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TIPS deployment approach for UTEST deployment of R2026.NOV

The TIPS R2026.NOV is scheduled to be deployed on a rolling update basis starting on Monday, **5th October 2026**, at approximately 09:00 and concluding on Thursday, **8th October 2026**, around 10:30. The switch to the new message schemas for outbound messages will be done on **Friday 9th October morning following the completion of the rolling update** and should last only 15 minutes (11:00 – 11:15).

The deployment strategy has been completely revised to implement the market's request **to make TIPS backward compatible during the deployment phase, allowing it to accept incoming messages in both the new and the old format**. Outbound messages will continue to be transmitted in the old format until the deployment is fully completed, after which the transition to the new format will occur.

- **Part 1 (Monday 5th October 2026 around 09:00 - Thursday 8th October 2026 around 10:30)**

The first part includes the deployment of TIPS Release R2026.NOV via rolling update. During this phase:

- Inbound messages will be accepted with both new and old format
- Outbound messages will be sent with old format

Once the activities begin on Monday, **5th October 2026** at around 09:00, the 4CB will send a communication via email to the Test Managers of the National Central Bank (NCB) and to the ECB TIPS Coordination Desk.

- **Part 2 (Friday 9th October 2026 between 11:00 and 11:15)**

The second part includes the activation of TIPS-RTGS parameter for each currency which entails the switch to the new message schemas for outbound messages. From that point onward, both inbound and outbound messages will use the new schemas.

TIPS actors shall enable that all new message schemas are enabled by 11:15, at which time point the switch of message to the new schemas will take place.

The 4CB will send a communication via email to the NCB Test Managers and to the ECB TIPS Coordination Desk at the start and the end of the activity.

Detailed TIPS R2026.NOV release schedule with 4CB communication elements towards National Central Banks and the ECB

TIPS R2026.NOV release	4CB communication
Monday 5 th October 09:00 – Thursday 8 th October 10:30	The 4CB will send an email to the National Central Banks Test Managers and to the ECB on 05th October at around 09:00 (start of deployment): <i>“The first part of the rolling upgrade of TIPS November 2026 release started at 09:00.</i> - <i>Inbound messages will be accepted with both new and old format</i> - <i>Outbound messages will be sent with old format”</i> The 4CB will send an email to the National Central Banks Test Managers and to the ECB on 08th October at around 10:30 (end of deployment): <i>“The first part of the rolling upgrade of TIPS November 2026 release has been completed”</i>
Friday 9 th October around 11:00	On Friday at around 11:00, the 4CB will send an email to the National Central Banks Test Managers and to the ECB: <i>“The switch to new message schemas for outbound messages just started.”</i>
Friday 9 th October around 11:15	On Friday at around 11:15, the 4CB will send an email to the National Central Banks Test Managers and to the ECB: <i>“The switch to the new message schemas for outbound messages was completed. The new message schemas have been activated for both inbound and outbound messages.”</i>