

# Trustee Approval Service Activation of Xact File Transfer

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#### 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose of the document

This guide outlines the steps for clients to request the **Operations functionality** to continue the Trustee Service by using Xact File Transfer, depending on whether they already have Xact File Transfer access or not.

## 1.2 Functional background

Clearstream Europe AG (CEU) offers a special service to banks or their underlying clients for depositing securities as collateral for business purposes, by utilising trustee accounts for secured storage.

#### Key points:

- Banks serve as trustors.
- The trustees are the only parties authorised to request collateral to be transferred from the Trustee account to the bank's main account.
- Such requests are submitted via a centralised fax number to CEU.
   This represents an exception to the Communication Channel Policy for Financial Messages.
- CEU has no client relationship with the Trustee.

European and German regulations and guidance require robust verification protocols and information security standard to ensure the authenticity and integrity of client instructions in financial transactions.

To be compliant with these standards, the fax service will no longer be available as of 1 January 2026. From this point on, CEU clients will be requested to send such orders via Xact File Transfer.

#### Key points:

- The trustee will continue to complete and duly sign the instruction to request collateral to be transferred from the trustee account to the bank's main account.
- The trustee will continue to provide the physical instruction to CEU client (the trustor) duly signed (No digital signatures allowed).
- CEU clients will upload the instruction in Xact File Transfer for further release to CEU.
- Clearstream officer will be notified of the new request and will verify the signature on the uploaded instruction. Upon successful validation, CEU will ensure the processing on a best-effort basis.
   Instructions should be provided to CEU at least one business day before the intended settlement day.

# 2. Requesting operational functionality

Before clients can upload forms via Xact File Transfer and release them to Clearstream, a Xact File Transfer via Internet user certificate must be installed in order to access the service.

## 2.1 Clients without existing Xact File Transfer access

Clients who are not yet using Xact File Transfer must first request the access via Xact Web Portal and then perform the following steps to be able to upload the Trustee approval form:

1. The client requests a new Xact File Transfer access/ SFTP User in Xact Web Portal.

Please see Appendix 4.1 Create File Transfer User and 4.2 Create the File Transfer Address

For guidance, please also refer to the following documents:

- Xact File Transfer via Internet User Guide, page 9 ff.
- Xact Web Portal via Internet User Guide, section 11.2.
- 2. The clients contacts the Connectivity Helpdesk (<a href="mailto:connect@clearstream.com">connect@clearstream.com</a>) to request additional functionality for the new Xact File Transfer Address.
- 3. Connectivity provides the following template to the client:

Attn.: Customeradmin

Please note that for Trustee approval process we have requested the new Xact File Transfer Address " (please specify address here, usually starting with WEB...)".

We kindly ask you to add the Operations functionality to Xact File Transfer Address " $(please\ specify\ address)$ ".

Xact OU name: XXXXX (please specify)
Contact details: XXXXX (please specify)

- 4. The client sends the template as a free format message MT599 to the attention of Customeradmin.
- 5. Customeradmin adds the Operational functionality to the Xact File Transfer Address mentioned and advises Connectivity.
- 6. Connectivity confirms to the client that the new service is available.

7. Clients can see the new Xact File Transfer Address and the related functionality under My OU Details / File Transfer Address.





# 2.2 Clients with existing Xact File Transfer access

Clients who already have a Xact File Transfer access must only request the additional operational functionality for the existing Xact File Transfer Address with the following steps:

- 1. The client contacts the Connectivity Helpdesk (<a href="connect@clearstream.com">connect@clearstream.com</a>) to request additional functionality for the new Xact File Transfer Address.
- 2. Connectivity provides the following template to the client:

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Attn.: Customeradmin

Please note that for Trustee approval process we will use our existing Xact File Transfer Address
" (please specify address here, usually starting with WEB...)".

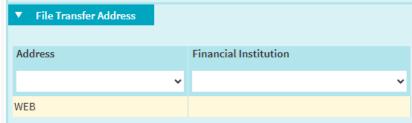
We kindly ask you to add the Operations functionality to Xact File Transfer Address "(please specify address)".

Xact OU name: XXXXXX (please specify)
Contact details: XXXXXX (please specify)
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- 3. The client sends the template as a free-format message MT599 to the attention of Customeradmin.
- 4. Customeradmin adds the operational functionality to the Xact File Transfer Address mentioned and advises Connectivity.
- 5. Connectivity confirms to the client that the new service is available.

6. The client can see the new Xact File Transfer Address and the related functionalities under My OU Details / File Transfer Address.





# 3. Using Xact File Transfer

# 3.1 Sending forms

For using the upload function, please refer to the Xact Web Portal via Internet - User Guide, section 3.15.

# 3.1 Naming convention

When uploading the form to Xact File Transfer, a specific naming convention is required.

Please save the form to be transmitted with the following naming convention:

TRUSTEE\_[client reference]\_[date] \_[time].PDF

#### Keys:

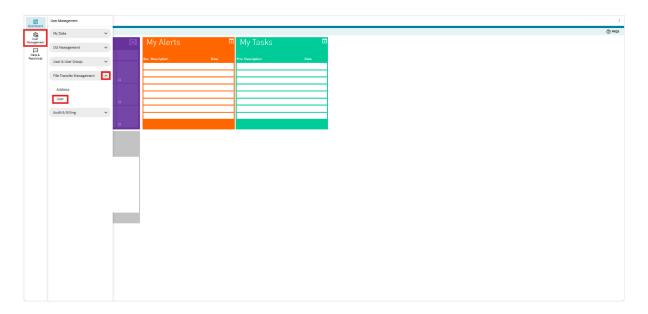
- TRUSTEE fixed prefix to identify the flow as related to trustee approval.
- [client reference] field is optional and can contain arbitrary text, no space character allowed.
- [date] is in format YYYYMMDD date is global standard format (for example, 20251028 is 28 October 2025).
- [time] is in format HHMMSS hours are in 24-hour format (for example, 141500 is 14:15).

# 4. Appendix

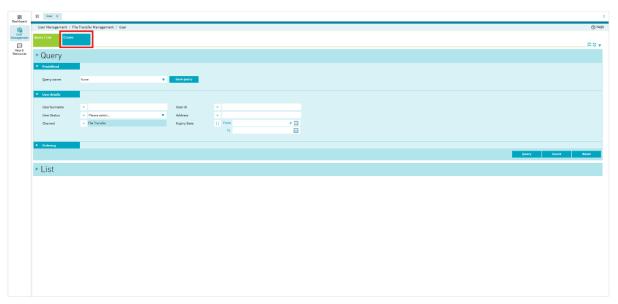
### 4.1 Create Xact File Transfer user

The following steps walk you through the process of creating the Xact File Transfer user:

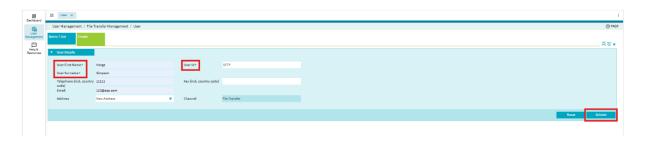
- 1. Login to your admin profile and click on "Create" to create new user.
- 2. Go to User Management  $\rightarrow$  File Transfer Management  $\rightarrow$  User.



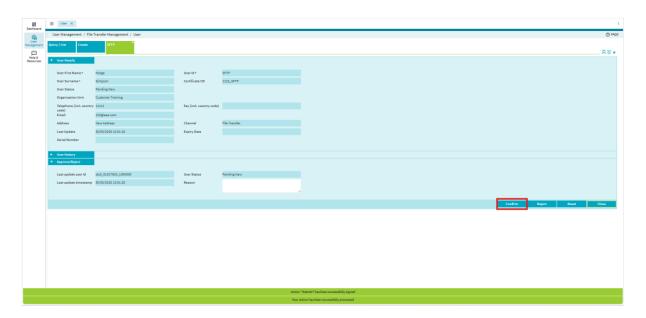
3. Click on "Create".



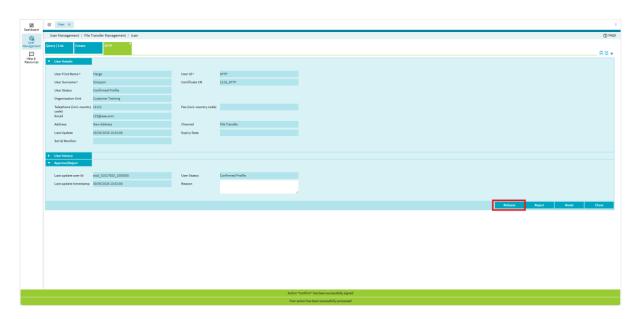
4. Fill in the below details that are marked with **asterisk**.



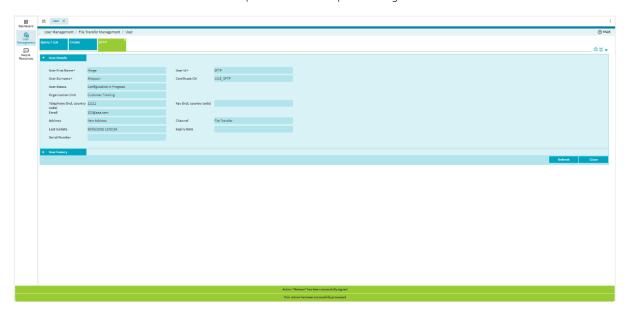
5. Click on "Confirm".



