



# **Capacity Remuneration Mechanism**

## Financial Security module

**CRM Actor's User Manual** 

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#### Disclaimer:

This document has no legal value and is established with the purpose to explain the functioning of the Financial Security module of the CRM IT Interface.

This document is aligned with the CRM Functioning Rules published in May 2022. In case of mismatches between the IT environment and the procedures described in the Functioning Rules, the Functioning Rules prevail and are to be considered as valid reference.

#### 1. Introduction

The objective of this user manual is to describe the submission process for a Financial Security.

The Financial Security module is accessible via the following link: ademarfinancialsecurity.elia.be

This document is organized as follows:

- Section 2 describes the actions the CRM Actor has to perform to be able to access the Financial Security
- Section 3 describes the Financial Security module itself;
- Section 4 describes the settings of the Financial Security module;
- Section 5 describes how the CRM Actor is contacted by ELIA or can contact ELIA while using the Financial Security module.

# 2. Requirements to get access to the Financial Security module

The CRM Actor gets access to the Financial Security Module of the CRM IT Interface as soon as he/she gets access to the Prequalification module, as described in the <u>User Manual Prequalification file</u>.

The Financial Security module is a web application that CRM Actors will use to submit their Financial Securities. No installation is therefore required.

The next step to be able to submit a Financial

Security is to log in to Financial Security module by clicking on the button 'Financial Security' (see **Error! Reference source not found.**) or by going directly to <u>ademarfinancialsecurity.elia.be</u>.



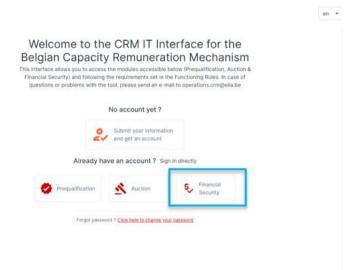


Figure 1: Homepage of the CRM IT Interface

This will open a login screen (see Figure 2) where the username and password – provided via e-mail by ELIA to each user – are to be filled in.



Figure 2: Login screen

## 3. Financial Security module

This part of the user manual covers the usage instructions for a Financial Security submission, adaptation and release in the Financial Security module.

In order to be able to submit a Financial Security, the Actor needs to first have a submitted CMU as described in section 3.3. "Prequalification File submission" of the <u>User Manual Pre-qualification File</u>.

#### 3.1 Financial Security creation

By clicking on 'Create New' in the main menu (on the left side in Figure 3Error! Reference source not found.), the CRM Actor can upload a New Financial Security.

To add one, the Actor must select several types of information (see Figure 3) including:

- Financial Security Type
- CMU ID
- Amount (€)

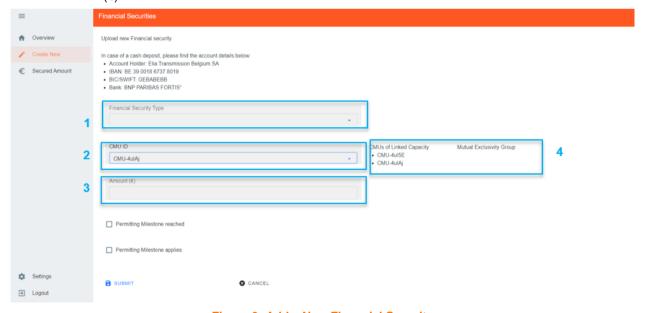


Figure 3: Add a New Financial Security

The first decision to take when creating a new Financial Security is which Financial Security Type the CRM Actor will opt for (point 1 see Figure 3). The following steps will differ depending on this choice. The CRM Actor has three options (see Figure 4):

- a Bank guarantee
- an Affiliate guarantee
- Cash deposit



Figure 4: The three types of Financial Security

The second decision to take is to select the CMU ID that should be covered by the Financial Security (point 2 see Figure 3). After indicating the CMU ID, the CRM IT Interface will automatically adjust the screen with requirement for extra information depending on the type of CMU you have selected.

