PTCS User Guide

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About this User Guide

The User Guide – PTCS Services is designed to help CSD participants' platform users effectively navigate and operate the features available in the Euronext Securities Milan PTCS System. This guide focuses on the tools, roles, data processing flows, and reporting functionalities.

Purpose

This document provides:

• Step-by-step guidance on using Euronext Securities Milan PTCS System features

IMPORTANT NOTE

This user guide is not intended to replace any operational procedures. The purpose of this document is to explain key functions and settings and provide guidelines for the use of the ES-MIL PTCS System. For procedures, flows, timings and deadlines, please refer to functional and operational documents and materials published by the CSD.



1. Introduction

This document serves as the consolidated user guide for the PTCS application. It is designed to provide users with a clear and structured understanding of the application's features, navigation, user roles, and processes.

PTCS (Post Trade Confirmation System) described in this document aims to substitute the SBI platform offered by Euroclear France and would offer mainly the following capabilities:

- AO: Execution Notice
- DSS: Deferred settlement services
- Corporate Actions
- Default Management.



2. Users' Roles & Profiles

The following users' profiles will be maintained in the PTCS application.

2.1. Broker User

- Have access to his transactions across his investor's custodians.
- Have access to his Dashboards as a broker, across his investor's custodians.
- Have access to his Reports as a broker, across his investor's custodians.

2.2. Custodian User

- Have access to his transactions across his brokers.
- Have access to his Dashboards as a Custodian, across his brokers.
- Have access to his Reports as a Custodian, across his brokers.



3. Application Access

Application access and data view will be managed according to the user profile and the privileges assigned by role.

3.1. Public App

Users with role Broker or Custodian will have access only to their dedicated space in the public application



4. Dashboards

The dashboard presents a global view of the transactions with statistics widgets on transaction status (Invalid, waiting confirmation, confirmed, refused, settlement accepted), transaction timeline history, and flow messages content download.

The dashboard access privileges, widgets view, and displayed content are defined according to the role of the logged in user profile.

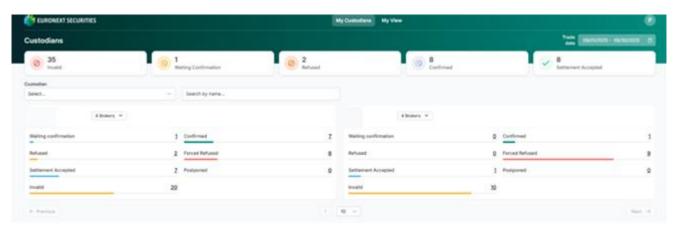
So that, different content and features would be available for the three main user roles: Broker and Custodian

4.1. Broker Dashboard

My Custodians

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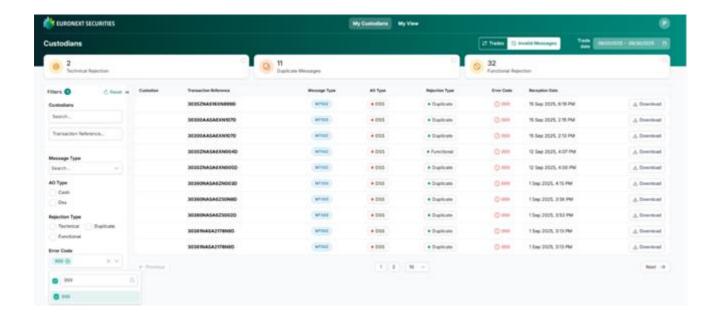
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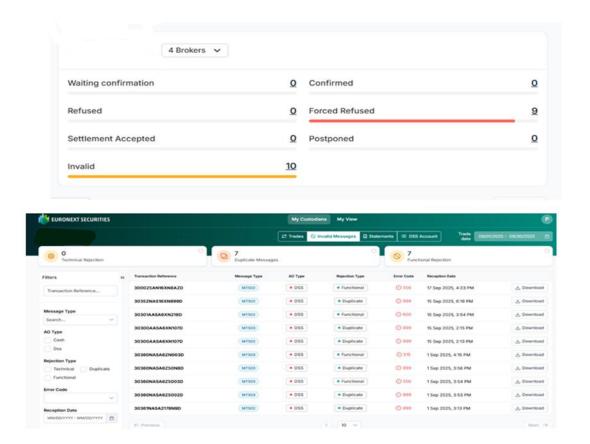
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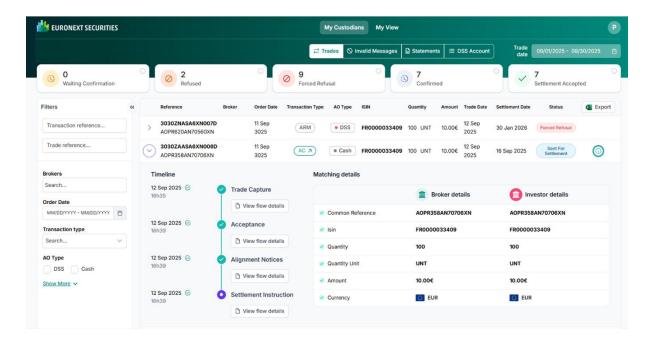
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- Trades details: display all the trades details sent by the broker (trade reference, order
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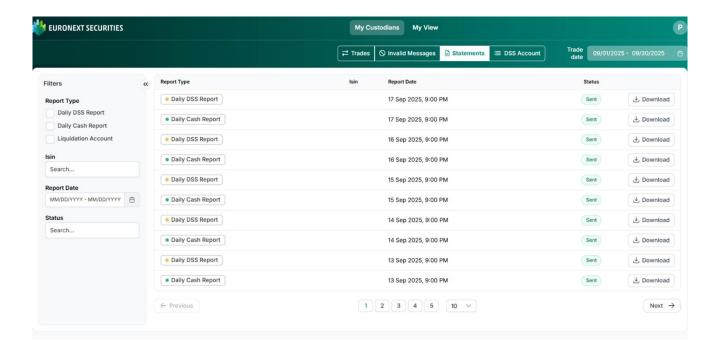
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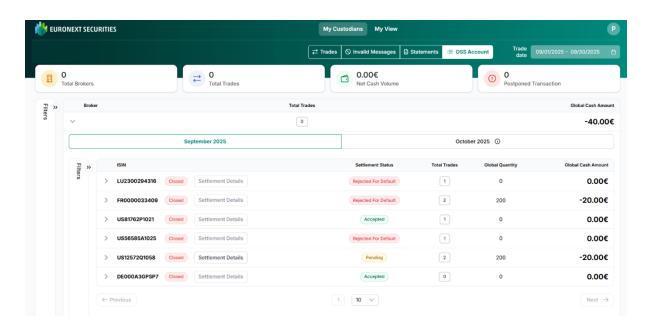




