



EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

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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