- For Virtual and Existing CMU, no further information will be required
- For additional CMU, The CRM Actor has to mention if "Permitting Milesones" applies (see the sections "Definitions" and "Required Level" of the Functioning Rules) and if the "Permitting Milestones" is reached (see Figure 5).



#### Note

For an Additional "New built" CMU, the Required Level of Financial Security equals:

- EUR 20,000/MW if the milestone "permitting" applies;
- EUR 15,000/MW if the milestone "permitting" does not apply or is already reached.

For an Additional "Other" CMU, the Required Level of Financial Security equals:

- EUR 15,000/MW if the milestone "permitting" applies;
- EUR 11,000/MW if the milestone "permitting" does not apply or is already reached.

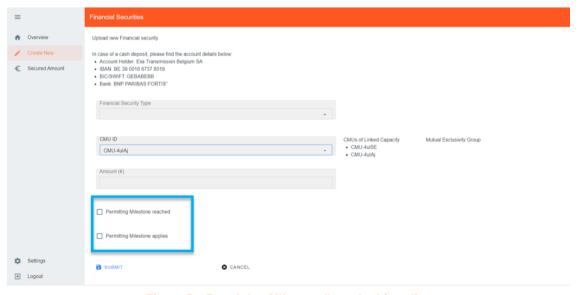


Figure 5: "Permitting Milestone" reached / applies

The third decision to take is the Amount (€) for the Financial Security (point 3 see Figure 3).

The tool also highlights when the CMU ID selected is part of Linked Capacities or Mutual Exclusivity Groups (point 4 see Figure 3).

#### 3.1.1 Bank guarantee

To start completing its bank guarantee, the CRM Actor must:

- Upload the Financial Security Form (point 1 see Figure 6) [See template in section "18.4 ANNEX D: FINANCIAL SECURITIES" of the Functioning Rules]
- Select the "FS Start Date" of the bank guarantee (point 2 see Figure 6)
- Select the "Expiry Date" of the bank guarantee (point 3 see Figure 6)
- Select the Bank (point 4 see Figure 6)

In the event that the bank of the Actor's Financial Security is not part of the dropdown list, please send an e-mail to operations.crm@elia.be.

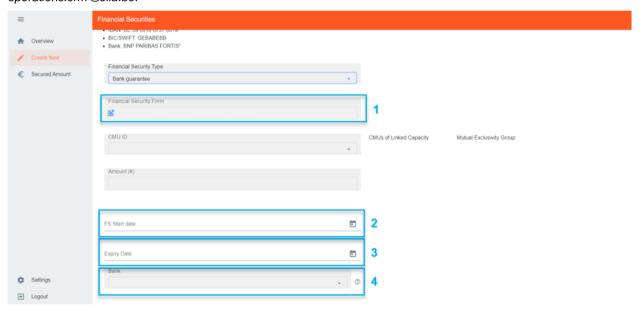


Figure 6: Bank guarantee required information

To create the Financial Security, the CRM Actor must click on "Submit" at the bottom left of the screen. From the moment a Financial Security is submitted to ELIA, ELIA verifies the information included in it and informs the CRM Actor whether the Financial Security is approved or rejected within fifteen Working Days starting from this Financial Security submission.

#### 3.1.2 Affiliate guarantee

To start completing its Affiliate guarantee, the CRM Actor must:

- Upload the Financial Security Form (point 1 see Figure 7Figure 6) [See template in section "18.4 ANNEX D: FINANCIAL SECURITIES" of the Functioning Rules]
- Select the "FS Start Date" of the Affiliate guarantee (point 2 see Figure 7)
- Select the "Expiry Date" of the Affiliate guarantee (point 3 see Figure 7)
- Select the Affiliate (point 4 see Figure 7Figure 6)
- Upload the Legal Opinion in English, French or Dutch (point 6 see Figure 7Figure 6) including the structure proving the link between the capacity provider and the affiliate