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My View

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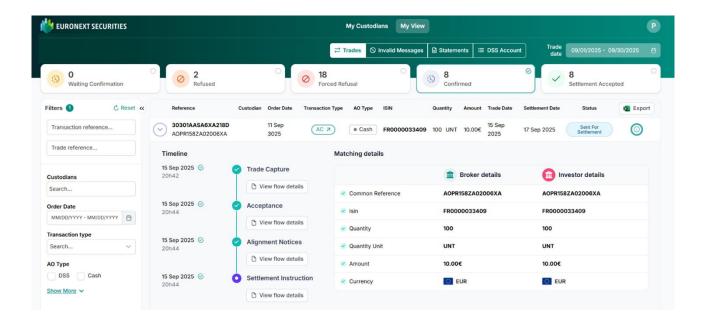
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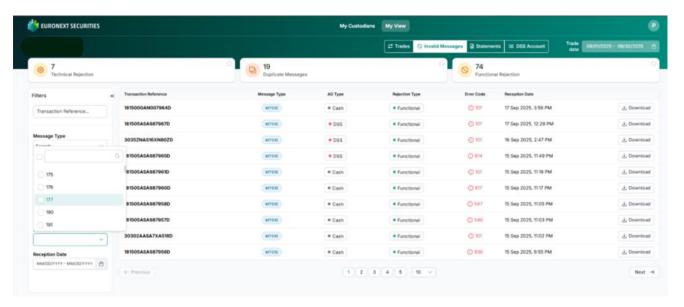
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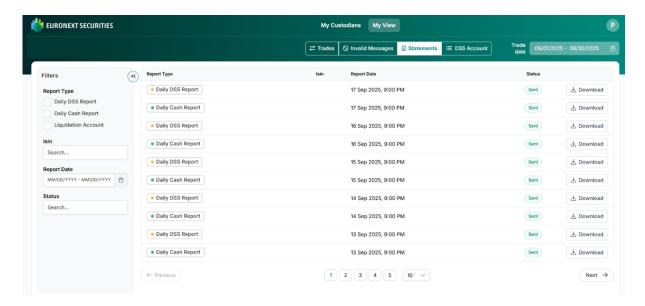
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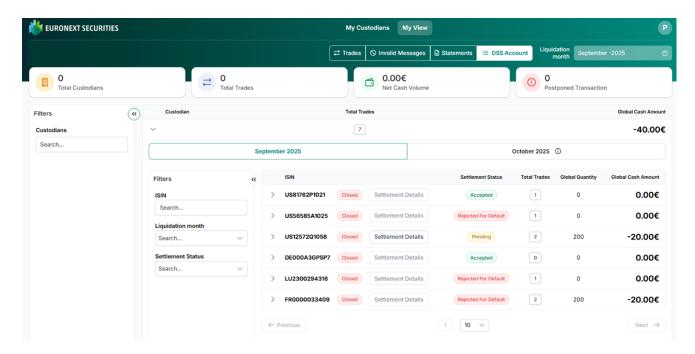