6. Click on "Release".



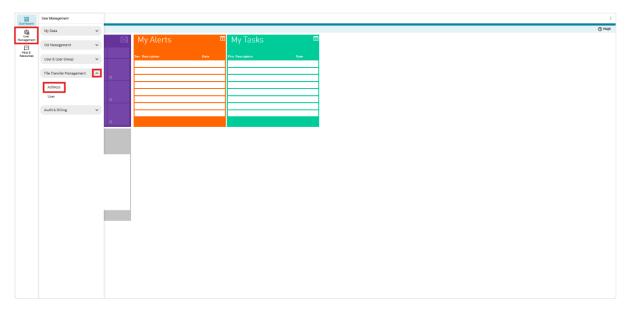
7. Clearstream receives the request for further processing.



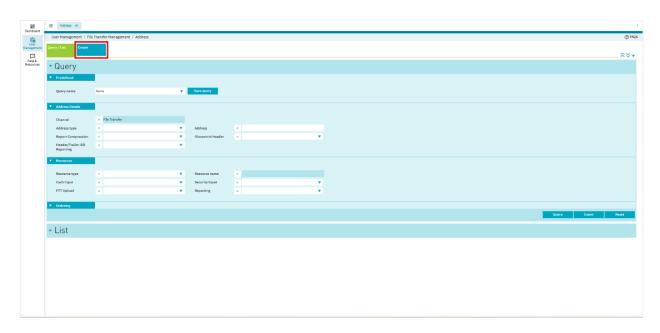
## 4.2 Create Xact File Transfer Address

The following walk you through the process of creating the Xact File Transfer Address:

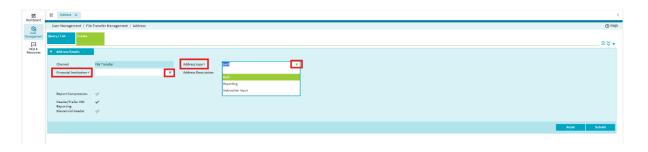
- 1. Login to your admin profile and click on "Create".
- 2. Go to User Management → File Transfer Management → Address.



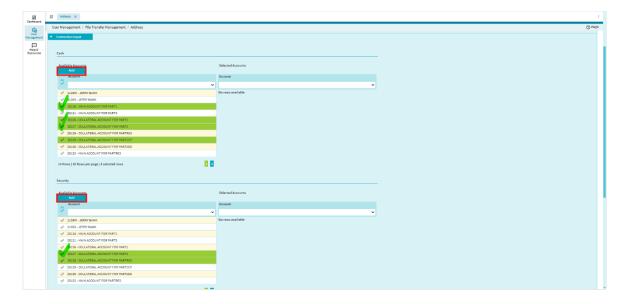
3. Click on "Create".



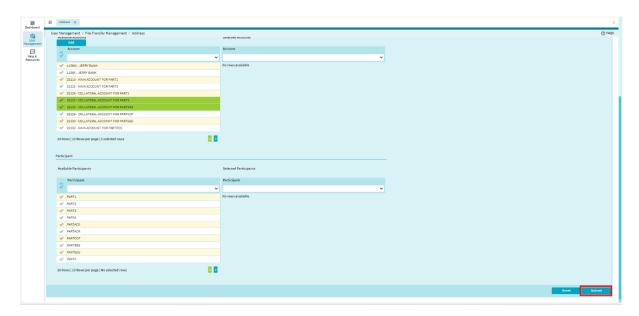
4. Fill in the fields that are marked with asterisk.



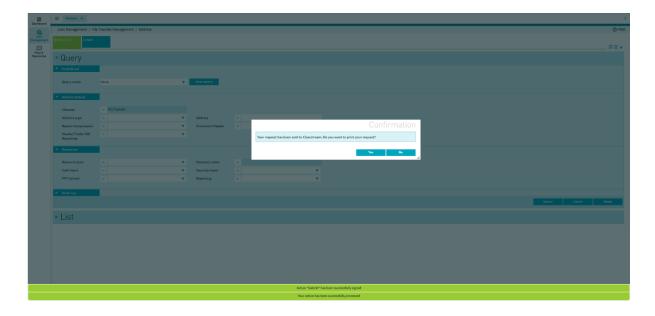
5. Tick the accounts that you would like to add and click on "Add".



6. Click on "Submit".



7. Your request will be sent to Clearstream for further processing.



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