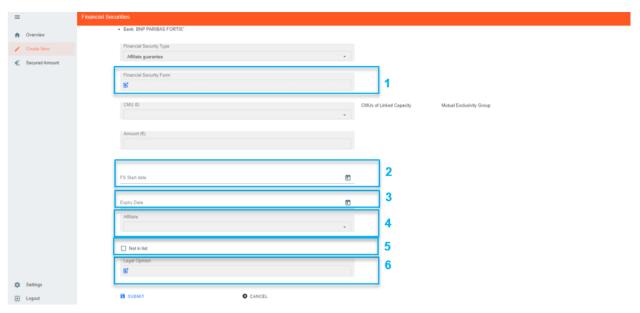


Figure 7: Affiliate guarantee required information

In the case the Affiliate of the Actor's Financial Security is not part of the dropdown list, please click on "Not in the List" (see point 5 see Figure 7) and fill in the required information about your Affiliate (see Figure 8).



Figure 8: Add an Affiliate not in the dropdown list

The required ratings can be found on <a href="https://www.moodys.com/">https://www.moodys.com/</a> and <a href="https://www.spglobal.com/">https://www.spglobal.com/</a>. On Moody's the CRM Actor must consider the "LT Issuer rating" or the "Senior Unsecured rating (Domestic)" of its issuer, while on SPG the CRM Actor should check for the "Local Currency LT Issuer Credit Rating".

To create the Financial Security, the CRM Actor must click on "Submit" at the bottom left of the screen. From the moment a Financial Security is submitted to ELIA, ELIA verifies the information included in it and informs the CRM Actor whether the Financial Security is approved or rejected within fifteen Working Days starting from this Financial Security submission.

#### 3.1.3 Cash deposit

To start completing its Affiliate guarantee, the CRM Actor must:

- Upload the "Proof of payment" (point 1 see Figure 9Figure 8Figure 6)
- International Bank Account Number (point 2 see Figure 9Figure 8)

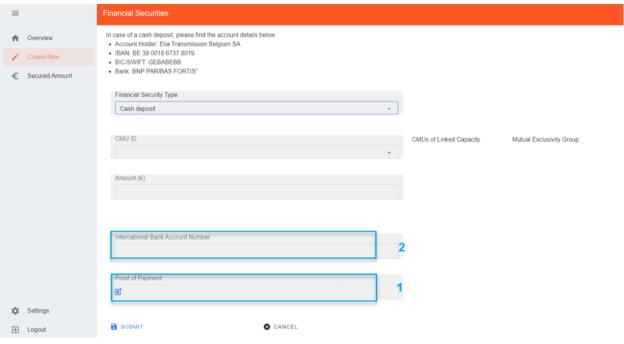
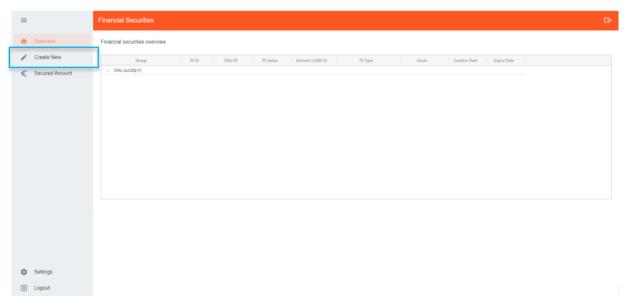


Figure 9: Cash deposit required information

To create the Financial Security, the CRM Actor must click on "Submit" at the bottom left of the screen. From the moment a Financial Security is submitted to ELIA, ELIA verifies the information included in it and informs the CRM Actor whether the Financial Security is approved or rejected within fifteen Working Days starting from this Financial Security submission.

#### 3.2 Financial Security Overview

The CRM Actor can see his/her Financial Security(ies) portfolio together with specific information for each of them. Therefore, the CRM Actor must click on 'Overview' in the main menu (on the left side in Figure 10Figure 3Error! Reference source not found.).



#### **Figure 10: Financial Security Overview**

The different columns are informative and can be used as filters as well (by clicking on the column titles).

