SIG:Q] → advanced Signature certificate based on a SSCD token: the key pair will be created by the subject in the SSCD zone of a secure signature creation device and the public key will be provided to the ESCB-PKI Online CA for its certification.
- [ENC:A] → advanced encryption without key archive: the key pair will be created by the subject in the private zone into his secure signature creation device and the public key will be provided to the ESCB-PKI Online CA for its certification.

3.2.2 Identity authentication for an entity

This CP does not consider the issuance of certificates for entities.

3.2.3 Identity authentication for an individual

Evidence of the subject's identity is checked against a physical person.

Validation of the individual

Unless the certificate applicant has already been identified previously by the Central Bank or National Competent Authority acting as Registration Authority through a face-to-face identification process with the same requirements, the certificate applicant shall provide evidences of, at least, the following information:

- Full name, and
- Date and place of birth, or reference to a nationally recognized identity document, or other attributes which may be used to distinguish the person from others with the same name.

To validate the previous information the certificate applicant must present a document as proof of identity. The acceptable documents are:

- Passport, or
- National Identity Card, or
- Any other legal document accepted by the legislation applicable to the Central Bank or National Competent Authority acting as Registration Authority to dully identify an individual.

The validation of the identity will be performed by a Registration Officer for External Organisations or by a Trusted Agent delegated at the external organisation.

Validation of the non-ESCB/non-SSM organisation

Unless the non-ESCB/non-SSM organisation to which the certificate applicant belongs has already been validated previously by the Central Bank or National Competent Authority through a process with the same requirements, the following information must be provided:

1. To validate the non-ESCB/non-SSM organisation:
 - Recent constitutive act of the non-ESCB/non-SSM organisation, or
 - Recent extract of the national commercial register, or
 - Any equivalent document accepted by the applicable national legislation to fully identify an Organisation, and

2. To prove the applicant's relations with the non-ESCB/non-SSM organisation
 - An authorisation of one of the physical persons who are a legal representative of the non-ESCB/non-SSM organisation, to request non-ESCB/non-SSM users' certificates to be used in the communication between the ESCB/SSM and the Organisation
 - A copy of the identity evidence (National Identity card, Passport or any other legal document accepted by the applicable national legislation) of the physical person who is the legal representative of the Organisation; in case this person cannot be physically present, the copy must be certified by a competent authority according to the national legislation.

3.2.4 Non-verified applicant information

All the information stated in the previous section must be verified.

3.2.5 Validation of authority

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

3.2.6 Criteria for operating with external CAs

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

3.3 Identification and Authentication for Re-key Requests

3.3.1 Identification and authentication requirements for routine re-key

The same process as for initial identity validation is used.

3.3.2 Identification and authentication requirements for re-key after certificate revocation

The same process as for initial identity validation is used.

4 Certificate Life-Cycle Operational Requirements

This chapter contains the operational requirements for the life cycle of non-ESCB/non-SSM users' certificates issued by the ESCB-PKI CA. Despite the fact that these certificates might be stored on cryptographic tokens, it is not the purpose of the Certificate Policy to regulate the management of said tokens and, therefore, it is also assumed that the certificate applicants have previously obtained their cryptographic tokens.

4.1 Certificate Application

4.1.1 *Who can submit a certificate application?*

Certificates for non-ESCB/non-SSM users will be managed by a Registration Officer for External Organisations (RO4EO). RO4EOs will be able to request certificate types mentioned in section 1.3.6.

Application for a certificate does not mean it will be obtained if the applicant does not fulfil the requirements established in the CPS or in this CP for non-ESCB/non-SSM users' certificates (e.g. if the certificate applicant does not provide the RO4EO with the documents necessary for his/her identification)

4.1.2 *Enrolment process and applicants' responsibilities*

Advanced certificates (cryptographic token-based)

This process is carried out to obtain a certificate package consisting on three certificates: authentication, encryption and signature certificates. The certificate package will be stored in a cryptographic token. The procedure is the same independently on the type of token (with or without SSCD certification) to be used.

The procedure is as follows:

1. Cryptographic token-based certificate requests for a non-ESCB/non-SSM user can be initiated:
 - a. either using ESCB Identity Access Management (IAM) interfaces,
 - b. or using ESCB-PKI web interface;
2. The certificate applicant must explicitly accept the terms and conditions application form (T&C) by his/her hand-written signature of the term and conditions. The T&C will incorporate the following data:
 - a. the attributes to be included in the certificate: first name, middle name (if any), surname, name of the organisation that the user belongs to, user identifier and e-mail address;
 - b. the serial number of the certificate applicant's cryptographic token;
 - c. under the conditions and limitations of the applicable data protection law, central banks may require that the certificate applicant provides on the T&C the attributes required to distinguish the person from others with the same name (see Section 3.2.3), namely, the number of a national recognized identity document according to the legislation applicable to the Central Bank or National Competent Authority acting as Registration Authority, or the date and place of birth.

3. In the case that a Trusted Agent is in charge of identifying and authenticating the certificate applicant, he/she will add his/her hand-written signature to the T&C;
4. The RO4EO must validate the information included in the certificate request against the documentation provided by the certificate applicant, including the T&C. In the case that the certificate applicant is not in front of him/her, the RO4EO will also validate that a valid Trusted Agent has signed the T&C;
5. The RO4EO, using the ESCB-PKI web interface, will either:
 - a. Start the issuance of certificates
 - b. Approve a remote download

In both cases the certificate applicant must hold his/her token and, when requested, must insert it and type his/her personal PIN to generate the keys and store the certificates,

6. The RO4EO must securely archive all the documentation during the retention period described in section 5.5.2 of this CP:
 - a. the terms and conditions application form signed by both, the certificate applicant and the person who identified and authenticated him/her (i.e. the Trusted Agent or the RO4EO himself/herself)
 - b. under the conditions and limitations of the applicable data protection law, the central bank may choose to ask their RO4EO to retain a copy of the official identification document used to validate the certificate applicant's identity or, if this were not legally feasible, a copy of other identification document, preferable with the certificate applicant's photography;

Standard certificates (software-based)

This process is carried out to obtain a single certificate valid for authentication that will be stored in a software keystore (i.e. a password protected file).

The procedure is as follows:

1. Software-based certificate requests for a non-ESCB/non-SSM user can be initiated:
 - a. either using ESCB Identity Access Management (IAM) interfaces,
 - b. or using ESCB-PKI web interface;
2. The certificate applicant must explicitly accept the terms and conditions application form (T&C) by his/her hand-written signature of the terms and conditions. The T&C will incorporate the following data:
 - a. the attributes to be included in the certificate: first name, middle name (if any), surname, name of the organisation that the user belongs to, user identifier and e-mail address;
 - b. under the conditions and limitations of the applicable data protection law, central banks may require that certificate applicant provides on the T&C the attributes required to distinguish the person from others with the same name (see Section 3.2.3), namely, the number of a national recognized identity document, according to the legislation applicable to the Central Bank or National Competent Authority acting as Registration Authority, or the date and place of birth.
3. In the case that a Trusted Agent is in charge of identifying and authenticating the certificate applicant, he/she will add his/her hand-written signature to the T&C;
4. The RO4EO must validate the information included in the certificate request against the documentation provided by the certificate applicant, including the T&C. In the case that

the certificate applicant is not in front of him/her, the RO4EO will also validate that a valid Trusted Agent has signed the T&C;

5. The RO4EO, using the ESCB-PKI web interface, will either:
 - a. Start the issuance of the certificate.
 - b. Approve a remote download

In both cases the certificate applicant will be requested to type a password to protect the keystore (file) to be generated with the certificate and its corresponding private key;

6. The RO4EO must securely archive all the documentation during the retention period described in section 5.5.2 of this CP:
 - a. the terms and conditions application form signed by both, the certificate applicant and the person who identified and authenticated him/her (i.e. the Trusted Agent or the RO4EO himself/herself)
 - b. under the conditions and limitations of the applicable data protection law, the Central Bank or National Competent Authority may choose to ask their RO4EO to retain a copy of the official identification document used to validate the certificate applicant's identity or, if this were not legally feasible, a copy of other identification document, preferable with the certificate applicant's photography;

4.2 Certificate Application Processing

4.2.1 Performance of identification and authentication procedures

The validation of certificate requests will require face-to-face authentication of the certificate applicant or using means which provide equivalent assurance to physical presence.

The Registration Officer for External Organisations or a Trusted Agent will perform the certificate applicant's identification and authentication and will ensure that all the information provided is correct at the time of registration. The identification and authentication process will be done as specified in section 3.2.3 of this CP.

4.2.2 Approval or rejection of certificate applications

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

4.2.3 Time limit for processing the certificate applications

The Certification Authority shall not be held liable for any delays that may arise in the period between application for the certificate, publication in the ESCB-PKI repository and its delivery. As far as possible, the Certification Authority will process requests within 24 hours.

4.3 Certificate Issuance

4.3.1 Actions performed by the CA during the issuance of the certificate

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

4.3.2 CA notification to the applicants of certificate issuance

Applicants will be advised of the availability of the certificates via e-mail.

4.4 Certificate Acceptance

4.4.1 Form of certificate acceptance

Certificate applicants must confirm acceptance of the non-ESCB/non-SSM users' certificates and of its conditions by way of a hand-written signature of the terms and conditions application form.

4.4.2 Publication of the certificate by the CA

The ESCB-PKI CA publishes a copy of the non-ESCB/non-SSM user's certificates: i) in an internal LDAP directory located at the service provider's premises, only available to ESCB/SSM systems on a need-to-know basis, and ii) in the directory of the ESCB Identity and Access Management (IAM) service.

4.4.3 Notification of certificate issuance by the CA to other Authorities

Not applicable.

4.5 Key Pair and Certificate Usage

4.5.1 Certificate subscribers' use of the private key and certificate

The certificates regulated by this CP may be used only to provide the following security services:

- Authentication certificates: authentication against ESCB/SSM applications.
- Encryption certificates: encryption of email messages and files.
- Signature certificates: digital signature of transactions, email messages and files.

4.5.2 Relying parties' use of the public key and the certificate

As specified in ESCB-PKI CPS.

4.6 Certificate Renewal

As specified in ESCB-PKI CPS.

4.7 Certificate Re-key

4.7.1 Circumstances for certificate renewal with key changeover

As specified in ESCB-PKI CPS.

4.7.2 Who may request certificate renewal?

Renewals must be requested by certificate subscribers.

4.7.3 Procedures for processing certificate renewal requests with key changeover

During the renewal process, the RO4EO will check that the information used to verify the identity and attributes of the certificate subscriber is still valid. If any of the certificate subscriber's data have changed, they must be verified and registered with the agreement of the certificate subscriber.

If any of the conditions established in this CP have changed, the certificate subscriber must be made aware of this and agree to it.

In any case, certificate renewal is subject to:

- Renewal must be requested in person at the places of registration, as established for initial issuance, as established in 4.1.2.
- Renewal of certificates may only be requested within the last 100 days of its lifetime.
- The CA not having certain knowledge of the existence of any cause for the revocation / suspension of the certificate.
- The request for the renewal of the provision of services being for the same type of certificate as the one initially issued.

4.7.4 Notification of the new certificate issuance to the subscriber

They are notified by e-mail.

4.7.5 Manner of acceptance of certificates with changed keys

As in the initial certificate issuance, they must sign the terms and conditions application form as a manner of acceptance of the certificates.

4.7.6 Publication of certificates with the new keys by the CA

The ESCB-PKI CA publishes a copy of the non-ESCB/non-SSM user's certificates: i) in an internal LDAP directory located at the service provider's premises, only available to ESCB/SSM systems on a need-to-know basis, and ii) in the directory of the ESCB Identity and Access Management (IAM) service.

4.7.7 Notification of certificate issuance by the CA to other Authorities

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

4.8 Certificate Modification

4.8.1 Circumstances for certificate modification

As specified in ESCB-PKI CPS.

4.9 Certificate Revocation and Suspension

4.9.1 Circumstances for revocation

As specified in ESCB-PKI CPS.

Additionally, revoked ESCB/SSM users' certificates will be eliminated from the directories in which they are published.

4.9.2 Who can request revocation?

The CA or any of the RAs may, of their own initiative, request the revocation of a certificate if they become aware or suspect that the certificate subscriber's private key has been compromised, or in the event of any other factor that recommends taking such action.

Likewise, certificate subscribers may also request revocation of their certificates, which they must do in accordance with the conditions established under point 4.9.3.

The identification policy for revocation requests will be the same as that of the initial registration.

4.9.3 Procedures for requesting certificate revocation

The certificate subscribers or individuals requesting the revocation must appear before the RO4EO, identifying themselves and indicating the reason for the request.

The RO4EO shall always process the revocation requests submitted by its assigned subscribers. The request is made via an authenticated web Interface.

Apart from this ordinary procedure, PKI System registration officers may immediately revoke any certificate upon becoming aware of the existence of any of the causes for revocation.

4.9.4 Revocation request grace period

As specified in ESCB-PKI CPS.

4.9.5 Time limit for the CA to process the revocation request

Requests for revocation of certificates must be processed as quickly as possible, and in no case may said processing take more than 1 hour.

4.9.6 Requirements for revocation verification by relying parties

Verification of revocations, whether by directly consulting the CRL or using the OCSP protocol, is mandatory for each use of the certificates by relying parties.

Relying parties must check the validity of the CRL prior to each use and download the new CRL from the ESCB-PKI repository when the one they hold expires. CRLs stored in cache⁷ memory, even when not expired, do not guarantee availability of updated revocation data.

For non-ESCB/non-SSM users' certificates, the ordinary validity verification procedure for a certificate shall be carried out with the ESCB-PKI Validation Authority, which shall indicate, through the OCSP protocol, the status of the certificate.

4.9.7 CRL issuance frequency

As specified in ESCB-PKI CPS.

4.9.8 Maximum latency between the generation of CRLs and their publication

The maximum time allowed between generation of the CRLs and their publication in the repository is 1 hour.

4.9.9 Online certificate revocation status checking availability

As specified in ESCB-PKI CPS.

⁷Cache memory: memory that stores the necessary data for the system to operate faster, as it does not have to obtain this data from the source for every operation. Its use could entail the risk of operating with outdated data.

4.9.10 Online revocation checking requirements

As specified in ESCB-PKI CPS.

4.9.11 Other forms of revocation alerts available

No stipulation.

4.9.12 Special requirements for the revocation of compromised keys

As specified in ESCB-PKI CPS.

4.9.13 Causes for suspension

Certificate suspension is the action that renders a certificate invalid for a period of time prior to its expiry date. Certificate suspension produces the discontinuance of the certificate's validity for a limited period of time, rendering it inoperative as regards its inherent uses and, therefore, discontinuance of the provision of certification services. Suspension of a certificate prevents its legitimate use by the subscriber.

Suspension of a certificate entails its publication on the public-access Certificate Revocation Lists (CRL).

The main effect of suspension as regards the certificate is that certificates become invalid until they are again reactivated. Suspension shall not affect the underlying obligations created or notified by this CP, nor shall its effects be retroactive.

Non-ESCB/non-SSM users' certificates may be suspended due to:

- Certificate subscriber's request, under suspicion of key compromise.

4.9.14 Who can request the suspension?

The subscribers of Non-ESCB/non-SSM users' certificates and Registration Officers for External Organisations.

4.9.15 Procedure for requesting certificate suspension

Certificate subscribers may immediately suspend his certificates via an authenticated Web Interface. Access will be granted by means of by means of one of the following mechanisms:

- an authentication certificate;
- an user ID and password for the ESCB Identity and Access Management (IAM) system;
- a suspension code (secret shared with the ESCB-PKI system)

4.9.16 Suspension period limits

The CA shall ensure that a certificate is not kept suspended for longer than is necessary to confirm its status.

Revocation will be processed immediately after receiving the certificate subscriber confirmation for revocation (see 4.9).

4.10 Certificate Status Services

As specified in ESCB-PKI CPS.

4.11 End of Subscription

As specified in ESCB-PKI CPS.

4.12 Key Escrow and Recovery

Not applicable.

5 Facility, Management, and Operational Controls

5.1 Physical Security Controls

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

5.2 Procedural Controls

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

5.3 Personnel Controls

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

5.4 Audit Logging Procedures

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

5.5 Records Archival

5.5.1 Types of records archived

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

5.5.2 Archive retention period

The retention period for records related to non-ESCB/non-SSM users' certificates is 15 years, which is the legally mandated period according to the Spanish legislation.

5.5.3 Archive protection

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

5.5.4 Archive backup procedures

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

5.5.5 Requirements for time-stamping records

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

5.5.6 Audit data archive system (internal vs. external)

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

5.5.7 Procedures to obtain and verify archived information

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

5.6 Key Changeover

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

5.7 Compromise and Disaster Recovery

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

5.8 CA or RA Termination

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

6 Technical Security Controls

Technical security controls for internal ESCB-PKI components, and specifically those controls for Root CA and Online CA, during certificate issue and certificate signature processes, are described in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

In this paragraph technical security controls for the issuance of certificates under this CP are covered.

