

Formal session

Agenda Item F6: EuroGOOS saving account discussion

Document F6.1: Proposal to change the savings account type

The EuroGOOS Executive Directors Board and Office are proposing to change how money is held in the savings account.

Three ways to hold surplus funds in a EuroGOOS saving account

1. Current savings account

An agreed amount of money is held in a savings account with no interest over the years. For the moment, we have 225.420,66 euros in our savings account, for which we receive 0% interest.

2. 32D+ account

32D+ account is a positive return subject to 32 days' notice. It is a non-regulated savings account under Belgian law, where you can benefit from a positive return, which takes the notice period of 32 days into account. The minimum amount to be paid is 25,000 EUR, the funds are blocked for 32 days, and the interest rate is 2.5% gross. The interest is fully subject to withholding tax (30%). The interest rate is expressed on an annual basis and may be modified by the bank at any time. The base rate is calculated on a daily basis. It is not guaranteed and may fluctuate in line with market conditions. Changes to the base rate are communicated through the account statements. The remuneration is calculated daily on the basis of the account balance and the interest is paid quarterly – 1 April, 1 July, 1 October and 1 January of the following year and paid into the 32D+ Account.

Please note: If we would like to transfer from this account, we are required to specify a date in the transfer order with a notice period of at least 32 days. This notice period may under no circumstances be shortened. We must, therefore, take into account a minimum notice period of 32 days before we can dispose of our funds. Transfers to other accounts are possible via Easy Banking Business or SWIFT, but only at the end of the notice period.

Risks: In the event of bankruptcy or the risk of bankruptcy of the financial institution, the company bears the risk of not recovering its deposit or may be obliged to reduce/convert the amount of its claims against the financial institution above EUR 100,000 into capital shares (bail-in).

Benefits: We benefit from an interesting return. Free of charge – we do not pay management fees. Postage or statement storage costs may, however, be charged to our account. Easy to manage – we can make transfers and check the account balance and transactions via Easy Banking Business or SWIFT. Transparency – the conditions of use are simple and precise.

For more information, see the Specific Conditions for the 32D+ Account as well as the BNP Paribas Fortis General Banking Terms and Conditions available on the website <https://companies.bnpparibasfortis.be/en/rules-generalconditions>.

3. Treasury Flex account

The Treasury Flex Account is a non-regulated savings account (withholding tax of 30% applies to the entirety of the interest accrued) available to companies and organisations to allow to manage cash surplus easily. At a Treasury Flex account, the amounts are at all times available at 0.5% interest and with an additional 0.75% interest (fidelity premium) if the money stays for 91 days on our account. The fidelity premium is calculated every three months, and after that, a new period starts, and a new fidelity premium will be calculated. The base rate is calculated daily. It is not guaranteed and may fluctuate according to market conditions. Interest is capitalised on 1 April, 1 July, 1 October and 1 January of the following year and paid into your Treasury Flex Account.

Any changes to the base rate and fidelity premium will be informed in a notice enclosed with the bank statements. Should the fidelity premium be amended, the new rate will apply only to deposits made after the rate change, as well as for new vesting periods beginning after this change. Once the fidelity premium vesting period ends, the assets are automatically reinvested for a further identical term. We may take out several Treasury Flex Accounts which each have different terms; however, we cannot open several accounts which have the same term.

Please note: We can withdraw the funds held in a Treasury Flex Account at any time. However, withdrawals will reduce or cancel premiums not acquired during their vesting period, depending on the amount withdrawn.

Risks: In the event of bankruptcy or the risk of bankruptcy of the financial institution, the company/organisation bears the risk of not recovering its savings or may be subject to a reduction/capital equity conversion (bail-in) of the amount of receivables that it possesses in the financial institution above the sum of EUR 100,000, the amount covered by the deposit protection mechanism.

Benefits: Liquidity – the money is always available. Flexibility – we can make deposits into our accounts as we wish: by bank transfer, or using Easy Banking Business, etc. Transfers can be made to any BNP Paribas Fortis account in the name of the company. Free of charge – we have no management fees to pay. However, any costs of delivery or for keeping the records remain payable by us. Flexibility – we may take out several Treasury Flex Accounts which each have different terms.

For any further information, please refer to the Special Terms and Conditions for the Treasury Flex Account and the Special Terms and Conditions for BNP Paribas Fortis Savings Accounts via <https://companies.bnpparibasfortis.be/en/rules-general-conditions>.

The Member Delegates are asked to agree on the Board's suggestion to change the savings account into a 32D+ account.