- Group
- FS ID: This is a unique code for each Financial Security;
- CMU ID: This is an unique code for each CMU;
- FS status: This can be 'Submitted', 'Approved', 'Rejected', or 'Closed';
- Amount (x1000€): This indicates the amount of the Financial Security (this amount is rounded up);
- FS Type: This indicates the Type of Financial Security (Bank guarantee, Cash Deposit, or Affiliate guarantee)
- Issuer: This indicates the name of the issuer if any;
- Creation Date: This gives the date on which the Financial Security was created;
- Expiry Date: This gives the end date of the validity of the Financial Security (Cash deposit has no expiry date)

#### 3.2.1 Show details

When a CRM Actor wants to see the details about one of his Financial Securities, he/she can go to the Screen "Overview" in the Financial Security tool and select the Financial Security concerned. By clicking on the Financial Security (see blue line on Figure 11), the details of the Financial Security appear in the bottom of the screen.

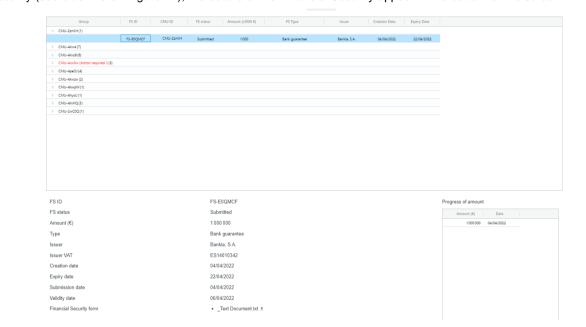


Figure 11: Financial Security Details

All information provided are summarized in Table 1:

Information	Description	Bank	Affiliate	Cash
		Guarantee	Guarantee	Deposit
FS ID	Unique identification reference of the FS	Х	Х	Х
FS Status	Status of the FS (submitted, approved, rejected, or	Х	Х	Х
	closed)			
Amount (€)	Amount of the FS	Х	Х	Х
Туре	Type of the FS (Bank guarantee, Affiliate guarantee	Х	Х	Х
	or Cash deposit)			
Issuer		Х	Х	NA
Issuer VAT		Х	Х	NA
Creation date	Date of the first submission of the FS	Х	Х	Х

Expiry date	Date at which the FS expires	Х	Х	NA
Date of cash	Date at which the cash payment has been received	NA	NA	Х
payment	by ELIA			
Replacement date	Latest date at which the Cash deposit should be	NA	NA	Х
	replaced by a bank or Affiliate guarantee			
International Bank	ELIA bank Account	NA	NA	Х
Account Number				
Submission date	Date of the last submission of the FS (this date is	Х	Х	Х
	different from the creation date as soon as an			
	adaptation to the FS is submitted)			
Financial Security	Financial Security to be provided while creating a	Х	Х	NA
Form	bank or an affiliate guarantee			
Legal Opinion	Legal opinion to be provided while creating an	NA	Х	NA
	Affiliate guarantee			
Proof of Payment	Proof of Payment to be provided while creating a	NA	NA	Х
	Cash deposit guarantee			
Reason for		Х	Х	Х
Rejection				
CMU-ID	Unique identification number of the CMU linked to the	Х	Х	Х
	FS. In case of Linked Capacities or Mutual			
	Exclusivity, only the key CMU is referred.			
Total Approved FS	Total amount of FS approved that have a validity date	Х	Х	Х
	and/or cash payment date equal or earlier than the			
	current date, and an expiry date equal or later than			
	the current date			
Secured Amount	Maximum of the Secured Amount for transaction and	Х	Х	Х
	the Secured Amount of contracted capacity of all			
	Delivery Periods of the CMU			
Covered✓ or	Indicates if the 'Total amount of approved Financial	Х	Х	Х
or	Securities' is higher or equal than the 'Secured			
	Securities is higher or equal than the Secured			

**Table 1: Details Information** 

#### Legend

"NA": refers to the information that might not be applicable/relevant, based on the type of FS. In this case the field remains empty in the tool (see example for "Issuer" and "Issuer VAT" in Figure 12).

