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Basic information counterparties and Eurosystem Collateral framework

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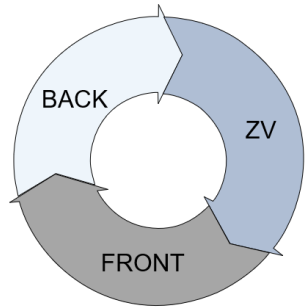


General requirements for potential counterparties

In order for an institution to become a counterparty, and thus to be allowed to participate in Eurosystem monetary policy operations, the following basic conditions must be fulfilled:

- Be domiciled in Austria, or be an Austrian branch of a foreign institution
- Have a sound financial position within the meaning of Article 55a of the Guideline General Documentation (EU) 2015/510 as amended
- Be Subject to minimum reserves (intermediary or mediate)
- a) Be subject to at least one form of supervision harmonized at Union or EEA level by competent authorities in accordance with Directive 2013/36/EU and Regulation (EU) No. 575/2013
or
- b) Be a publicly owned credit institution as defined in Article 123(2) TFEU and subject to supervision by competent authorities that is of a standard comparable to Directive 2013/36/EU and Regulation (EU) No 575/2013
or
- c) Be subject to non-harmonized supervision by the competent authorities

Operational criteria - grouped by type of business and responsible organizational unit at the OeNB



	Acceptance of the terms and conditions	Current EURO account with the OeNB	SWIFT Live BIC	Securities account with the OeNB	E-tender access authorization
Main/longer-term refinancing operations and fine-tuning options	yes	yes*	yes	yes	yes
Deposit Facility	yes	yes	no	no	no
Marginal lending facility	yes	yes*	yes	yes	yes
ECB debt certificates	yes	yes*	yes	no	yes
Outright purchases/sales	yes	yes*	yes	no	no

* Requires either direct participation in Single Shared Platform (SSP) within the framework of the TARGET2 payment system or indirect participation via Austrian direct participants.

Certification process

The following steps must be fulfilled in order for the institution to participate in monetary policy operations:

Action	Relevant contact
Request Live-BIC-Code	SWIFT
Transmission of documents for opening ASTI and Target2 account	Division Payment Systems
Transmission of terms and conditions and documents for business partner account opening	Division FRONT
Transmission of documents for securities account	Division BACK
Application for e-tender in myOeNB/Opus by administrator of counterparty	USP* & myOeNB/Opus
Granting of counterparty status and information to ECB	Division FRONT

* *Unternehmensserviceportal*

Participation in monetary policy operations can start, securities can be submitted with immediate effect.

Additional requirements must be met in order to submit credit claims:

Initial information meeting	Division BACK
Submission of documentation	Division BACK
Interface tests	Division BACK

After successfully completion of the steps mentioned above, the counterparty is certificated to mobilize national and/or international credit claims.

Collateral framework – eligible Eurosystem collateral

Collateral provided by Eurosystem counterparties must fulfil certain conditions or eligibility criteria in order to be eligible.

Basic information:

- The collateral framework is uniform throughout the euro area and covers marketable and non-marketable assets
- Collateral can be used cross border
- Certain assets can be excluded from credit protection at any time

Marketable and non-marketable assets:

- Part 4 of Guideline (EU) 2015/510 of the ECB of December 19, 2014 as amended on the implementation of the Eurosystem monetary policy framework
- There is a [List of eligible marketable assets](#), which meet the requirements
- Non-marketable assets are assessed individually

Eurosystem – eligible collateral.I

	Permanent framework	Temporary framework
Asset type	marketable	Government bonds, ECB debt certificates Unsecured bank bonds Covered bonds* Corporate bonds ABS
	Non-marketable	Credit Claims Fixed-term deposits
		Additional credit claims (ACC) Additional short-term debt
Structure	Fixed and unconditional principal amount Accepted coupon structures Non-subordination	
Type of issuer/ debtor/ guarantor	NCBs, public sector, private sector, international and multilateral institutions	
Place of issuance (marketable)	EEA	

* Covered bonds, which are issued by the counterparty itself or a close linked entity and submitted as own use, need an asset rating and a higher haircut will be applied.

Eurosystem – eligible collateral.II

	Permanent framework	Temporary framework
Accepted markets (marketable)	Admitted to trading on EU regulated market or non-regulated markets accepted by Eurosystem	
Place of establishment of the issuer/ debtor/guarantor	marketable	EEA (issuer/guarantor/ABS entities) Non-EEA G10 (issuer)
	non-marketable	Euro area (debtor/guarantor)
Credit assessment sources (CAS)	Moody's, Fitch, S&P and DBRS (ECAIs) Other CAS are available for marketable assets not rated by an ECAI and debtors of non-marketable assets	
Credit standards	ECAI rating must be equal to or above BBB- Other CAS: 1-year probability of default <0,4%	AT: 1-year probability of default up to 1%, if debtor is an Austrian corporation; COVID-19 guarantees under certain conditions
	ABS: at least two credit ratings at A-	ABS: at least two credit ratings at BBB- Assets issued or guaranteed by central governments of countries under a EU/IMF program
Currency	EUR	
		USD, GBP, JPY

Eurosystem – eligible collateral. III

Credit assessment framework	Valuation	Haircuts
<p>ECAIs (S&P, Fitch, Moody’s, DBRS) – for marketable assets</p> <p>In-house credit assessment systems (operated by NCBs)</p> <p>Counterparties’ IRB systems (if they have been approved for use in monetary policy operations as part of the approval process)</p>	<p>Valuation of eligible marketable assets performed by the Common Eurosystem Pricing Hub (CEPH)</p> <p>Use of the most representative price on the business day preceding the valuation date</p> <p>Use of theoretical price for illiquid assets which do not have direct and reliable market quotes</p>	<p>Dependent on the type of asset and issuer, residual maturity/weighted average life, coupon type and credit quality</p> <p>Additional haircuts/valuation markdowns applied to own-used covered bonds, theoretically priced assets and foreign currency denominated assets</p> <p>Also concentration limits and margin calls are applicable</p>

Additional Links

- [Terms and Conditions](#)
- [Eurosystem and collateral](#)
- [General Documentation](#)
- [Information regarding haircuts](#)
- [Division payment systems business area](#)
- [myOeNB/Opus](#)
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