6.1 Key Pair Generation and Installation

6.1.1 Key pair generation

Keys for non-ESCB/non-SSM users' certificates issued by the Online CA are generated under the following circumstances, depending on the certificate type:

- **Advanced certificates**, where all the following certificates will be stored in a smartcard or other cryptographic token:
 - Advanced authentication certificate. The corresponding key pair will be generated inside the cryptographic token pursuant to the FIPS 140-2 Level 3 or CC EAL4+ specification or equivalent.
 - Advanced signature certificate. The corresponding private key will be generated inside the cryptographic token pursuant to the FIPS 140-2 Level 3 or CC EAL4+ specification or equivalent.
 - Advanced signature certificate based on a SSCD. The corresponding private key will be generated inside the cryptographic token pursuant to the FIPS 140-2 Level 3 or CC EAL4+ specification or equivalent and to the SSCD (CWA 14169) specification.
 - Advanced encryption certificate without key archive. The key pair will be generated inside the cryptographic token pursuant to the FIPS 140-2 Level 3 or CC EAL4+ specification or equivalent, and no other copy will be archived.
- **Standard certificates**, where the private key will be generated by the ESCB-PKI Online CA, using a cryptographic module pursuant to the FIPS 140-2 level 3 specification.

6.1.2 Delivery of private keys to subscribers

6.1.2.1 Advanced certificates

The private keys will be generated directly by the subscribers in their secure token and, therefore, no delivery is required.

6.1.2.2 Standard certificates

For standard certificates, the delivery of the private key to the certificate subscriber will be performed by means of an authenticated web interface. The certificate subscriber will receive the key pair in a file pursuant to the PKCS#12 specification protected with a password selected by him/her.

6.1.3 Delivery of the public key to the certificate issuer

In case of standard authentication certificates, public keys are generated by the ESCB-PKI Online CA, and therefore delivery to the certificate issuer is not applicable.

In the other cases, the public keys are generated by certificate subscribers on their cryptographic tokens and then delivered to the ESCB-PKI Online CA within the process required to obtain the certificate.

6.1.4 Delivery of the CA's public key to relying parties

The ESCB-PKI Online CA public key is included in the certificate of that CA. The ESCB-PKI Online CA certificate is not included in the certificate generated by the certificate subscriber. The ESCB-PKI Online CA certificate must be obtained from the repository specified in this document where it is available by certificate subscribers and relying parties to carry out any type of verification.

6.1.5 Key sizes

The key size of any non-ESCB/non-SSM users' certificate is 2048 bits.

6.1.6 Public key generation parameters and quality checks

Public keys are encoded pursuant to RFC 3280 and PKCS#1. The key generation algorithm is the RSA.

6.1.7 Key usage purposes (KeyUsage field in X.509 v3)

The 'Key Usage' and 'Extended Key Usage' fields of the certificates included in this CP are described in the 7.1.2.

6.2 Private Key Protection and Cryptographic Module Engineering Controls

6.2.1 Cryptographic module standards

The Hardware Security Module (HSM) used for the creation of keys used by ESCB-PKI Online CA is pursuant to FIPS 140-2 Level 3.

Start-up of each one of the Certification Authorities, taking into account that a HSM is used, involves the following tasks:

- a HSM module status boot up.
- b Creation of administration and operator cards.
- c Generation of the CA keys.

As regards the cryptographic token, they will be pursuant to the FIPS 140-2 level 3 or CC EAL4+ specification or equivalent. In the case of advanced signature certificates based on a SSCD, they will be also pursuant to the SSCD specification (CWA 14169).

6.2.2 Private key multi-person (k out of n) control

The private key, both for Root CA as for Subordinate CA, is under multi-person control; its activation is done through CA software initialisation by means of a combination of CA and HSM operators. This is the only activation method for said private key.

There is no multi-person control established for accessing the private keys of the certificates issued under this CP.

6.2.3 Escrow of private keys

Not applicable

6.2.4 Private key backup copy

Advanced certificates

The certificate subscribers cannot backup their certificates because the keys cannot be exported outside of the cards and these cannot be cloned.

Standard certificates

The certificate subscribers will have to keep the PKCS#12 file and corresponding protection password as a backup copy.

6.2.5 Private key archive

Advanced certificates

The private keys are generated on cryptographic cards, they are not exported under any circumstances, and access to operations with said cards is protected by a PIN code.

Standard certificates

ESCB-PKI will not keep any archive of the private key associated to standard certificates.

6.2.6 Private key transfer into or from a cryptographic module

Advanced certificates

Provided that the private key is generated inside the cryptographic token there is no transmission of this key to or from any cryptographic module.

Standard certificates

No stipulated

6.2.7 Private key storage in a cryptographic module

Advanced certificates

Private keys are created on the cryptographic token and are stored there

Standard certificates

Private keys are created in the ESCB-PKI Online CA's cryptographic module, but they are not subsequently saved.

6.2.8 Private key activation method

Advanced certificates

Private keys are stored in a cryptographic token protected with a PIN code that is required to activate the keys.

Standard certificates

Private keys are delivered in a PKCS#12 file, protected by a password. The password is required to activate the private key.

6.2.9 Private key deactivation method

Advanced certificates

Private keys can be deactivated by removing the card from the reader.

Standard certificates

No stipulation.

6.2.10 Private key destruction method

Advanced certificates

Private keys can be destroyed by destroying the cryptographic token.

Standard certificates

No stipulation.

6.2.11 Cryptographic module classification

The cryptographic modules used by ESCB-PKI technical components comply with the FIPS 140-2 Level 3 standard.

6.3 Other Aspects of Key Pair Management

6.3.1 Public key archive

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

6.3.2 Operational period of certificates and usage periods for key pairs

All certificates and their linked key pair have a lifetime of 3 years, although the ESCB-PKI Online CA may establish a shorter period at the time of their issue.

6.4 Activation Data

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

6.5 Computer Security Controls

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

6.6 Life Cycle Security Controls

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

6.7 Network Security Controls

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

6.8 Timestamping

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

7 Certificate, CRL, and OCSP Profiles

7.1 Certificate Profile

7.1.1 Version number

Certificates for the non-ESCB/non-SSM users are compliant with the X.509 version 3 (X.509 v3) standard.

7.1.2 Certificate extensions

The certificate extensions used generically are:

- *Subject Key Identifier*. Classified as non-critical.
- *Authority Key Identifier*. Classified as non-critical.
- *KeyUsage*. Classified as critical.
- *extKeyUsage*. Classified as non-critical.
- *CertificatePolicies*. Classified as non-critical.
- *SubjectAlternativeName*. Classified as non-critical.
- *BasicConstraints*. Classified as critical.
- *CRLDistributionPoint*. Classified as non-critical.
- *Auth. Information Access*. Classified as non-critical.
- *escbUseCertType (0.4.0.127.0.10.1.3.1)*. Classified as non-critical.

For understanding purposes, all ESCB-PKI OID attributes references are made under the [OID ESCBPKI] mark, which corresponds to 0.4.0.127.0.10.1.

7.1.2.1 Advanced authentication certificate

Advanced authentication certificate		
Field	Value	Critical
Base Certificate		
Version	3	
Serial Number	<i>Random</i>	
Signature Algorithm	SHA1-WithRSAEncryption (for certificates issued before the publication of this document) or SHA256-WithRSAEncryption	
Issuer Distinguished Name	CN= ESCB-PKI ONLINE CA, O=EUROPEAN SYSTEM OF CENTRAL BANKS, C=EU	
Validity	<i>3 years</i>	
Subject		
C	[Registration Organisation Country]	
O	EUROPEAN SYSTEM OF CENTRAL BANKS	
OU	Organisation within which user is member	
PS	User identifier (UID)	
CN	[AUT:A] Name Middle name Surnames	
Subject Public Key Info		
Algorithm	RSA Encryption	
Minimum Length	2048 bits	
Standard Extensions		
Subject Key Identifier	<i>SHA-1 hash over subject public key</i>	
Authority Key Identifier		
KeyIdentifier	<i>SHA-1 hash over CA Issuer public key</i>	
AuthorityCertIssuer	<i>Not used</i>	
AuthorityCertSerialNumber	<i>Not used</i>	
KeyUsage		Yes
Digital Signature ⁸	1	
Non Repudiation	0	
Key Encipherment	0	
Data Encipherment	0	
Key Agreement	1	
Key Certificate Signature	0	
CRL Signature	0	
extKeyUsage	clientAuth (1.3.6.1.5.5.7.3.2) smartCardLogon (1.3.6.1.4.1.311.20.2.2) anyExtendedKeyUsage (2.5.29.37.0)	
Certificate Policies		
Policy Identifier	<i>[OID ESCBPKI].2.3.1</i>	