<sup>&</sup>quot;X": refers to the information provided.

The CRM Actor can also check the evolution of the Amount of the Financial Security in the box at the right side of the screen "Progress of amount" (see Figure 12).

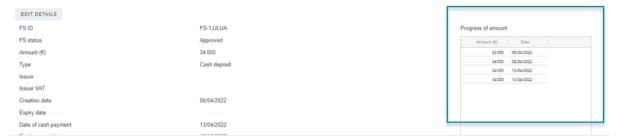


Figure 12: Financial Security: Progress of amount

#### 3.2.2 Export

The CRM Actor can Export an Excel File containing all general information about its CMUs Financial Securities. To do so, the CRM Actor must click on 'Overview' in the main menu (on the left side in Figure 10Figure 3Error! Reference source not found.), and then click on "F" on the upper right side of the screen (see Figure 13).

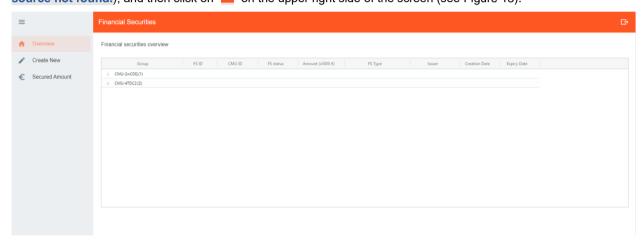


Figure 13: Export Financial Securities portfolio general information

A screen will pop-up with the downloaded Excel file (see Figure 14). The CRM Actor should click on it to open it (see Figure 15).

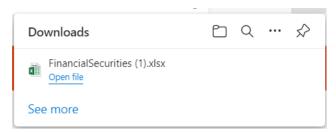


Figure 14: Download Export Financial Securities portfolio general information



**Figure 15: Excel Export** 

#### 3.3 Financial Security Editing

If the CRM Actor wants to modify the information provided for an approved Financial Security, this can be done by accessing the Financial Security "Overview" (see Figure 10). The CRM Actor must then select a Financial Security and click on "Edit details" (see Figure 16).

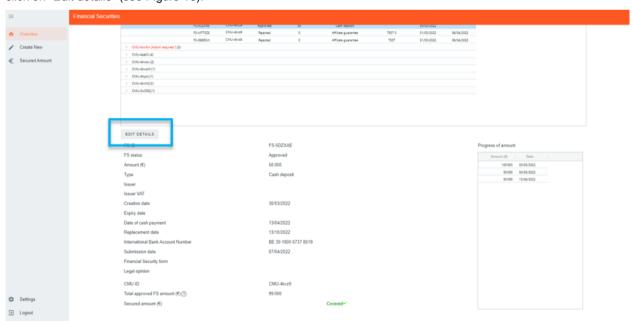


Figure 16: Edit a Financial Security

A new window will pop up where all the required information can be provided in the corresponding fields and dropdown menus. This window is slightly different depending on the Type of Financial Security: for a bank guarantee, see Figure 17; for an Affiliate guarantee, see Figure 18; and for a Cash Deposit, see Figure 19.

The CRM Actor can edit the following information depending on the Type of Financial Security:

Information	Bank guarantee	Affiliate guarantee	Cash Deposit
The Amount (€)	Х	X	X
The "Permitting Milestone"	Х	X	X
information			
The Validity Date and	X	X	
Expiry Date			
The Financial Security	X	X	
Form			
The Legal Opinion		X	
The Bank Account			X
number			

