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# Digital euro project and policy objectives

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# CBDC versus other forms of money and assets



**Liability of central bank**



**Liability of a private entity**



**Not a liability**

i. **Cash:** physical form, to

*general public*

ii. **Central bank deposits:**

*digital form* limited access

→ **CBDC/ Digital euro: complement to cash and deposits**

# What do we mean by “digital euro” and why consider it?

*Digital euro* would be a **central bank liability** made available in **digital form** for use in **retail payments**

**Possible advantages** in a range of scenarios, particularly:



Declining use of **cash as a means of payment**



**Sovereignty** concerns related to foreign CBDCs or private means of payment



Supporting **digitalisation** in the European economy



**Bottom line**: To maintain public access and full **usability** of central bank money in a world in which consumers and firms turn more and more to electronic payments

# Scope of project **investigation phase**



**~24 months,  
focusing on:**

- i. **Use cases** a digital euro should serve to achieve its goals
- ii. **Interaction** with the European retail payments market
- iii. **Business model**
- iv. **Features and functionalities**
- v. **Legal** questions
- vi. **What technical solutions** may best handle the above issues

# Eurosystem project work and EU legislative process