⁸ This usage is allowed in the scenarios where a digital signature is generated to authenticate the certificate subscriber

URL CPS	<i>[CPS-URL]</i>	
Subject Alternative Names rfc822	<i>Subject's Email</i>	
RegisteredID <i>([OID ESCBPKI].1.1)</i>	<i>Subject's Name</i>	
RegisteredID <i>([OID ESCBPKI].1.2)</i>	<i>Subject's Middle Name (if any)</i>	
RegisteredID <i>([OID ESCBPKI].1.3)</i>	<i>Subject's Surname</i>	
RegisteredID <i>([OID ESCBPKI].1.10)</i>	<i>Subject's First surname</i>	
RegisteredID <i>([OID ESCBPKI].1.4)</i>	<i>Subject's Secondary surname (if any)</i>	
RegisteredID <i>([OID ESCBPKI].1.7)</i>	<i>ESCB user identifier (UID)</i>	
Basic Constraints		Yes
CA	FALSE	
Path Length Constraint	<i>Not used</i>	
CRL Distribution Points		
Private Extensions		
Authority Information Access		
caIssuers	<i>[HTTP URI Root CA]</i>	
caIssuers	<i>[HTTP URI Sub CA]</i>	
Ocsp	<i>[HTTP URI OCSP ALIAS]</i> <i>[HTTP URI OCSP]</i> <i>[IAM URI OCSP]</i>	
[ESCB] Extensions		
escbUseCertType	AUTHENTICATION	

7.1.2.2 Advanced signature certificate and advanced signature certificate based on a SSCD

Advanced signature certificate and SSCD signature certificate		
Field	Value	Critical
Base Certificate		
Version	3	
Serial Number	<i>Random</i>	
Signature Algorithm	SHA1-WithRSAEncryption (for certificates issued before the publication of this document) or SHA256-WithRSAEncryption	
Issuer Distinguished Name	CN= ESCB-PKI ONLINE CA, O=EUROPEAN SYSTEM OF CENTRAL BANKS, C=EU	
Validity	<i>3 years</i>	
Subject		
C	<i>[Registration Organisation Country]</i>	
O	EUROPEAN SYSTEM OF CENTRAL BANKS	
OU	<i>Organisation within which user is member</i>	
PS	<i>User identifier (UID)</i>	
CN	<i>[SIG:Q] Name Middle name Surnames</i> <i>OR</i> <i>[SIG:A] Name Middle name Surnames⁹</i>	
Subject Public Key Info		
Algorithm	RSA Encryption	
Minimum Length	2048 bits	
Standard Extensions		
Subject Key Identifier	<i>SHA-1 hash over subject public key</i>	
Authority Key Identifier		
KeyIdentifier	<i>SHA-1 hash over CA Issuer public key</i>	
AuthorityCertIssuer	<i>Not used</i>	
AuthorityCertSerialNumber	<i>Not used</i>	
KeyUsage		Yes
Digital Signature	0	
Non Repudiation	1	
Key Encipherment	0	
Data Encipherment	0	
Key Agreement	0	
Key Certificate Signature	0	
CRL Signature	0	
extKeyUsage	emailProtection (1.3.6.1.5.5.7.3.4) anyExtendedKeyUsage (2.5.29.37.0)	

⁹ *[SIG:Q]* in case of advanced signature certificates based on a SSCD
[SIG:A] in case of advanced signature certificates

Certificate Policies Policy Identifier	<i>[OID ESCBPKI].2.3.4</i> OR <i>[OID ESCBPKI].2.3.5¹⁰</i>	
URL CPS	<i>[CPS-URL]</i>	
Subject Alternative Names rfc822 RegisteredID <i>([OID ESCBPKI].1.1)</i> RegisteredID <i>([OID ESCBPKI].1.2)</i> RegisteredID <i>([OID ESCBPKI].1.3)</i> RegisteredID <i>([OID ESCBPKI].1.10)</i> RegisteredID <i>([OID ESCBPKI].1.4)</i> RegisteredID <i>([OID ESCBPKI].1.7)</i>	<i>Subject's Email</i> <i>Subject's Name</i> <i>Subject's Middle Name (if any)</i> <i>Subject's Surname</i> <i>Subject's First surname</i> <i>Subject's Secondary surname (if any)</i> <i>ESCB user identifier (UID)</i>	
Basic Constraints CA Path Length Constraint	FALSE <i>Not used</i>	Yes
CRL Distribution Points		
Private Extensions		
Authority Information Access caIssuers caIssuers Ocsp	<i>[HTTP URI Root CA]</i> <i>[HTTP URI Sub CA]</i> <i>[HTTP URI OCSP ALIAS]</i> <i>[HTTP URI OCSP]</i> <i>[IAM URI OCSP]</i>	
qcStatements	id-etsi-qcs-QcCompliance (0.4.0.1862.1.1) Id-etsi-qcs-QcSSCD ¹¹ (0.4.0.1862.1.4)	
[ESCB] Extensions		
escbUseCertType	SIGNATURE	

¹⁰ *[OID ESCBPKI].2.3.4* in case of advanced signature certificates based on a SSCD.

[OID ESCBPKI].2.3.5 in case of advanced signature certificates.

¹¹ Only in the case of advanced signature certificates based on a SSCD.

7.1.2.3 Advanced encryption certificate

Advanced encryption certificate		
Field	Value	Critical
Base Certificate		
Version	3	
Serial Number	<i>Random</i>	
Signature Algorithm	SHA1-WithRSAEncryption (for certificates issued before the publication of this document) or SHA256-WithRSAEncryption	
Issuer Distinguished Name	CN= ESCB-PKI ONLINE CA, O=EUROPEAN SYSTEM OF CENTRAL BANKS, C=EU	
Validity	<i>3 years</i>	
Subject		
C	<i>[Registration Organisation Country]</i>	
O	EUROPEAN SYSTEM OF CENTRAL BANKS	
OU	<i>Organisation within which user is member</i>	
PS	<i>User identifier (UID)</i>	
CN	<i>[ENC:A] Name Middle name Surnames</i>	
Subject Public Key Info		
Algorithm	RSA Encryption	
Minimum Length	2048 bits	
Standard Extensions		
Subject Key Identifier	<i>SHA-1 hash over subject public key</i>	
Authority Key Identifier		
KeyIdentifier	<i>SHA-1 hash over CA Issuer public key</i>	
AuthorityCertIssuer	<i>Not used</i>	
AuthorityCertSerialNumber	<i>Not used</i>	
KeyUsage		Yes
Digital Signature	0	
Non Repudiation	0	
Key Encipherment	1	
Data Encipherment	1	
Key Agreement	0	
Key Certificate Signature	0	
CRL Signature	0	
extKeyUsage	emailProtection (1.3.6.1.5.5.7.3.4) anyExtendedKeyUsage (2.5.29.37.0)	
Certificate Policies		
Policy Identifier	<i>[OID ESCBPKI].2.3.2</i>	
URL CPS	<i>[CPS-URL]</i>	
Subject Alternative Names		
rfc822	<i>Subject's Email</i>	

RegisteredID ([OID ESCBPKI].1.1)	<i>Subject's Name</i>	
RegisteredID ([OID ESCBPKI].1.2)	<i>Subject's Middle Name (if any)</i>	
RegisteredID ([OID ESCBPKI].1.3)	<i>Subject's Surname</i>	
RegisteredID ([OID ESCBPKI].1.10)	<i>Subject's First surname</i>	
RegisteredID ([OID ESCBPKI].1.4)	<i>Subject's Secondary surname (if any)</i>	
RegisteredID ([OID ESCBPKI].1.7)	<i>ESCB user identifier (UID)</i>	
Basic Constraints		Yes
CA	FALSE	
Path Length Constraint	<i>Not used</i>	
CRL Distribution Points		
Private Extensions		
Authority Information Access		
caIssuers	<i>[HTTP URI Root CA]</i>	
caIssuers	<i>[HTTP URI Sub CA]</i>	
ocsp	<i>[HTTP URI OCSP ALIAS]</i> <i>[HTTP URI OCSP]</i> <i>[IAM URI OCSP]</i>	
[ESCB] Extensions		
escbUseCertType	ENCRYPTION	

