

BDI – BOA COOPERATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A

LOCAL IP SYSTEM FOR BANK OF ALBANIA

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Bdl-BoA cooperation Objective: a new "local IP system" for BoA

- BoA intends to adopt a domestic IP system
 - For this purpose, BoA and BdI are discussing how to create such infrastructure.
- The new platform will have to facilitate convergence towards the adoption of SEPA standards
 - And it will have to prepare the banking community for possible future accession to TIPS
- The Governing Council in November approved the reuse of TIPS to realize the TIPS-clone according to the current legal framework



Bdl-BoA cooperation Proposal: **"Cloning" the TIPS system** (1/2)

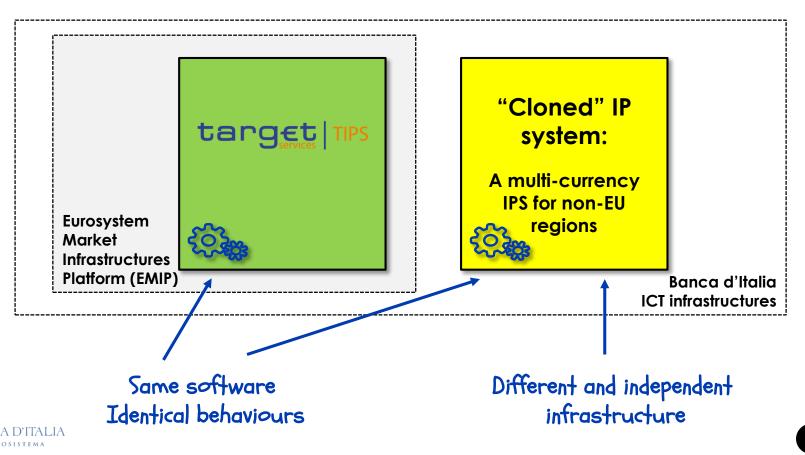
• BoA would use a service provided by BdI

- BoA and the banking system would avoid "throw away" investments
- Additionally, technical operation of the new service would be carried out by BdI (with BoA ensuring business operation)
- It is crucial that the new service is directly derived from TIPS (TIPS clone) in order to:
 - Prepare BoA and local community to join TIPS
 - Minimize the investment needed to migrate from the TIPS-clone to TIPS

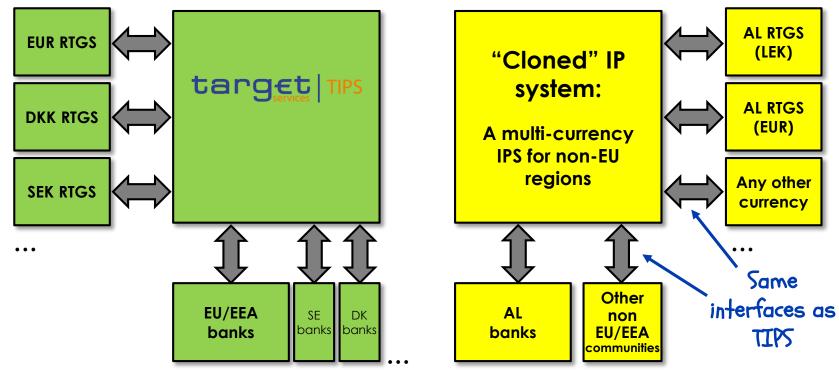




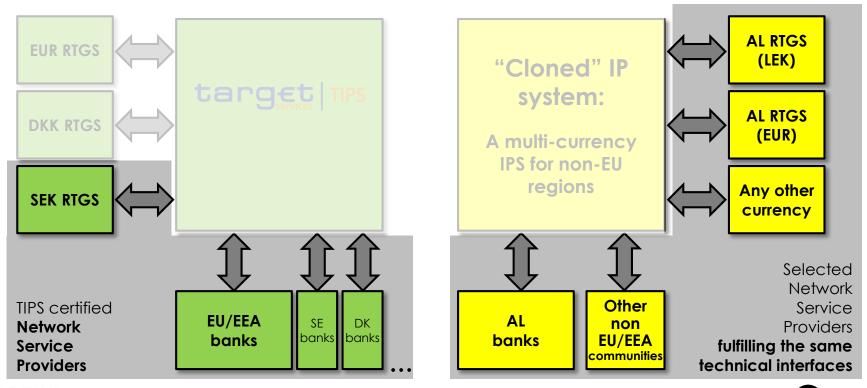
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Bdl-BoA cooperation Cloned system - Actors



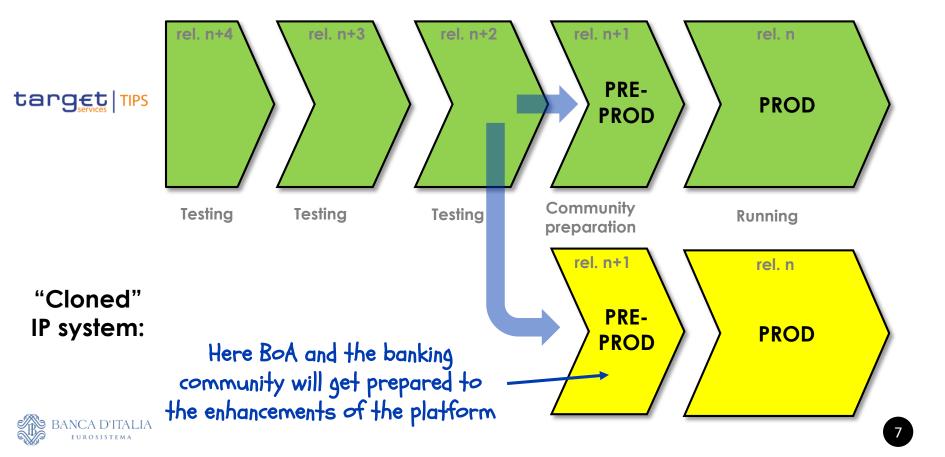




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Bdl-BoA cooperation Cloned system – **Environments**



Bdl-BoA cooperation Recap of the proposal

- Banca d'Italia would create an independent "clone" of the TIPS platform:
 - With different "size" (i.e. processing capacity)
 - With the very same software version, i.e.
 - □ Identical (current and future) behavior compared to TIPS
 - All updates (Change Requests, patches, etc.) will be applied to both the platforms thereby facilitating the future boarding on TIPS
 - The very same interfaces, i.e.:
 - The banks must use "selected" Network Service Providers
 - Such NSPs must adhere to the tech rules and protocol already in place for TIPS
 - The BoA RTGSs must be connected to the IPS (for Liquidity Transfers and EoD synch), adhering to the tech rules and protocol already in place for TIPS





Bdl-BoA cooperation Recap of the proposal

- Advantages of the proposed approach:
 - No throw-away investments, less expensive solution than implementing the new ISP from scratch.

The "service approach" would avoid the need to technically operate the platform.² BoA would anyway preserve its role as business operator³ of the banking system, while being able to rely on a centralized business support too.

- BoA and local community would get prepared and trained for joining TIPS and SEPA standards.
- BoA and local community would benefit of all enhancements implemented in TIPS (e.g. cross-currency settlement).
- Potential onboarding of additional non-euro currencies.

² Even though training activities will take place, to explain how the system works from a functional and technical standpoint. ³ This implies BoA will remain in full control of the governance of the service , the applicable legal framework, access rules, etc.









Questions?



