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Summary

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European Commission publishes the final version of the Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) Delegated Act

LCR, a key part of the regulatory framework. On 10 October 2014, the European Commission (EC) published the final version of the LCR Delegated Act. Now, the European Parliament and the European Council have six months to present amendments to this final version which will come into force in October 2015. The LCR together with the NSFR represent a milestone in the building up of the Pillar 1 liquidity framework within the European Union. While the NSFR represents a more structural, or long-term, ratio, the LCR measures the liquidity position of a bank under stressed conditions.

No surprise in the ECB comprehensive assessment

Publication of results completes a major step for a functioning Banking Union. On 26 October the ECB published the results of the comprehensive assessment, which included an asset quality review (AQR) and a stress test. The AQR, in which banks were required to meet an 8% common equity tier 1 (CET1) ratio, revealed a capital shortfall of EUR5bn distributed among 16 banks. In the stress test banks were required to hold an 8% CET1 ratio in the baseline scenario and a 5.5% CET1 ratio in the adverse scenario. The overall capital shortfall in the comprehensive assessment stood at EUR24.6bn, concentrated in Italy (EUR9.7bn/0.8% RWA) and Greece (EUR8.7bn/4.2% RWA).

From shadow banking to translucent banking

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Financial crowdfunding

First regulatory steps in Europe. The first steps in regulating financial crowdfunding have been taken by some EU Member States, to foster this new form of financing while adequately protecting investors. However, a pan-European approach is necessary, to develop a single cross-border market and to fulfil the potential of financial crowdfunding as a complementary source to traditional funding, in particular for SMEs and start-ups.

1 High Quality Securitisation: EU first regulatory actions

COM adopts two delegated acts

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LCR and Solvency II: Common criteria for the definition of HQS

Under the reviewed rules, certain securitisations positions, only the most senior tranches, will be **eligible for a more proportionate and risk sensitive prudential treatment**, provided that they meet a set of eligible criteria that are detailed in those regulations. In the case of **LCR**, only certain HQS will count for the liquidity buffer (see Table 1), mandatory for banks starting in October 2015. The range of eligible ABS being considered in the EU is broader than that recommended by Basel (only RMBS). For **insurance companies**, investing in certain HQS (Type 1) will be subject to much lower capital charges than investing in any other asset backed security (Type 2), starting in 2016.

Table 1

Preferential treatment for HQS

LCR: Inclusion in the liquidity buffer (Tier 2B, capped at 15% of the buffer)		Solvency II: risk charges under standard formula (per year of modified duration)		
Type	Haircut	Rating	Type 1	Type 2
Residential mortgages	25%	AAA	2,1%	12,5%
Auto loans	25%	AA	3%	13,4%
SME loans	35%	A	3%	16,6%
Consumer loans	35%	BBB	3%	19,7%

Source: BBVA Research based on COM delegated acts

Both regulations share **general eligible criteria**. Those common criteria may be seen as the core elements of the definition of HQS. In particular, the common elements envisaged in both regulations refer to: i) structural features; ii) underlying assets characteristics; iii) underwriting process, and iv) transparency features. Both regulations require maximum seniority, that ensures enhanced credit quality compared to that of the underlying portfolio. As the purpose is different in each regulation, some **specific criteria** have been added in LCR provisions to favour that HQS instruments are also highly liquid. For instance, tradability on generally accepted repurchase markets and a minimum rating requirement of AA-. This rating requirement is more demanding than the BBB- considered for Type 1 under Solvency II.

EBA launches a consultation on HQS

The European Banking Authority issued a discussion paper on high quality securitisation, following the formal request by the European Commission for advice. The paper sets out detailed criteria to define HQS instruments and considers that they should be granted lower capital charges in banking requirements. The EBA also calls for a cross-sector revision of current regulations. The consultation period ends on 14 January, and the final advice to the COM is intended to be delivered in 2Q2015.

Assessment

We welcome this regulatory action as a first step to promote robust securitisation and differentiation in the market. For that, the approach taken of aligning HQS definition across financial sectors is fully recommended. Nevertheless, we consider that the adopted criterion of differentiating only the most senior tranches of robust securitisation structures should be extended proportionately to all the tranches of those structures, if we want those transactions to be revived.

Important initiatives are underway, at both the European and international levels (IOSCO/BCBS) to define HQS and review their prudential consideration. Probably, after completion of the global standards, European recently adopted regulation may need to be reviewed.