7.1.2.4 Standard authentication certificate

Standard authentication certificate		
Field	Value	Critical
Base Certificate		
Version	3	
Serial Number	<i>Random</i>	
Signature Algorithm	SHA1-WithRSAEncryption (for certificates issued before the publication of this document) or SHA256-WithRSAEncryption	
Issuer Distinguished Name	CN= ESCB-PKI ONLINE CA, O=EUROPEAN SYSTEM OF CENTRAL BANKS, C=EU	
Validity	<i>3 years</i>	
Subject		
C	<i>[Registration Organisation Country]</i>	
O	EUROPEAN SYSTEM OF CENTRAL BANKS	
OU	<i>Organisation within which user is member</i>	
PS	<i>User identifier (UID)</i>	
CN	<i>[AUT:S] Name Middle name Surnames</i>	
Subject Public Key Info		
Algorithm	RSA Encryption	
Minimum Length	2048 bits	
Standard Extensions		
Subject Key Identifier	<i>SHA-1 hash over subject public key</i>	
Authority Key Identifier		
KeyIdentifier	<i>SHA-1 hash over CA Issuer public key</i>	
AuthorityCertIssuer	<i>Not used</i>	
AuthorityCertSerialNumber	<i>Not used</i>	
KeyUsage		Yes
Digital Signature ¹²	1	
Non Repudiation	0	
Key Encipherment ¹³	1	
Data Encipherment ¹⁰	1	
Key Agreement	1	
Key Certificate Signature	0	
CRL Signature	0	
extKeyUsage	clientAuth (1.3.6.1.5.5.7.3.2) emailProtection (1.3.6.1.5.5.7.3.4) anyExtendedKeyUsage (2.5.29.37.0)	
Certificate Policies		

¹² This usage is allowed in the scenarios where a digital signature is generated to authenticate the certificate subscriber

¹³ keyEncipherment and dataEncipherment are allowed for emailProtection only. The private key is never stored in the Key Archive.

Policy Identifier	[OID ESCBPKI].2.3.6	
URL CPS	[CPS-URL]	
Subject Alternative Names rfc822	<i>Subject's Email</i>	
RegisteredID ([OID ESCBPKI].1.1)	<i>Subject's Name</i>	
RegisteredID ([OID ESCBPKI].1.2)	<i>Subject's Middle Name (if any)</i>	
RegisteredID ([OID ESCBPKI].1.3)	<i>Subject's Surname</i>	
RegisteredID ([OID ESCBPKI].1.10)	<i>Subject's First surname</i>	
RegisteredID ([OID ESCBPKI].1.4)	<i>Subject's Secondary surname (if any)</i>	
RegisteredID ([OID ESCBPKI].1.7)	<i>ESCB user identifier (UID)</i>	
Basic Constraints		Yes
CA	FALSE	
Path Length Constraint	<i>Not used</i>	
CRL Distribution Points		
Private Extensions		
Authority Information Access		
caIssuers	<i>[HTTP URI Root CA]</i>	
caIssuers	<i>[HTTP URI Sub CA]</i>	
ocsp	<i>[HTTP URI OCSP ALIAS]</i> <i>[HTTP URI OCSP]</i> <i>[IAM URI OCSP]</i>	
[ESCB] Extensions		
escbUseCertType	AUTHENTICATION	

7.1.3 Algorithm Object Identifiers (OID)

Cryptographic algorithm object identifiers (OID):

SHA-1 with RSA Encryption (1.2.840.113549.1.1.5)

SHA-256 with RSA Encryption (1.2.840.113549.1.1.11)

7.1.4 Name formats

Certificates issued by ESCB-PKI contain the X.500 distinguished name of the certificate issuer and that of the subject in the issuer name and subject name fields, respectively.

7.1.5 Name constraints

See section 3.1.1.

7.1.6 Certificate Policy Object Identifiers (OID)

The OIDs for this CP are the following¹⁴:

[OID ESCBPKI].2.3.0.X.Y: Certificate policies for the non-ESCB/non-SSM users' certificates (this document)

[OID ESCBPKI].2.3.1.X.Y: Certificate Policy of Advanced Authentication certificate for non-ESCB/non-SSM users

[OID ESCBPKI].2.3.2.X.Y: Certificate Policy of Advanced Encryption certificate for non-ESCB/non-SSM users

[OID ESCBPKI].2.3.4.X.Y: Certificate Policy of Advanced Signature certificate based on a SSCD for non-ESCB/non-SSM users

[OID ESCBPKI].2.3.5.X.Y: Certificate Policy of Advanced Signature certificate for non-ESCB/non-SSM users

[OID ESCBPKI].2.3.6.X.Y: Certificate Policy of Standard Authentication certificate for non-ESCB/non-SSM users

Where:

- [OID ESCBPKI]: represents the OID 0.4.0.127.0.10.1
- X.Y indicate the version.

7.1.7 Use of the "PolicyConstraints" extension

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

7.1.8 Syntax and semantics of the "PolicyQualifier

The Certificate Policies extension contains the following Policy Qualifiers:

- URL CPS: contains the URL to the CPS and to the CP that govern the certificate.

The content for certificates regulated under this policy can be seen in point 7.1.2 *Certificate extensions*.

¹⁴ The OID [OID ESCBPKI].2.3.3 y not used

7.1.9 Processing semantics for the critical “CertificatePolicy” extension

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

7.2 CRL Profile

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

7.3 OCSP Profile

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

8 Compliance Audit and Other Assessment

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

9 Other Business and Legal Matters

9.1 Fees

9.1.1 Certificate issuance or renewal fees

ESCB-PKI will not charge any direct fee to the certificate subscribers for the issuance or renewal of non-ESCB/non-SSM users' certificates.

9.1.2 Certificate access fees

Access to certificates issued under this Policy is free of charge and, therefore, no fee is applicable to them.

9.1.3 Revocation or status information fees

Access to information on the status or revocation of the certificates is open and free of charge and, therefore, no fees are applicable.

9.1.4 Fees for other services, such as policy information

No fee shall be applied for information services on this policy, nor on any additional service that is known at the time of drawing up this document.

9.1.5 Refund policy

Not applicable.

9.2 Financial Responsibility

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

9.3 Confidentiality of Business Information

9.3.1 Scope of confidential information

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

9.3.2 Non-confidential information

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS. Moreover, a copy of the non-ESCB/non-SSM users' certificates is published in the directory of the ESCB Identity and Access Management (IAM) service.

9.3.3 Duty to maintain professional secrecy

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

9.4 Privacy of Personal Information

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

9.4.1 *Personal data protection policy*

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

9.4.2 *Information considered private*

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

9.4.3 *Information not classified as private*

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

9.4.4 *Responsibility to protect personal data*

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

9.4.5 *Notification of and consent to the use of personal data*

The mechanisms to notify certificate applicants and, when appropriate, obtain their consent for the processing of their personal data is the terms and conditions application form.

9.4.6 *Disclosure within legal proceedings*

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

9.4.7 *Other circumstances in which data may be made public*

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

9.5 *Intellectual Property Rights*

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

9.6 *Representations and Warranties*

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

9.7 *Disclaimers of Warranties*

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

9.8 *Limitations of Liability*

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

9.9 *Indemnities*

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

9.10 Term and Termination

9.10.1 Term

This CP shall enter into force from the moment it is approved by the PAA and published in the ESCB-PKI repository.

This CP shall remain valid until such time as it is expressly terminated due to the issue of a new version, or upon re-key of the Corporate CA keys, at which time it is mandatory to issue a new version.

9.10.2 CP substitution and termination

This CP shall always be substituted by a new version, regardless of the importance of the changes carried out therein, meaning that it will always be applicable in its entirety.

When the CP is terminated, it will be withdrawn from the ESCB-PKI public repository; nevertheless it will be kept for 15 years.

9.10.3 Consequences of termination

The obligations and constraints established under this CP, referring to audits, confidential information, ESCB-PKI obligations and liabilities that came into being whilst it was in force shall continue to prevail following its substitution or termination with a new version in all terms which are not contrary to said new version.

9.11 Individual notices and communications with participants

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

9.12 Amendments

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

9.13 Dispute Resolution Procedures

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

9.14 Governing Law

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

9.15 Compliance with Applicable Law

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

9.16 Miscellaneous Provisions

9.16.1 Entire agreement clause

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

9.16.2 Independence

Should any of the provisions of this CP be declared invalid, null or legally unenforceable, it shall be deemed as not included, unless said provisions were essential in such a way that excluding them from the CP would render the latter without legal effect.

9.16.3 Resolution through the courts

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

9.17 Other Provisions

As specified in the ESCB-PKI CPS.

Trusted agent for the NBB-SSS Registration Authority: Terms and conditions

1. Scope

In accordance with Article 6.2.1.1.2 of the “Terms and conditions for the participation in the NBB-SSS”, any Participant can send instructions manually and can send data to or receive information from the NBB-SSS in U2A modus and in pull and push mode through the RAMSES GUI, having a connection with which is in principle mandatory for each Participant.