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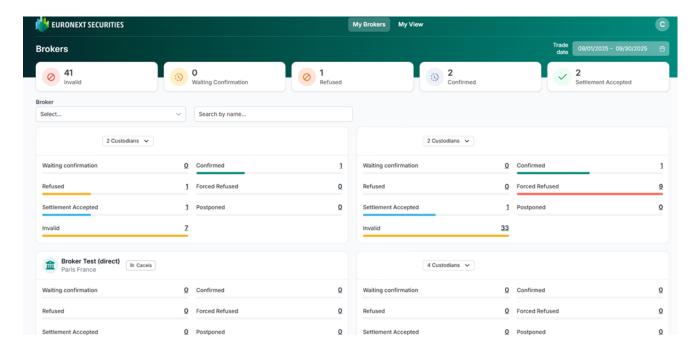


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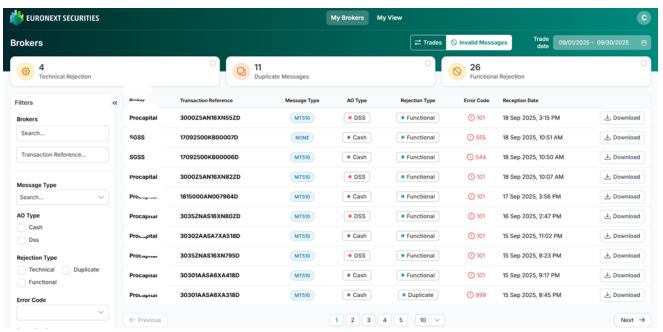
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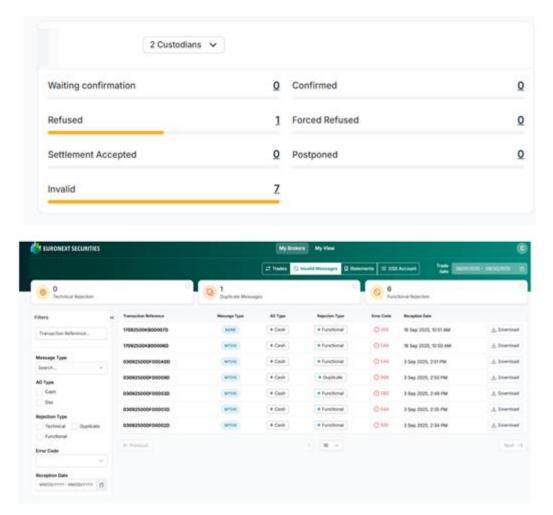
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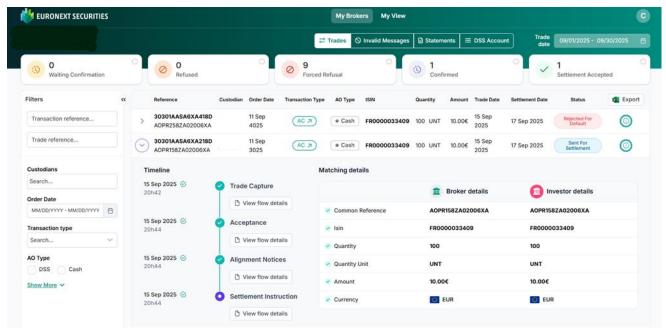
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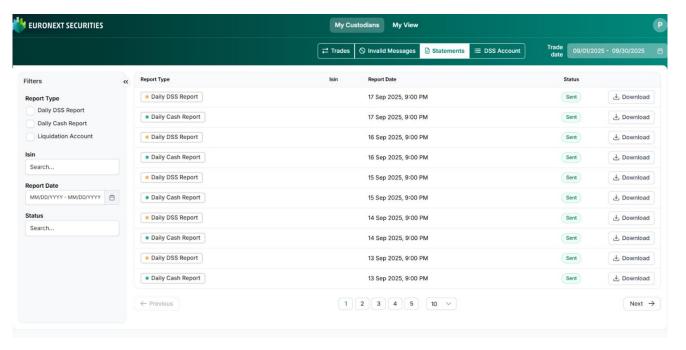
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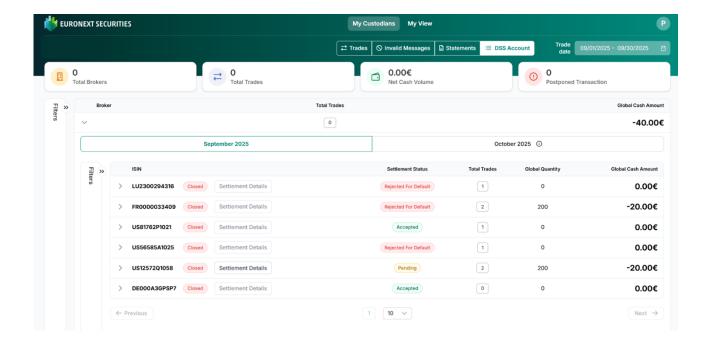