2 The European Commission publishes the final version of the LCR Delegated Act

LCR, a key part of the regulatory framework

The aim of the LCR is that financial institutions should maintain a sufficient level of liquid assets to withstand the excess of liquidity outflows over inflows that could be expected to accumulate over a 30-day stressed period. The LCR will be mandatory, on a consolidated basis, from October 2015 (i.e. at 60%), which is later than expected, and the phase-in period will finish by January 2018 (i.e. 100%), one year in advance of Basel III requirements.

Liquidity buffer (numerator)

The Delegated Act defines three levels (Level 1, 2A and 2B) of assets according to their liquidity properties. Apart from some operational requirements, the Delegated Act requires some general features to be fulfilled by liquid assets included in the buffer (i.e. not issued by the credit institution itself or by a financial institution, with the exception of covered bonds and ABS).

Figure 1
Haircuts, caps and floors to different liquid assets

Level	Asset Class	Criteria	Haircut	Min. 60%	Min. 3%
Level 1	Coins and Central Banks		0%	Min. 60%	Min. 3%
	Sovereigns Member States and Thrid countries	All Member States: Third countries AA-			
	Covered Bonds	> €500mn: AA- or 10%RW; 2%OC	7%		
Level 2A	Sovereigns and sub-nationals (thrid countries)	>A- or 20% RW	15%	Max. 40%	Max. 15%
	Sub nationals (EU)	>A- or 20% RW			
	Covered Bonds	> €250mn: A- or 20%RW; 7%OC			
	Covered Bonds Thrid countries	AA- or 10%RW; 7% OC			
	Corporates	> €250mn, A- up to years tenor			
Level 2B	ABS (RMBS (LTV>80%, LTI <45%); Auto)	AA- senior tranche; €100mn; average life<5yr	25%	Max. 15%	
	ABS (SME, consumer)	AA- senior; €100mn; average life <5year	35%		
	Corporates	> €250mn; BBB- up to years	50%		
	Equity	Major indices			
	Covered Bonds	> €250mn; no rating; 10% OC	30%		
	Liquidity facilities by ECB	Commiment fee			

Source: BBVA Research

Net liquidity outflows (denominator)

The Delegated Act clearly separates the net outflows coming from retail financing from the wholesale financing. Regarding **retail deposits**, the Delegated Act applies a 5% outflow rate for stable deposits and recognises the possibility of applying a reduced outflow rate (i.e.: 3%) when deposits are covered by a Deposit Guarantee Fund (DGF) under certain conditions. These conditions (i.e. available financial means, ready access to funding, etc.) are in line with Basel recommendations. However, the Delegated Act defines higher outflows for other retail deposits (i.e.: >EUR500k, internet-only account, 30 days, etc.). Regarding **wholesale financing** the Delegated Act differentiates between secured and unsecured financing being the treatment, in general, more benign to secured financing.

Assessment

The publication represents a decisive step in the building up of the liquidity framework within the European Union. The treatment of covered bonds and ABS has been positive. In addition to this, the final ratio recognises the stability of retail financing. However, the possibility of applying a reduced rate is still too limited. Finally, the final version requires a consolidated ratio by reporting currency, which is not consistent with the specificities of the decentralised liquidity management model, and cannot be used to assess the liquidity position of financial institutions with this model.

3 No surprise in the ECB comprehensive assessment

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Capital shortfalls total EUR24.6bn (25 entities) but fall to EUR9.5bn (13 entities) after considering capital raised in 2014

From the 25 entities that failed, 12 are technical failures, as they have raised sufficient capital in 2014 to cover the shortfall. This shows that the AQR/stress test was a success in triggering pre-emptive capital increases. The rest of failures are four banks from Italy, two from Greece, two from Slovenia and one each from Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Ireland and Portugal. These 13 banks' assets account for 4% of total examined banks' assets. No global systemically important bank displays capital shortfalls as the latter are concentrated in small to mid-sized banks.

The AQR prompts EUR47.5bn adjustments to provisions and EUR136bn in problematic exposures

The ECB worked to harmonize asset quality metrics as non-performing exposures (NPE) definitions vary across countries and a reasonable level of standardization was required so that results were comparable. Therefore NPE were increased by EUR135.9bn. On average 12% of debtors were reclassified as NPE (only 7% in Spain). The AQR resulted in P&L adjustments of EUR47.5bn (EUR33.8bn post tax), most of them resulting from individually assessed provisions (EUR26.8bn) and collectively assessed provisions (EUR16.2bn). Fair value exposures were only adjusted by EUR4.6bn.