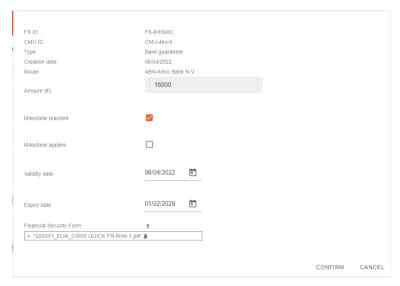


Figure 17: Edit Details for a bank guarantee

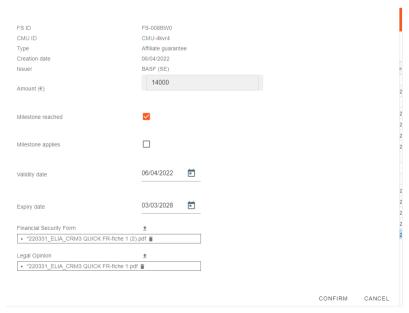


Figure 18: Edit Details for an Affiliate guarantee

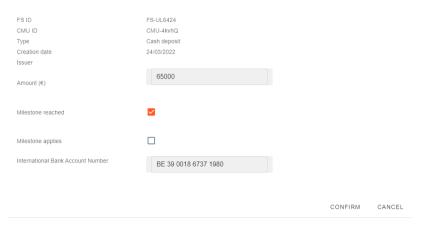


Figure 19: Edit Details for Cash Deposit

In order to validate and submit the Detail information of the CMU, the CRM Actor must click on "Confirm". After that, a confirmation window will pop up (see Figure 20) to ask the CRM Actor to validate the submission.



Figure 20: Confirmation button Financial Security update

!!! The Financial Securities of one CMU ID cannot be modified when one of its Financial Security has the status "submitted".

It is important to note that the status of the CMU remains "approved" even though the Actor has submitted a demand for Financial Security update (see Figure 21). The CRM Actor can see that a demand is pending since the Financial Securities of the CMU cannot be adapted any longer (button "Edit Details" – see Figure 16 – is not displayed on the screen) until the demand of modification of the CMU is accepted or rejected by ELIA within fifteen Working Days starting from the submission of the Financial Security adaptation.

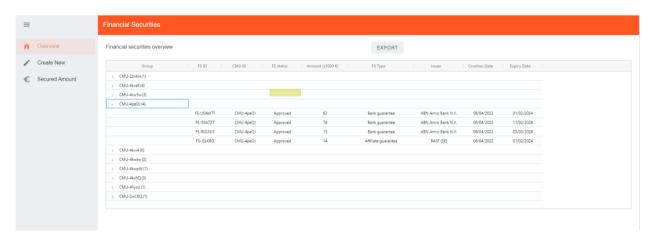


Figure 21: Status "Approved" of a Financial Security when edit is submitted

The information will be adapted on the IT CRM Interface when the Financial Security edit is approved by ELIA.

#### 3.4 Financial Security Replacement

In order to replace a Financial Security (e.g., in case of Cash Deposit replacement), the CRM Actor must first create a new Financial Security, as described in section 3.1. As a result, and under condition that this FS is approved, ELIA will launch the Release process (see section 3.5).



#### Note

If a CRM Actor wants to substitute one form of Financial Security for another – provided that the replacement respects the requirements detailed in section 11.3 of the Functioning Rules and has the same expiry date or a longer one – he must write a notice to ELIA at least twenty Working Days before the replacement of the Financial Security

#### 3.5 Release Financial Security

When a partial or full release of a Financial Security is initiated by ELIA, the CRM Actor receives an email to be informed (see Figure 22: Partial or Full Release Initiated: Email notification):



Figure 22: Partial or Full Release Initiated: Email notification

The CRM Actor then needs to go on the Financial Security "Overview" screen to validate the release; the CRM Actor has 10 WD to do so. The CMU for which an action is required is highlighted in red (see Figure 23):

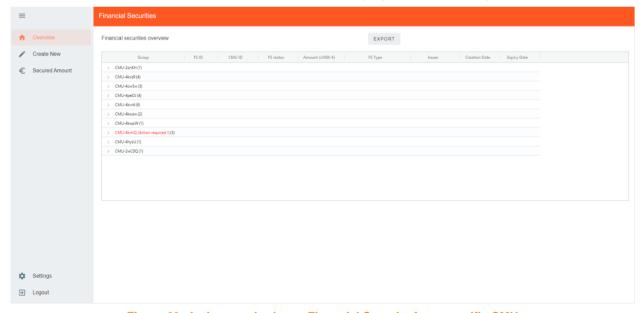


Figure 23: Action required on a Financial Security for a specific CMU

By clicking on the concerned CMU, the CRM Actor will see the button "Continue/Stop Release" appear on the top right of the screen (see Figure 24).