The conditions of use of the RAMSES GUI, including the related certificates and tokens, are described in Annex 8 of the Terms and conditions. Article 4.2.2 of the said Annex 8 provides that the NBB, in its role of verification authority, needs to deliver the Tokens against written receipt, either physically, by postal mail or by courier. In principle, the Token should be directly delivered by the NBB to the Certificate applicant, but in many cases such physical delivery raises practical problems or appears materially impossible. In such cases, the Token needs to be delivered, either physically, by postal mail or by courier, by the NBB to a Participant’s member entrusted, in the framework of the Participant’s organisation, to verify the identity of the Certificate user before physically delivering the Token to the latter on behalf of the NBB acting as verification authority in accordance with the CPS and the CP. For this reason, Article 4.2.3 of Annex 8 provides that each Participant needs to appoint at least one (preferably two or more) Trusted agent among the Participant’s members in order to materially exert, on the basis of a power of attorney delivered by the NBB, the competence to verify the identity of the Certificate user on behalf of the NBB before physically delivering the Token to the said Certificate user.

This sub-Annex 3 defines the terms and conditions of the power of attorney delivered by the NBB to the Trusted agent appointed by the Participant for the above mentioned purpose.

2. Definitions

Unless otherwise stated, the terms in this sub-Annex shall follow the definitions as provided for in Article 2 of the Terms and conditions, in Article 2 of Annex 8 and in the sub-Annexes 8.1 and 8.2 of the Terms and conditions.

3. Terms and conditions

3.1 Principle

In the framework of the operation of the RAMSES GUI, the NBB relies on the ESCB-PKI certificates and services. When carrying out the tasks of the NBB acting as Registration authority as described in Annex 8 of the Terms and conditions, the CPS and the CP, the Trusted agent shall similarly comply with the terms of Annex 8, the CPS and the CP.

Trusted agents will not have automated interfaces with the NBB acting as Registration authority.

3.2 Roles and responsibilities of the Participant and of the Trusted agent

The Participant and the Trusted agent shall carry out all the tasks and assume all the responsibilities corresponding to their role as Trusted agent as defined above and as described in more detail in the CPS and the CP. In performing their obligations under these terms and conditions, the Participant and the Trusted agent shall be bound by the CPS, the CP and any security measure implemented and required by the NBB. They shall fulfil their obligations in accordance with the applicable national laws and regulations and shall take the utmost care to mitigate any loss or damage.

The Participant shall verify that the Trusted agent has signed the present sub-Annex 8.3 of the Terms and conditions, and shall send the duly signed form to the NBB.

The Trusted Agent shall:

- a) deliver to the NBB a written receipt for the Tokens received from the NBB;
- b) identify each Certificate applicant by physically checking their identity against a physical person;
- c) validate the documentation required during the identification process by requesting the submission by the Certificate's applicant of any official document that evidences the Certificate applicant's identity, at least on the basis of a Certificate applicant's recent photography, and that has legal validity in Belgium. Hence, the acceptable documents must be either a valid and not expired passport or national identity card,
- d) countersign the Certificate application form signed by the Certificate applicant;
- e) deliver to the duly identified Certificate applicant the envelope containing one Token, its initial PIN code and its PUK code, as well as the data needed for the Certificate applicant to download its certificate from the ESCB-PKI website.

Together with the Trusted agent, the Participant shall be responsible for the performance of the above mentioned identity verification and Token delivery tasks by the Trusted agent and bears the exclusive responsibility for the use of the said Tokens in order to sign and send instructions in the Participant's name as soon as the Trusted agent has delivered to the NBB a signed receipt of the concerned Tokens.

3.3 Liability

The Participant shall be liable toward other Participants and third parties, if any, for any misinformation, mistakes, losses or damages arising as a result of any deliberate or negligent action and/or omission of the Trusted agent in the performance of its obligations under these terms and conditions as soon as the Trusted agent has delivered to the NBB a signed receipt of the concerned Tokens. Therefore, the NBB shall not incur any liability for any damage resulting from a possible misuse of the said Tokens as from the same moment in time.

3.4 Confidentiality and personal data protection

3.4.1 Confidentiality protection

The Participant and the Trusted agent shall keep confidential all sensitive, secret or confidential information or know-how (whether such information is of a commercial, financial, regulatory, technical or other nature) that is marked as such and belongs to the ESCB-PKI and/or the NBB or which the ESCB-PKI and/or the NBB has a lawful right to use, and shall not disclose such matters to any third party without the express, prior and written consent of the ESCB-PKI and/or the NBB.

The Participant shall restrict access to the information or know-how referred to in the previous paragraph to the appointed Trusted Agent, and such access shall only be permitted in cases of explicit operational need. The Participant shall take all appropriate measures to prevent access to such confidential information or know-how by persons other than the appointed trusted agent.

The duty of confidentiality under this Article does not apply where disclosure is:

- a) warranted by the defence of the Participant's legitimate interests in court proceedings, arbitration or similar legal proceedings; or
- b) required by law.

3.4.2 Personal data protection

The Trusted Agent hereby acknowledges:

- the processing by the NBB of the following personal data with the sole purpose of identifying the Trusted Agent: name, surname, e-mail address, and identity of the Participant by which it is appointed as Trusted Agent;
- the fact that the NBB is the sole responsible entity for the said processing of personal data;
- the NBB's complete address, as mentioned in the header of this form;
- the Trusted Agent's personal rights to consult and correct the above mentioned personal data processed by the NBB;
- the fact that these personal data shall be irrecoverably removed from the NBB's files one year after the revocation by the Participant of the Trusted Agent's appointment;
- the transmission to the NBB of a copy of a valid and not expired identity document (passport, national identity card, or equivalent official document) evidencing the Trusted agent's identification, which clearly and readably mentions the Trusted Agent's name and surname.

Access to the above mentioned personal data shall be granted only to those with an official need to know.

4. Identification data

Representative entitled to validly commit the NBB

First name:

Surname:

Title or capacity:

Participant's data

Organisation's name:

BIC11:

Address:

Representative(s) entitled to validly commit the Participant

First name:

Surname:

Title or capacity:

Trusted agent's data

First name:

Surname:

E-mail address:

By signing this document, the representative entitled to validly commit the Participant and the Trusted Agent irrevocably agree to the Terms and conditions, the terms of Annex 8 thereof, the CPS, the CP and the present terms and conditions.

Made in Brussels on in two original versions, one intended for the NBB and one intended for the Participant.

Name and signature of the NBB's
representative

Name and signature of the Participant's
representative

Name and signature of the Participant's
Trusted agent

Please attach to this document copies of the appointed Trusted Agent's valid passport or national identity card (or equivalent official document).

NBB-NET

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this document:

- “**Customer**” means any person needing to have a remote access to specific IT-applications or platforms hosted and operated by the NBB as a consequence either of its membership of a non-profit association in the financial sector, of a co-operation agreement scheme set up by the NBB or to which the NBB adheres, of a legal obligation or of any other professional reason;
- “**NBB**” means the NATIONAL BANK OF BELGIUM, a public limited company by shares created by law, having its registered office at de Berlaimontlaan 14, B-1000 Brussels, registered in the legal entities repository of Brussels under the enterprise number 0203.201.340, VAT number BE 0203.201.340;
- “**NBB-Net**” means a TCP/IP secured data transport network set up by the NBB with the aim to provide for a state-of-the-art connection channel between the NBB and its professional clients over the Internet, a private MPLS cloud¹ or a legacy leased line², including the services provided by the NBB in order to set up, operate and maintain this network;
- “**Starter Box**” means an encryption device (router) composed of both hardware³ and software components that is initially pre-configured and further managed by the NBB in function of the technical environment of the Customer in such a way that the said device is ready for use by the client (“plug and play”);
- “**Terms and conditions**” means the present terms and conditions on the provision by the NBB of the NBB-Net, as well as the most recent version of all documents to which this document specifically refers, even if they are not materially attached as an annex to this document;
- “**Turn key**” means a managed solution owned and maintained by NBB up to the encryption box at the Customer’s premises. The transport network used with this solution is the private MPLS cloud.

2. SCOPE

The scope of these Terms and conditions is strictly limited to NBB-Net and ancillary services like “Turn key” and “Starter”. Therefore, this scope does not extend to:

- the use of the IT-applications or platforms to which access is granted through the NBB-Net connection, which is covered by specific terms and conditions,
- Customer’s use of a legacy leased line agreed upon with Belgacom or Colt, or of a broad bandwidth connection with the internet via a provider freely selected by the Customer. The Customer is exclusively responsible for the implementation and maintenance at his own cost of

¹ MPLS stands for « Multi Protocol Label Switching ». The private MPLS cloud for NBB-Net is currently provided and operated by Colt.

² This solution, deprecated by the NBB, is no longer available for new connections with NBB-Net.

