

DPP4 Workshop: Innovation and non-traditional solutions

Online workshop held Monday 4 March 2024

On Monday 4 March 2024, we held an online workshop to share our early thinking and to seek feedback from stakeholders on how to best incentivise innovation and the use of non-traditional solutions within the DPP regime.

The workshop slides and recording of the workshop are available on our [website](#).

We invite all interested parties to provide submissions on the emerging views in our workshop and workshop materials, or on other matters relevant to our development of an INTSA scheme by **5pm Tuesday 19 March 2024** with “**Submission on EDB DPP4 innovation and non-traditional solutions workshop**” in the subject line of your email.

We prefer submissions in both a format suitable for word processing (such as Microsoft Word document) as well as a ‘locked’ format (such as a PDF) for publication on our website.

Submissions should be addressed to:

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Confidential submissions

We discourage requests for non-disclosure of submissions so that all information can be tested in an open and transparent manner. However, we recognise that there may be cases where parties that make submissions may wish to provide information in confidence. We offer the following guidance:

- If it is necessary to include confidential material in a submission, the information should be clearly marked, with reasons why that information is confidential.
- Where commercial sensitivity is asserted, submitters must explain why publication of the information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice their commercial position or that of another person who is subject to the information.
- Both confidential and public versions of the submission should be provided.
- The responsibility for ensuring that confidential information is not included in a public version of a submission rests entirely with the party making the submission.
- We request that you provide multiple versions of your submission if it contains confidential information or if you wish for the published electronic copies to be ‘locked’. This is because we intend to publish all submissions on our website. Where relevant, please provide both an ‘unlocked’ electronic copy of your submission, and a clearly labelled ‘public version’.

Questions for written feedback:

We have collated the questions from our Innovation and non-traditional solutions workshop slides in one place so that interested submitters can download this table in a format that allows them to include their responses to the questions proposed.

Please see below the discussion topics and questions we focused on in the workshop. We would appreciate submissions in response to the workshop and to these questions below.

In particular, we would especially appreciate feedback for questions 5 and 6.

Stakeholders are not limited from providing additional information beyond these questions framed below.

Session 2: discussion topics & questions

1. **Conditions:** eg, Conditions EDBs must meet to fulfil INTSA scheme requirements, eg, project closure reports - sharing the learning from projects and the expected benefits for consumers

Answer:

2. **Project type definition:** eg, Would it be better for the project type definition to be specific for certainty or general to allow greater accessibility?

Answer:

3. **Share of recoverable expenditure:** eg, What share of potential project costs should be recoverable under an INTSA scheme?

Answer:

4. **Supporting evidence:** eg, What type of supporting evidence should be required to ensure an INTSA is workable for EDBs, but protects consumers?

Answer:

Session 3: discussion topics & questions

5. **Types of projects:** eg, How would EDBs want to use the INTSA in DPP4; would that be different in the DPP5 period? Are there projects EDBs consider could be accommodated under these illustrative options?

Answer:

6. **Other challenges:** eg, what internal hurdles do you see with undertaking innovation and non-traditional solutions? How could an INTSA help to overcome those challenges?

Answer:

7. **Safeguards for consumers:** eg, How can we design the INTSA so that it manages the risk burden for consumers?

Answer:

8. **Designing INTSA scheme accessibility:** eg, How can we design a user-friendly INTSA scheme so EDBs can part-fund and deliver innovative projects and non-traditional solutions?

Answer: