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Innovation partnerships



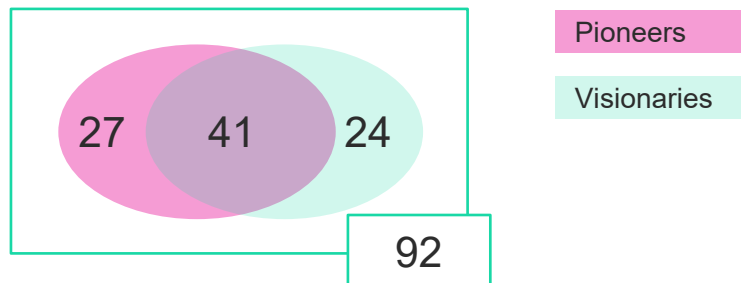
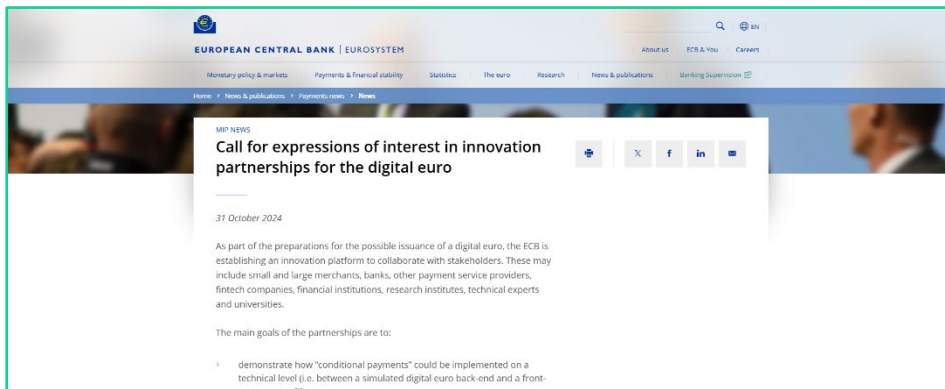
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We continue to engage with market participants on a technical level

On 31 October, we published a **Call for expression of interest** to attract market participants to join an open and transparent experimentation exercise. Interested parties could apply until the 29th November.

We attracted **large interest** proving the worth of the engagement for market participants and the Eurosystem.



The differences between the engagement types



Main scope: Pioneers

- Facilitate **technical testing** against digital euro infrastructure and **prove implementation of conditional payments**
- **Open participation** (minimum selection against potentially harmful applications)
- **Open collaboration** (onboarding package, technical support, no direct/weekly interactions, participants remain owners of created IP and may be allowed to communicate on their contribution)
- **On-site event at the ECB with e.g. HLTF/ERPB** to showcase best entries
- To be **summarised in a report** to be published by the ECB



Secondary scope: Visionaries

- **Conceptual work** to explore e.g. innovative use cases (e.g. also covering B2B payments), community impact and societal considerations involving multiple stakeholders with different backgrounds
- **All entries will be assessed** whereas the most interesting, innovative and coherent visions will be invited
- **One-off half day workshops** to promote the most original ideas
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How the engagement is planned to continue

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- Oct' 24:
- **Publish Call for Expression of Interest** detailing out
 - Scope
 - How to apply
 - Mode of collaboration

- Nov' 24:
- **Q&A period**

- Dec' 24:
- **Review applications**

Visionaries

- From Jan' 24 until ~end of April:
- **Bilateral workshops** with selected applicants (~1-2 per week)

Pioneers

- Jan' 25:
- Disseminate **onboarding package** (incl. functional and technical description)
 - Kick-off workshop
- From Feb' 25 until ~end of May:
- Continuous evolution of the interfaces and unsupervised testing & integration

- June 25
- **Outcome report**

Thank you for your attention!



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