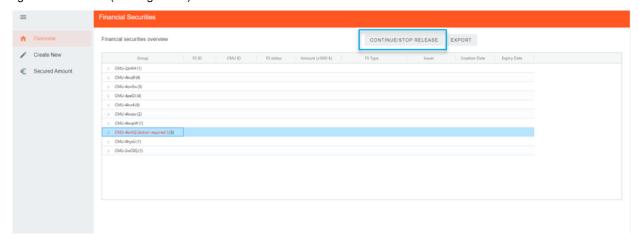


Figure 24: Continue/Stop a release

By clicking on the "Continue/Release" button, a window will pop-up (see Figure 25):



Figure 25: Financial Security Release Validation

First, the CRM Actor should decide to accept the release ("Continue") or to keep it for future transaction ("Stop"), as long as the expiry date of the Financial Security is not exceeded (see point 1, Figure 25). According to the Functioning Rules, if the CRM Actor does not "Continue" or "Stop" the transaction within the 10 WD following the release notification (see Figure 22), the release procedure will continue automatically.

Second, if more than one Financial Security is related to the concerned CMU,

- and if the release is a partial release, the CRM Actor must communicate how he wants to split the release between all the Financial Securities (see point 2, Figure 25). Without answer from the CRM Actor, ELIA will split the release amount on a prorata basis between all the Financial Securities.
- and if the release is related to the replacement of a Cash Deposit by a bank or Affiliate guarantee, the CRM Actor must attribute the full release amount (see point 3, Figure 25) to the FS ID of the Cash Deposit guarantee.

The sum of the allocated amount per Financial Security should be equal to the release amount of the CMU (see point 3, Figure 25), otherwise, the Release cannot be confirmed (see Figure 26).

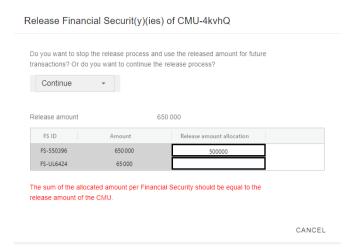


Figure 26: Error Message: allocated amount per FS not equal to release amount of the CMU

To finalize the confirmation, the CRM Actor must click on "Confirm".

The information will be adapted in the "Edit Details" Screen "Progress of amount" (see Figure 12Error! Reference source not found.) once the Release has been validated by ELIA. ELIA must complete the release within a maximum of 20 WD starting from the release moment as defined in the Functioning Rules.

#### 3.6 Secured Amount

The CRM Actor can see in the Secured Amount tab the Secured Amount as calculated based on the last saved version of the CMU and not the last Prequalified version as displayed under 'CMU Evolution In Time'. Therefore, the CRM Actor must click on 'Secured Amount' in the main menu (on the left side in Figure 27Figure 3Error! Reference source not found.).

The Secured Amount is calculated per CMU, and, in this tab the tool does not consider the existence of Linked Capacities or Mutual Exclusivity Group for this calculation.

If the CRM Actor want to see the calculation of the Secured Amount based on the Prequalified version and the Contracted Capacity per CMU, please check the Secured Amount displayed in the Screen "Overview" > "FS Details".



Figure 27: Secured Amount

## 4. Prequalification module settings

#### 4.1 Language change

The user can also adjust the language of the tool by clicking on the user name in the bottom left and then on settings. Different options are English, French and Dutch (see Figure 28).



Figure 28: Adjust the tool language

## 5. Communication and feedback

The automatic generated emails of the Financial Security module will be sent to all the users having been assigned to the role "Prequalification process" and/or Recipient contact Type "For Capacity Contract related matters" in the application form.

For any commercially related questions please contact: <a href="mailto:customer.crm@elia.be">customer.crm@elia.be</a>.