³ Currently : Cisco router, model CISCO881-K9. The choice of the devices can be modified at any time by the NBB in order to stick with the technical evolution and state-of-the-art.

such a leased line or of such an access to the internet⁴. Therefore, the NBB shall not overtake any technical, contractual, financial and/or legal constraint whatsoever regarding the leased line or the internet access services subscribed by the Customer and shall not be bound by the terms, conditions, technical features and limitations whatsoever agreed with the Customer's concerned service provider.

2.1. NBB-NET

The technical documentation about NBB-Net is available on the website of the NBB, at the following address: <http://www.nbb.be/doc/EL/NBB-Net.pdf>. This technical documentation is an integral part of the Terms and conditions and its respect by the Customer is mandatory.

The technical features of NBB-Net may be unilaterally modified by NBB at any time in order to stick with the technical evolution and state-of-the-art, operational experience, feedback and enhancement proposals provided by the Customers. However, major changes that may have a substantial impact on the Customers' IT infrastructure shall only be implemented after due notification to the Customers.

Encryption is mandatory for all transport of data via NBB-Net.

NBB-Net makes use of one of the following, TCP/IP-based connectivity media:

- Colt MPLS network,
- legacy leased lines, or
- a broad bandwidth connection over the internet.

2.1.1. COLT MPLS NETWORK

The physical underlying transport channel of the Colt MPLS network is a Virtual Private network provided via optical fibres⁵ throughout Europe by the network operator Colt, which has been appointed by the NBB via a public procurement procedure. Although it provides for the data transport network, Colt is a sub-contractor of the NBB and is no Party to the present Terms and conditions. Therefore, the NBB assumes alone all contractual and legal aspects of the MPLS solution. This means that the Customer needs in all cases to contact the NBB for any issue regarding the MPLS solution, including troubleshooting and incidents, and is therefore not allowed to directly contact Colt for such matters, even with regard to his locally installed loop(s).

The optional « Turn key » solution (see below, Clause 2.2) is only available for Customers making use of the Colt MPLS Network.

The MPLS infrastructure set up at NBB-side is dedicated to NBB-Net and is thus not shared with other IT-solutions.

2.1.2. LEGACY LEASED LINES

The physical underlying transport channel is a specific leased line installed by Belgacom or Colt. No new leased lines will be installed with the NBB, so that this service is only performed in favour of Customers who dispose of a legacy leased line already used previously in the frame of the remote access to NBB applications and platforms.

The leased line infrastructure set up at NBB-side is dedicated to NBB-Net and is thus not shared with other IT-solutions.

2.1.3. BROAD BANDWIDTH CONNECTION OVER THE INTERNET

The physical underlying transport channel is an internet access provided by an Internet provided selected by the Customer under his responsibility and at his own costs.

⁴ It goes without saying that the NBB is exclusively responsible for the implementation and maintenance of its own access to the internet, which goes via two different internet service providers.

⁵ Excepted the last mile to the Customer's premises, which can be in copper cable.

The optional « Starter » solution (see below, Clause 2.3) is only available for Customers making use of such a broad bandwidth connection over the internet.

The broad bandwidth Internet connections set up at NBB-side are not exclusively dedicated to NBB-Net but are shared with other NBB IT-solutions and applications such as NBB-mails, internet site, access to public NBB-applications, etc.).

2.2. “TURN KEY”

“Turn key” is an optional service provided by the NBB on top of the Colt MPLS Network as NBB-Net connectivity medium.

“Turn key” consists of the NBB taking on its account the procurement, installation, monitoring and possible debugging of the Colt MPLS infrastructure and the encryption devices (routers) needed for the setup of the connection with NBB-Net. The NBB sub-contractor for the management of the encryption devices is currently Belgacom. The NBB is also responsible for reporting possible incidents to Colt and/or Belgacom for the incident solving (relating to software as well as hardware), however within the limits of its technical possibilities and available knowledge of the Colt MPLS network, and for the operation of a Single Point of Contact (SPOC) in case of incident or fallout of the MPLS network or encryption devices.

“Turn key” is an ancillary service of NBB-Net that is provided on explicit request of the Customer. It is not available outside the framework of the NBB-Net service.

2.3. “STARTER”

“Starter” is an optional service provided by the NBB to Customers having selected a broad bandwidth connection over the Internet as NBB-Net connectivity medium.

“Starter” consists in the delivery by the NBB to the Customer of one or more⁶ pre-configured Starter Boxes as well as the automated pro-active monitoring⁷, the further technical assistance by phone and by e-mail for installation completion, the provision, as far as reasonably possible⁸, of a remote intervention by the NBB on a Starter Box that is not working properly, and its replacement by a new Service box in accordance with Clause 5.2. The Customer is informed in advance of a possible remote intervention carried out by the NBB and of the period during which this intervention can take place. Automated pro-active monitoring shall be performed by NBB until the Customer notifies to the NBB its wish to terminate this specific provision of service.

The technical assistance of the NBB ceases as soon as the configuration setup has been completed successfully or if the Customer unilaterally modifies the initial configuration of the Starter Box, which requires the communication by the NBB on demand of the Customer of the password locking the configuration of the Starter Box.

The NBB provides, on a case by case-basis, a prior advice to the Customer relating to the optimal number of Starter Boxes to be delivered. However, this number is defined by the Customer self, under its own responsibility.

“Starter” is an ancillary service of NBB-Net that is provided on explicit request of the Customer. It is not available outside the framework of the NBB-Net service.

⁶ If deemed necessary, the Customer may order a spare Starter Box in order to allow faster recovery from failure of an operational Starter box.

⁷ SNMP polling, sending of traps to NBB and periodic backup of the software configuration.

⁸ Indeed, the possibility of a remote technical intervention by NBB on the Starter Box is rather limited due to the fact that the NBB has no physical access, and even no logical access, to the Customer's Starter Box or IT-infrastructure.

3. ORDER

The Customer places an order by sending back to the NBB the duly completed and signed Order form available on the internet site of the NBB, at the following address: http://www.nbb.be/doc/EL/NBB-Net_Order_form.pdf.

By sending back a duly completed and signed Order form, the Customer acknowledges his full adherence with the present Terms and conditions, which become applicable as from the date of their signature by the Customer.

4. FINANCIAL REGIME

4.1. FEES

The NBB charges fees to the Customer in retribution of the basic and optional NBB-Net services. These fees reflect the NBB actual costs (NBB internal costs, network operators' or subcontractors' expenses and costs entailed by other third parties' provisions of services) and are therefore updated each year, in principle on the 1st of January, in order to be adjusted to the NBB's actual cost level.

The yearly actualised list of tariffs is available on the website of the NBB, at the following address: http://www.nbb.be/doc/EL/NBB-Net_tariffs.pdf.

4.1.1. NBB-NET

The retribution of the NBB-Net services provided by the NBB consists of:

- a) a periodic fee calculated per physical connection channel (*i.e.* per leased line, per MPLS end point and per Internet connectivity) and per half year; in some cases (MPLS network, leased line), the level of such fee depends of the maximum data transfer capacity requested by the Customer;
- b) "one-shot" installation costs in the case of the MPLS network, the amount of which is calculated by Colt in view of the Customer's specific situation.

4.1.2. "TURN KEY"

The retribution of the optional "Turn key" services provided by the NBB consists of:

- a) a periodic fee calculated per encryption device and per half year;
- b) "one-shot" installation costs of the encryption device.

4.1.3. "STARTER"

The retribution of the optional "Starter" services provided by the NBB consists of a periodic fee calculated per delivered Starter Box and per half year.

4.2. INVOICING

The fees shall be invoiced to the Customer:

- immediately after the performance of the concerned services, when they relate to installation costs ("one shot" costs, see Clause 4.1 above),
- in June and in December of each civil year, when they relate to recurrent provisions of services which are charged on a half-yearly basis (see Clause 4.1 above). The invoice issued in June refers to the provision of services during the first semester of the running civil year, the invoice issued in December during the second semester of the running civil year. If the Customer subscribes to NBB-Net, and possibly the ancillary services "Turn key" or "Starter" in the course of a semester, the fee relating to the said semester shall be calculated on a *pro rata temporis* basis.

4.3. PAYMENT

Invoiced amounts must be paid by the Customer in euro within thirty (30) days after their issuance, on the bank account number mentioned on these invoices, whereby all costs related to this payment will be exclusively borne by the Customer. In case of delayed payment, penalties are due in accordance

with the Belgian law d.d. 2 August 2002 regarding the fight against belated payments of commercial transactions.

Any tax and right applicable to the services performed by the NBB in accordance with the national law of any of the Parties, including the VAT, shall be exclusively borne by the Customer.