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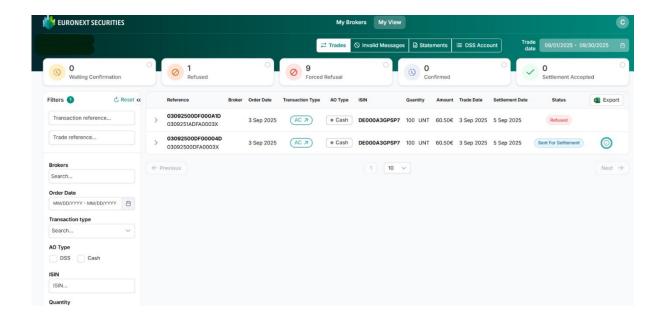
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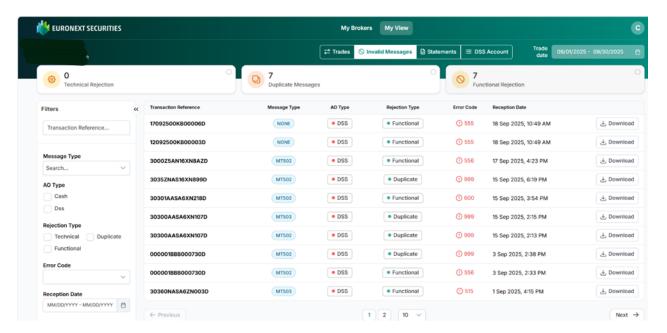
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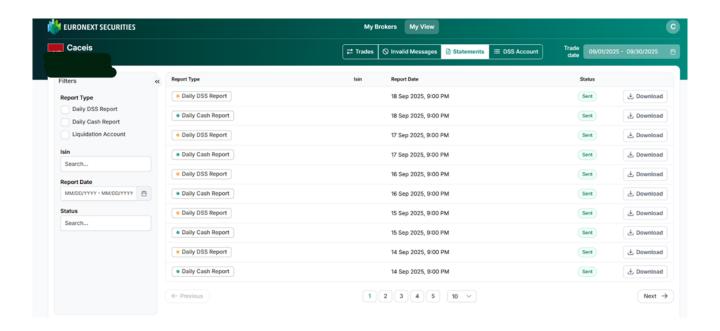
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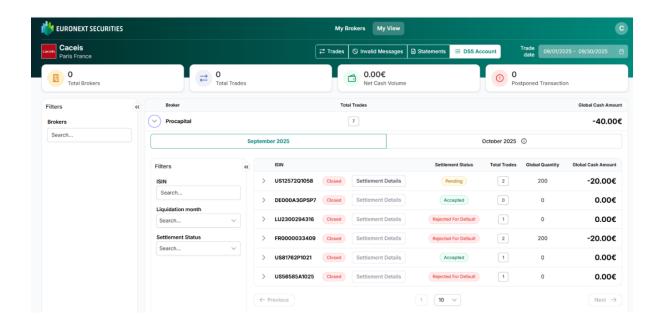




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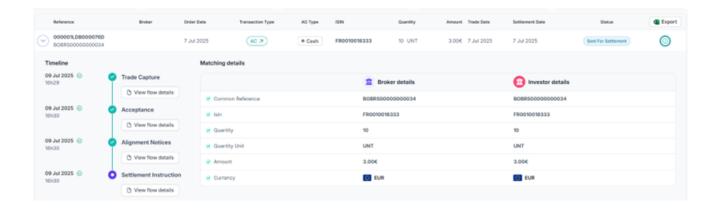


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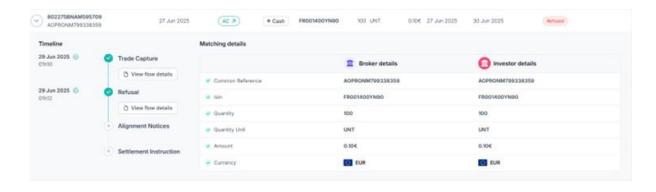
5.1. Transaction Nature 'C' or empty

The reception of cash execution notice MT510 with transaction types of AC/VC with their confirmation MT502 and refusal MT503.

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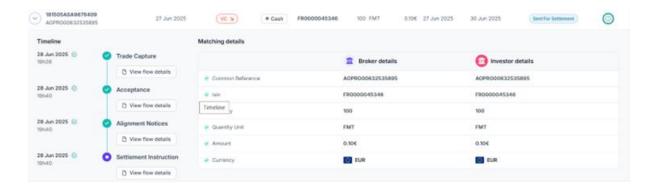


AC with refusal: Once receiving the MT503 The status will be moved to refused.

