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Action Required **High Priority**

1. Upgrade of Sun Solaris Operating System
2. System Training for a/c/e 2.0 (Eurex Release 5.0)

Related Eurex Circulars: 014/01

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Content may be most important for:	**Attachments:**
➲ IT / System Administration (Point 1) ➲ All Departments (Point 2)	Training Courses for a/c/e 2.0 (Eurex Release 5.0)

Upgrade of Sun Solaris Operating System

As already announced in Circular 014/01, following the introduction of a/c/e 2.0 (Eurex Release 5.0), Eurex will only support Sun installations with the Sun Solaris 8 operating system.

To give Eurex members sufficient time to make this urgent upgrade to their front-end systems, Eurex will support the operation of Eurex Release 4.1 software on Solaris 8 from **08 June, 2001**, in parallel with the support for operation on Solaris 2.6.

Support for Solaris 2.6 in production will end with the introduction of a/c/e 2.0 (Eurex Release 5.0) on 01 October, 2001, and from 13 August, 2001 in the simulation environment.

Please note, therefore, that in order to take part from the beginning of a/c/e 2.0 (Eurex Release 5.0) release simulation, members with Sun installations must install Solaris 8 before **13 August, 2001**.

The exchange's internal test were conducted on Solaris 8 hardware revision 10/00, and Eurex can only guarantee the support for this hardware revision of the Sun operating system. However, further tests are planned for hardware revision 04/01.

Xetra will also support Sun Solaris 8 in parallel to version 2.6 from 08 June, 2001. The Xetra support for operating system Sun Solaris version 2.6 will end on the introduction of Xetra 7.0.

System Training Courses for a/c/e 2.0 (Eurex Release 5.0)

Please find attached information which outlines the impact of the introduction of a/c/e 2.0 (Eurex Release 5.0) on system training courses offered by Eurex.

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Training Courses for a/c/e 2.0 (Eurex Release 5.0)

The Preliminary Functional and Technical Release Notes for a/c/e 2.0 (Eurex Release 5.0) distributed with Circular 027/01 on 09 April, 2001 describe the changes to the Eurex system which will be implemented with the introduction of a/c/e 2.0 (Eurex Release 5.0). The main emphasis is on porting the remaining FMS screens to the Graphical User Interface (GUI) to complete the transition from the User Device to the MISS Architecture. In preparation for members' training activities, the following information outlines the impact of the introduction of the forthcoming release on system training courses offered by Eurex.

From late summer 2001 onwards, Eurex training courses will be offered on the a/c/e 2.0 (Eurex Release 5.0) simulation environment software. However, depending on their area of interest, potential attendees can already participate in courses currently offered.

1. Eurex Technical Training

The introduction of a/c/e 2.0 (Eurex Release 5.0) will have very limited impact on the content of the current Technical Training course. Therefore, system administrators and operations managers may attend the Eurex Technical Training courses now offered. It will not be advantageous to wait for the introduction of a/c/e 2.0 (Eurex Release 5.0).

2. Eurex System Training - Trading

The introduction of the a/c/e 2.0 (Eurex Release 5.0) will have a very limited impact on the content of the current Eurex System Training – Trading course, since there will be few changes to the Java-based trading GUI @X-ceed. Therefore, traders may attend the courses now offered. It will not be advantageous to wait for the introduction of a/c/e 2.0 (Eurex Release 5.0).

3. Eurex System Training - Clearing

A member's decision to participate in one of the currently offered courses or to wait for the introduction of a/c/e 2.0 (Eurex Release 5.0) may depend on the membership type (NCM, DCM or GCM) and individual requirements. The key functionalities for day-to-day operations are already available on the Java-based clearing GUI @X-tract. Therefore, NCMs' back-office employees may attend the currently offered Eurex System Training – Clearing courses and it will not be advantageous for them to wait for the introduction of a/c/e 2.0 (Eurex Release 5.0). The screens which will be ported to the clearing GUI with the forthcoming Eurex release are mainly inquiry functions and will principally be used by DCMs and GCMs.

4. Eurex System Training - Security

Security Coordinators are advised to wait until summer 2001 to familiarize themselves with the security functions on the Graphical User Interface. Increased demand for training will be accommodated by additional courses of this type offered in summer 2001.

5. VALUES API Introduction

The introduction of a/c/e 2.0 (Eurex Release 5.0) will have no impact on the course content. Therefore, application developers may already attend the courses presently offered. However, for members who develop their own applications, particularly those still using UD interfaces who have not yet migrated their software to VALUES API for the MISS architecture, participation in one of the forthcoming courses is strongly recommended.

6. Eurex Trader Examination and Clearer Test

The Eurex Trader Examination is not affected by the introduction of a/c/e 2.0 (Eurex Release 5.0). The Eurex Clearer Test will include questions on a/c/e 2.0 (Eurex Release 5.0) features from October 2001 onwards.

For full information on the content of the Eurex Training courses mentioned above, including course dates and online registration, please visit our Learning Portal: http://trainingscenter.deutsche-boerse.com.