5. LIABILITY REGIME

5.1. GENERAL LIABILITY REGIME

The Parties shall carry out their obligations arising out of the Terms and conditions in good faith. In performing their respective obligations under the Terms and conditions, the Parties shall be bound by a general duty of reasonable care in relation to each other. Each Party shall take all reasonable and practical measures to mitigate possible loss or damage to the other Party.

The NBB warrants that it shall deliver professional, state-of-the-art services to the Customer, however without any warranty regarding mandatory results to be reached.

The NBB shall be liable to reimburse to and/or indemnify the Customer for any evidenced loss, liability and/or expense incurred by the Customer which has been caused by the NBB's misconduct or negligence, whereby the burden of evidencing the invoked misconduct or negligence lays on the Customer. However, excepted in case of wilful misconduct or negligence:

- the NBB shall not be liable towards the Customer for indirect, incidental, special or consequential damage, including but not limited to: harm to the level of services provided by Customer, loss of business, loss of profit, loss of data, reputational damage, etc. arising out of or in connection with the NBB-Net services or the ancillary "Turn key" and "Starter" services,
- without prejudice to Clause 5.2, the total amount of the reimbursement and/or indemnification to be paid by the NBB to the Customer for damages occurred during a given civil year shall under no circumstance whatsoever exceed the amount of the fees paid by the said Customer to the NBB during the said civil year.

Moreover, the NBB shall not be liable for delay in performing or failure to perform any of its obligations under the Terms and conditions if the delay or failure results from a slight misconduct or negligence, or from events or circumstances outside its reasonable control. For the application of this rule:

- "slight misconduct or negligence" is understood as any misconduct or negligence that can reasonably be expected still to take place in spite of the normal care and precaution expected from a professional provider of IT-services,
- "circumstances outside its reasonable control" are understood as *force majeure*, mandatory regulation passed or actions carried out by the public authority, and the unpredictable actions or negligence of a third party, including the NBB's sub-contractors. In particular, no liability shall be vested with the NBB when the delay in performing or failure to perform its obligations results from an action, omission, delay, failure or denial of service of the Customer's internet access provider in the performance of its own obligations towards the Customer. Each Party shall inform the other Party without delay of any such actual or imminent failure, and use its best efforts to solve it as soon as reasonably possible. Furthermore, as regards the Colt MPLS network, the NBB cannot grant further terms of services than those granted by Colt itself to NBB.

Any Customer seeking indemnification by the NBB of any damage shall explicitly request the reimbursement and/or indemnity in writing by means of a registered postal mail, and shall add to its claim the evidence relating to both the misconduct or the negligence and of the invoked damage. No claim, regardless of form, arising out of the Terms & Conditions may be validly introduced by the Customer more than two (2) years after the cause of action became known to the Customer.

5.2. SPECIFIC LIABILITY REGIME FOR THE "STARTER" SERVICE

As an exception to Clause 5.1, the total amount of the reimbursement and/or indemnification to be paid by the NBB to the Customer for damages occurred during a given civil year which are entailed by a misconduct or negligence in the provision of the Starter service shall under no circumstance

whatsoever exceed the amount of the fees paid by the Customer to the NBB during the said civil year for the provision of the Starter service.

The NBB shall replace, as soon as reasonably possible, a Starter Box which does not work, or does not work properly anymore, despite possible remote interventions performed by the NBB as referred to in Clause 2.3. In such case, the Customer may need:

- a) to install the second, properly pre-configured Starter Box at its disposal and deploy it in production environment, in order to keep the connection with NBB-Net running, and
- b) to send a formal notice of the falldown of the Starter Box to the NBB and to send the faulty Starter Box to the NBB at its own cost. Upon receipt of the faulty Starter Box, the NBB sends at its own cost a new pre-configured Starter Box to the Customer with a fast shipping company;

6. OWNERSHIP AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

The present Terms and conditions do not result in any transfer of property right or any other right whatsoever in any tangible or intangible asset of NBB or its agents and subcontractors to the Customer. However, the NBB grants to the Customer, to the extent feasible under applicable legislation, all licences regarding the intellectual property rights required to enable the Customer to use the NBB-Net service and the ancillary “Turn key” and “Starter” services, in particular the Starter Box and its software components.

The Starter Box remains the sole property of the NBB and is fully dedicated to the NBB-Net connection. It may not be recycled, destroyed, sold, leased, alienated or used by the Customer for any other purpose without prior written agreement of the NBB.

7. EFFECTIVENESS, DURATION AND TERMINATION

In accordance with Clause 3, these Terms and conditions become effective from the date of their signature by the Customer of the Order form.

The NBB-Net service and the ancillary services “Turn key” and “Starter” are concluded for an undefined period of time, but shall encompass a minimum duration of one full calendar year.

Subject to the mandatory respect of the said minimum duration, each Party shall be entitled to terminate the NBB-Net service, or to terminate the “Turn key” or “Starter” service while continuing the NBB-Net service, at the end of any civil year, without need of any justification and without indemnification but subject to the sending of a termination notice to the other Party, at least six months in advance. Such termination notice shall be sent to the other Party by means of a registered postal mail in order to be legally valid and shall specify whether the termination concerns the NBB-Net service as a whole or only the “Turn key” or the “Starter” service.

The extraordinary right of a Party to terminate the provision of the services if the other Party does not fulfil its own contractual duties pursuant to Article 1184 of the *Belgian Civil Code* shall remain unaffected.

The Customer having subscribed to the “Starter” service must send back the Starter Boxes in his possession to the NBB or its agent not later than the first working week following the termination date, at its own cost. The NBB is empowered as by law and without prior notification to replace the Starter Boxes which have not been received from the Customer within two weeks after the termination date, by purchasing a new encryption device for each Starter Box that have not been received, at the exclusive cost of the Customer that shall refund the said cost on first demand of the NBB.

The termination of the NBB-Net service for any reason whatsoever shall not affect provisions on the following items:

- (a) Clause 5: Liability
- (b) Clause 6: Ownership and property rights, and
- (c) Clause 9: Applicable law and dispute resolution.

8. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

8.1. NOTICES

Without prejudice to specific diverging provisions in these Terms and conditions, any notice sent by the Parties shall be in writing (fax, post, or any other durable means of communication, including e-mail) and in English.

8.2. WAIVER

A failure or delay in exercising any right or remedy under the Terms and conditions shall not operate as a waiver of, and accordingly shall not preclude or limit any future exercise of, that right or remedy.

8.3. SEVERABILITY AND SURVIVAL

Should a provision of the Terms and conditions be or become invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the other provisions of the Terms and conditions shall remain valid, legal and enforceable.

8.4. TRANSFER OF RIGHTS OR OBLIGATIONS TO THIRD PARTIES

The Customer may only transfer or assign its rights and obligations under the Terms and conditions to a third party with the express, prior and written consent of, and subject to the conditions agreed with, the NBB.

The NBB is not allowed to transfer or assign its rights and obligations under the Terms and conditions to a third party, but is explicitly allowed to outsource the execution of its obligations under the Terms and conditions to sub-contractors.

8.5. REVISION

The Terms and conditions constitute the complete agreement between the Parties regarding the provision of NBB-Net, "Turn key" and "Starter" services and supersede any prior written or oral agreement concluded between the Parties regarding the same subject.

Any amendment or modification of the Terms and conditions shall be made in writing, shall be notified by registered postal mail to the Customer and shall enter into force on the date as specified in the relevant amendment or modification. If the Customer does not agree with the amendment or modification of the Terms and conditions proposed by the NBB, and notwithstanding the Clause 7, the Customer is allowed to unsubscribe to the NBB-Net service and/or the ancillary "Turn key" or "Starter" services at the end of the running semester, without indemnification but subject to the sending of a termination notice to the NBB. Such termination notice shall be sent to the NBB by means of a registered postal mail in order to be legally valid and shall specify the reason for the termination and whether the termination concerns the NBB-Net service as a whole or only the "Turn key" or the "Starter" service.

9. APPLICABLE LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

These Terms and conditions shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of Belgium.

Any dispute between the Parties concerning the interpretation, application or execution of these Terms and conditions shall be settled, if possible, in an amicable and equitable manner within a reasonable period of time. If the dispute cannot be settled in an amicable and equitable manner, the matter in dispute shall be finally settled exclusively by the judicial courts of Brussels.

10. APPROVAL

Signed in on 20

Name, 1st surname : Name, 1st surname :

Title : Title :

Signature : Signature :

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The signature of this document entails that the signee fully acknowledges and agrees with the Terms and conditions regarding the 'NBB-Net' service and the ancillary 'Turn key' and 'Starter' services.

Please return this duly completed and signed order form to:

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