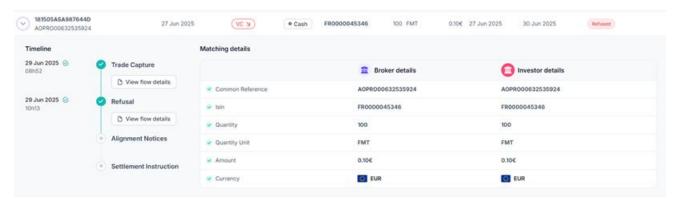




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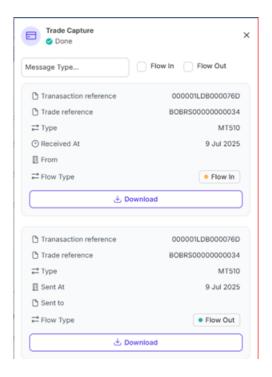


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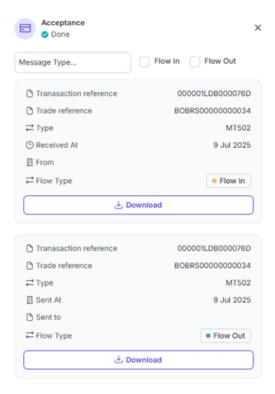
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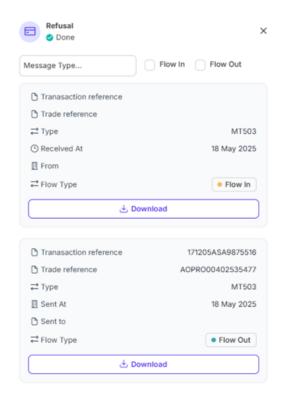
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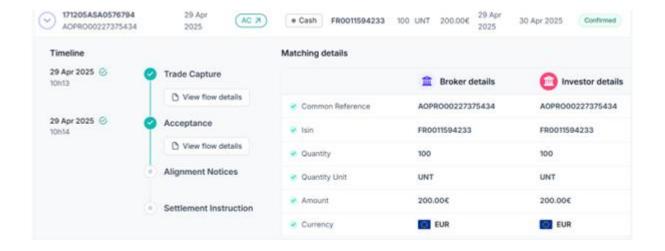




5.2. Transaction Nature 'S'

Cash transactions with transaction nature 'S' are managed by matching trades and archiving them in PTCS without initiating settlement.

The process ends in a final status with the acceptance, no alignment notices, nor settlement instruction is generated.

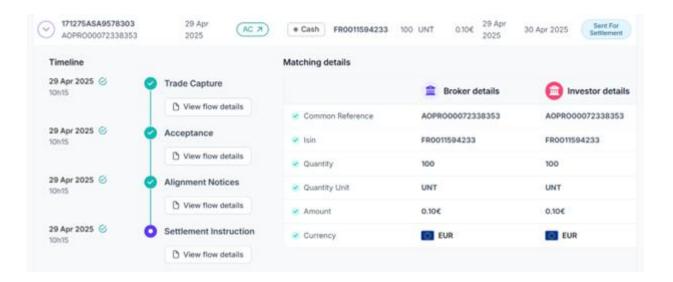




5.3. Transaction Nature 'D'

Cash transactions with transaction nature 'D' are managed by processing free-of-payment settlements.

The settlement instruction SESE023 should include only securities movement details, with cash-related fields left unfilled.

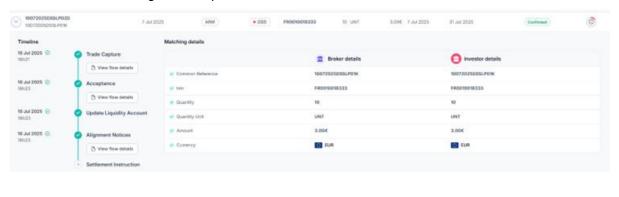


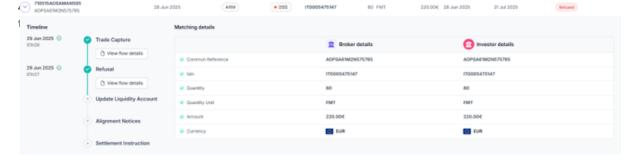
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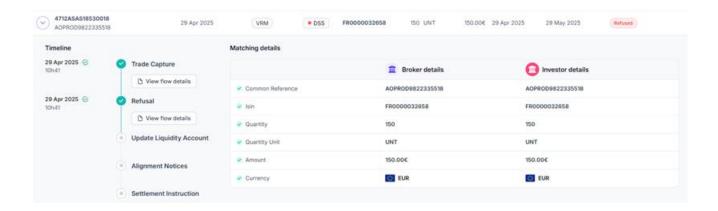
ARM with confirmation: For confirmation the status will be moved to confirmed, the liquidity account table will be updated, and an alignment notice will be sent to broker settlement agent and custodian settlement agent if they exist.



