

# UNVEILING THE POTENTIAL OF WHOLESAL CBDC: WHAT INSIGHTS AND PROSPECTS?

3 OCTOBER 2023

In-person conference in Paris with virtual option available

**14.15 – 14.45**

Registration and refreshments

**14.45 – 15.05**

Welcome and opening address by François VILLEROY DE GALHAU, Governor, Banque de France

**15.10 – 16.10**

ROUNDTABLE 1 HARNESSING THE POTENTIAL OF WHOLESAL CBDC  
FOR CROSS-BORDER PAYMENTS

The decision to launch a central bank digital currency (CBDC) is a sovereign one with a wide range of domestic considerations that determine the optimal CBDC design for each jurisdiction. Certain CBDC design choices will however be critical for facilitating cross-border payments. International coordination and public-private collaboration early in CBDC design is important to avoid unintentional barriers to the facilitation of cross-border payments later.

#### Speakers

Cecilia SKINGSLEY, Head, BIS Innovation Hub

Marianne DEMARCHI, CEO Europe, SWIFT

Leong SING CHIONG, Deputy Managing Director, Monetary Authority of Singapore

#### Chair

Agnès BÉNASSY-QUÉRÉ, Deputy Governor, Banque de France

**16.10 – 16.40**

Coffee break



## **16.40 – 17.40**

### **ROUNDTABLE 2 TOKENISATION OF FINANCE: WHICH PROSPECTS FOR WHOLESAL CBDC?**

Tokenisation has been purported to introduce potential benefits such as fast and efficient clearing and settlement of a wide range of assets, transparency and standardisation. A growing number of financial institutions are already involved in tokenisation projects, in addition to crypto-asset firms such as crypto-asset intermediaries and so-called decentralised finance (DeFi) protocols. The exploration of the various possible use cases is continuing, and the subject of operationalisation is coming increasingly to the fore. While the horizon for this roll-out is medium to long term, the challenges we have to address are already in front of us.

#### **Speakers**

**Bertrand DE MAZIÈRES**, Director General, European Investment Bank

**Christophe LEPITRE**, CEO, IZNES

**Sebastien KRAENZLIN**, Director, Swiss National Bank

**Jean-Marc STENGER**, CEO, Société Générale-Forge

#### **Chair**

**Emmanuelle ASSOUAN**, Director General Financial Stability and Operations, Banque de France

## **17.40 – 17.55**

**Concluding remarks by Denis BEAU**, Deputy Governor, Banque de France

## **18.00 – 18.15**

Showcase on Mariana with BIS Innovation Hub

## **End of event**

Drinks and refreshments