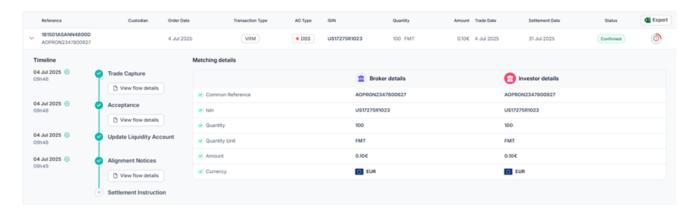




VRM with confirmation: For confirmation the status will be moved to confirmed, the liquidity account table will be updated and an alignment notice will be sent to broker settlement agent and custodian settlement agent if they exist.

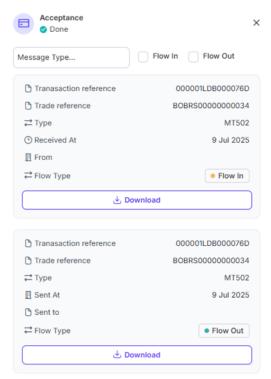


VRM with refusal The status will be moved to refusal and no updates for the liquidity account table will occur.



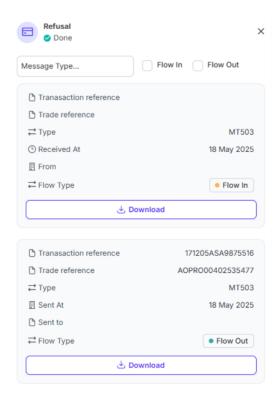
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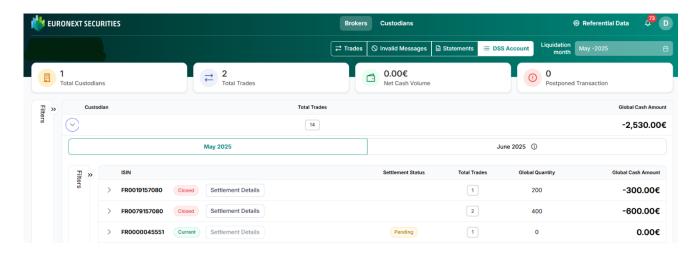


6.2. DSS Account Table

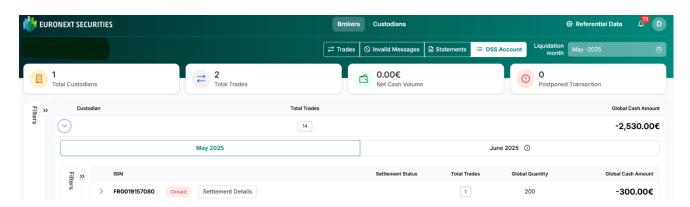
A screen to monitor and manage the impact of DSS trades on liquidity account tables, offering real-time visibility into account movements and key KPIs. This includes confirmed trades with same broker, custodian, and by ISIN for both the current and next month.

Before the settlement the status is "Current" with download button "Settlement Details" greyed-out.

After the settlement the status is "Closed" with download button "Settlement Details" enabled.

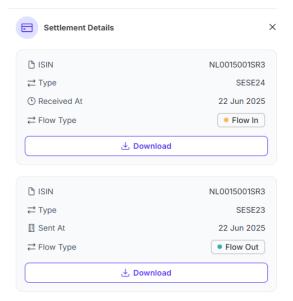


The generated SESE.023 can be downloaded from the DSS Account screen by clicking on the Settlement Details button.





The user have the ability to filter by: Custodian, isin, liquidation month and settlement



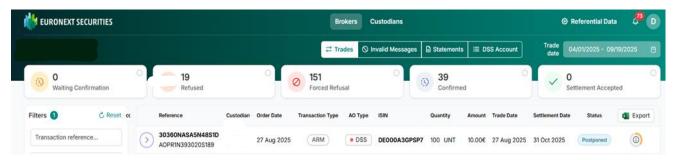
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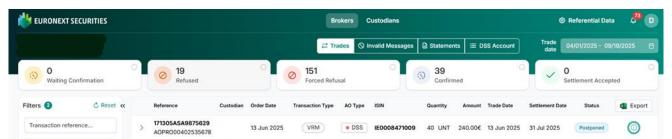
7.1. Postponement Request for RPA/ARP:

RPA and ARP are postponement requests aiming to close and postpone a previously confirmed ARM buy position before the rollover of a position and open a new DSS buy position on the next month following the rollover of position.



7.2. Postponement Request for RPV/VRP:

RPV and VRP are postponement requests aiming to close and postpone a previous confirmed VRM sell position before the rollover of a position and open a new DSS sell position on the next month following the rollover of position

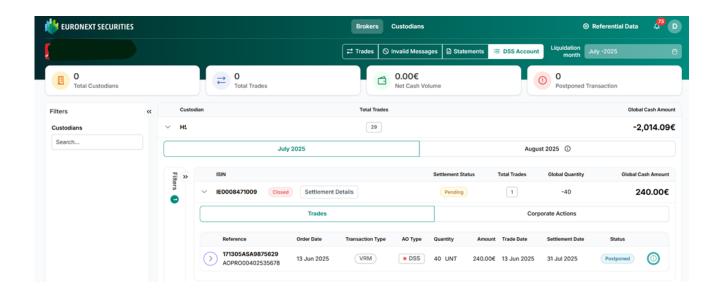


Note: For the couples RPA/ARP and RPV/VRP, the postponement requests will be linked to the concerned ARM/VRM trade via the trade reference, as the MT510 should contain the trade reference of the DSS trade to be postponed.

A new transaction notice (RPA/RPV) with its own data with a settlement date equal to the current liquidation month and to close the buy or sell position on the current liquidation period

A new transaction notice (ARP/VRP) with the amount (as the broker will charge the custodian for his service to postpone to next liquidation the position) with a settlement date equal to the settlement day of the next liquidation period. Only if both parts of the transaction (RPA/ARP or RPV/VRP) are accepted will the liquidation account balance be updated





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Postponement process allows an ARM/VRM transaction to be postponed up to three times.

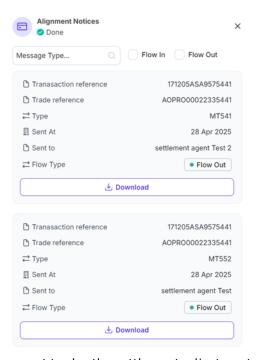
If a fourth postponement is requested for the same ARM/VRM trade, the postponement request will be rejected with the error message "Number of postponements exceeding the maximum limit".



7.4. Settlement Adjustement Notice:

Settlement adjustment notices after DSS/Postponement trades confirmation in case the settlement agents exist:

- The broker's settlement agent receives an adjustment notice message MT541.
- The custodian's settlement agent receives an adjustment notice message MT552

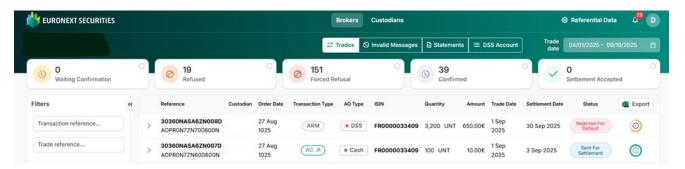


Note: For Postponement trades the settlement adjustment notices are generated if both legs (ARP/RPA) or (VRP/RPV) are both confirmed



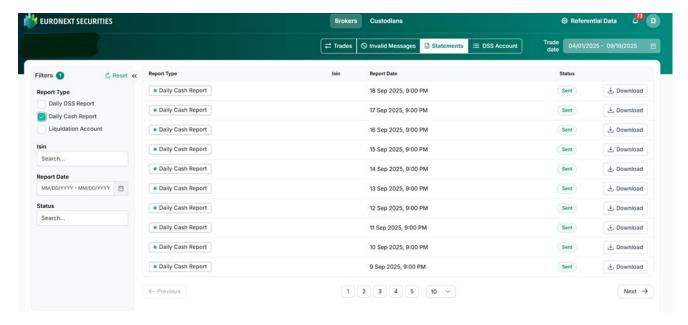
8. Trade Export

PTCS includes feature for trades view to export transaction data. By clicking on Export button, all listed trades should be exported to an Excel File If any filter was applied, only filtered data should be exported to an Excel File



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Then PTCS generates default refusal message MT551 and send it to both broker and custodian to

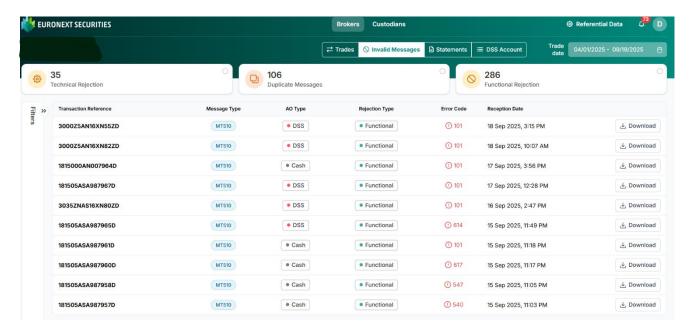




9. Error Message

For each received message (MT510, MT502, MT503), PTCS applies a sum of technical and business checks on the message structure and content.

In the case where an error occurred during these checks, the message should be considered as invalid and an error message MT595 containing the rejection reason, would be sent to the initial sender of the message, either the broker or the custodian.



Message rejection may be one of three categories:

- Technical Rejection: the received message has structure issues that prevents the message content from being parsed
- Duplicate Messages: the trade reference already exists for the same sender
- Functional Rejection: the message content has breached a predefined business rule

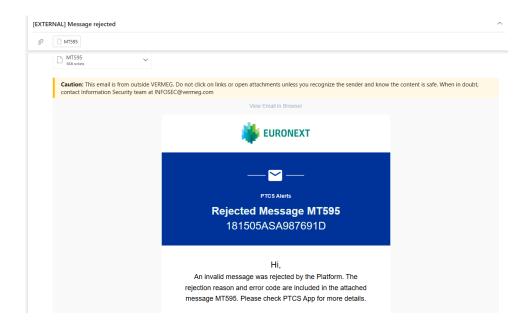
A counter widget and a dedicated tab would provide the number of invalid messages as well as the rejection category, the message type, the error code and the date/time of the message reception.

All the generated error messages may be downloaded directly from the app.

Email alerts are sent for invalid messages received by PTCS for Cash and DSS trades.

The user can download the linked MT595 from the email.





Note: The invalid messages MT510 are only viewed from the broker dashboard.

For the invalid message MT502/MT503 are only viewed from the custodian dashboard "Forced Refusal" Status $\frac{1}{2}$



10. JOB

10.1. Forced refusal Notice MT551 for Cash/DSS

A Forced Refusal Notice MT551, should then be sent to all the Broker/Custodian pairs related to the trades that have been rejected

10.2. Daily reporting MT548 for Cash/DSS trades

By the end of the day at 9 PM, a job would be launched to a generate a summary report that contains counters for the list of received daily execution notices by status (accepted, refused, waiting..) and the generated message from the platform: transaction notices, forced refusal, settlement instruction, alignment notice..

Generated as MT584 message, each report would be sent by couple of broker/custodian, containing the statistics for their related transactions

10.3. Liquidation Account Statement

By the end of each day of the current trading month, at pre-configured batch time (9PM), PTCS platform will generate and send a daily reporting of Liquidation account (MT553) message to its participants (broker and custodian) which sent the transaction notices forming the liquidation account. In the liquidation statement, only accepted trades will be considered

10.4. DSS Settlement Instructions

At settlement date a job will be executed for all confirmed DSS trades.

Settlement instruction SESE023 will be generated for each liquidation account of the current month.

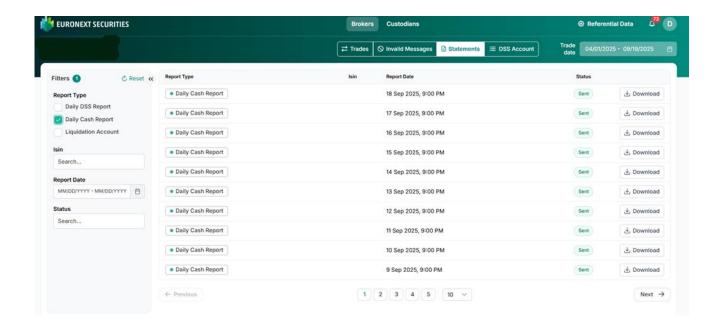
All liquidation accounts that have been settled will be moved to "Closed" Status

10.5. Forced Refusal Job L+2/L+3

At L+2, a default refusal job should check all ARM/VRM transactions received on the last day of trading L (last business day of the month -3) and postponed transactions notice that have not been accepted or refused by the custodian and refuse them all.



Then PTCS generates default refusal message MT551 and send it to both broker and custodian





11. Default Management

11.1. Impact on existing trades

When a participant (Broker, Custodian, or Settlement Agent) is declared in default, PTCS must reject existing transaction notices already present in the system that have status Confirmed or Waiting Confirmation and their status should move to Rejected Due to Default

11.2. Impact on new trades

When a participant (Broker, Custodian, or Settlement Agent) is declared in default, PTCS must reject new transaction notices notice with a specific refusal reason code 101 and error message "rejected due to default

11.3. Impact on settlement instructions generation

If a participant defaults, the creation of any new settlement instructions for cash and DSS that have not yet been generated will be prevented.



<u>Cash orders</u>: No settlement instruction is generated if any participant has defaulted

DSS orders: At settlement date, the liquidity account related to any defaulted participant will be closed and its status will be "Rejected for default" Update on GUI

Some updates are added for External app (Brokers and Custodians).



Custodian Dashboard

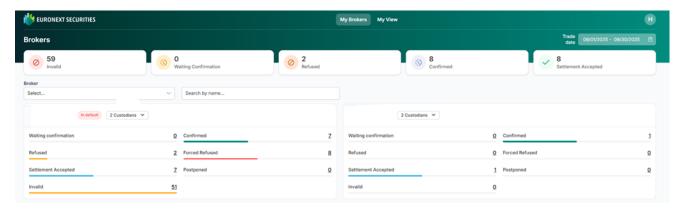
My View

Once connected with a defaulted custodian, the status "In Default" that appears also in the header for Trades tab, Invalid Messages, Statements and DSS Account.



My Brokers

Any defaulted broker linked to the connected custodian should have a status "In Default" that appears also in the header for Trades tab, Invalid Messages, Statements and DSS Account.





Broker Dashboard

My View

Once connected with a defaulted broker, the status "In Default" appears also in the header for Trades tab, Invalid Messages, Statements and DSS Account



My Custodian

Any defaulted custodian linked to the connected broker should have a status "In Default" appears also in the header for Trades tab, Invalid Messages, Statements and DSS Account