Spanish banks among the best performers

Spanish banks displayed very good results as the AQR identified a low volume (EUR2.2bn) of necessary adjustments (14 basis points (bps) of CET1, the lowest in Europe) and the resilience of banks' capital to the stress test was very high. In the adverse scenario, the median decline in the CET1 ratio was 400 bps with Spanish banks the second best performers (159bps reduction) after Estonia. In addition the system displays large cushions to absorb shocks and therefore after the adverse scenario, the average excess of CET1 was 347bps. Only one Spanish bank, Liberbank, shows a capital shortfall (EUR32 million in the AQR), which was already addressed during 2014 with a capital increase of EUR575 million.

The exercise facilitates balance sheet repair, transparency and consistency

With the publication of results, one of the major steps for a functioning Banking Union is completed. Our overall assessment is positive as this unprecedented exercise: (i) provides a sharp increase in transparency which enables market participants to have a much better picture of the health of the European banking sector; (ii) shows that the European banking sector is resilient to an adverse economic scenario and (iii) displays very manageable capital needs (€9.5bn), showing the exercise has been a success in triggering pre-emptive capital increases.

4 From shadow banking to *translucent* banking

Good progress, but still much to be accomplished

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An overall view

In October 2011 the **initial recommendations** of the FSB were endorsed by the G20. The strategy was aimed at creating a monitoring framework to track developments outside the banking system and working on policies to strengthen oversight and regulation. For that, five workstreams (WS) were created: banks' interactions with shadow banking entities (WS1), Money Market Funds (MMFs) (WS2), other shadow banking entities (WS3); securitisation (WS4) and securities lending and repos (WS5). Until now, some progress has been made: i) banks' exposure to a shadow banking entity cannot exceed 25% of the bank's Tier1 capital; ii) money market funds and securitisations are in the recommendations phase and under monitoring; iii) information sharing related to other shadow banking entities, such as hedge funds, is being promoted, and iv) a regulatory framework has just been established for non-centrally cleared SFTs.

Table 1

A timeline of shadow banking main milestones

Date	Landmark
October 2011	The FSB strategy was endorsed by G20: initial recommendations with a work plan (five workstreams created)
March 2012	The EC published its Green Paper on Shadow Banking
October 2012	IOSCO launched its final report on Policy Recommendations for Money Market Funds (MMFs)
November 2012	The FSB published three consultations: (i) Strengthening Oversight and Regulation of Shadow Banking Entities; (ii) Overview of Policy Recommendations and (iii) Risks in Securities Lending and Repos
August 2013	The FSB published two policy frameworks for: i) Addressing shadow banking risks in securities lending and repos and ii) Strengthening oversight and Regulation of Shadow Banking Entities
September 2013	The EC proposed a European framework designed for money market funds (MMFs)
November 2013	The FSB launched Quantitative Impact Study (QIS2) on proposed regulatory framework for haircuts on SFTs
January 2014	The EC published its proposal on transparency of SFTs (possible political agreement in 2H15)
June 2014	The ECB published its opinion on EC's proposal on transparency of SFTs
October 2014	The FSB has published a regulatory framework for haircuts on non-centrally cleared SFTs
October 2014	The FSB will publish its annual Global Shadow Banking Monitoring Report
November 2014	The FSB will propose standards and processes to enhance transparency on SFTs
2015. Not specified	The FSB will launch a peer review on the national implementation of the high-level policy framework
End 2017. Expected	FSB member authorities will implement the regulatory framework for Haircuts on Non-centrally Cleared SFTs

Source: BBVA Research based on FSB, IOSCO, ECB and EC

Some light provided by the ECB, the IMF and the FSB

On 24 June, the ECB published its **opinion** broadly supporting the EC's proposal on transparency of SFTs, and it considers that the EC's initiative will foster financial stability in the EU². Moreover, in an **article** on *structural features of the wider euro area financial sector* (October 2014), it shows that the size of non-bank euro area entities has significantly increased, especially if compared with the bank sector. This piece also serves for the regular monitoring of the risks of euro area non-banks with the bank sector.

On 1 October, Chapter 2 of the IMF's **Global Financial Stability Report** (GFSR) examined *Shadow banking around the globe*. Among other things, it points out that a macroprudential perspective would be very helpful to mitigate the risks of non-bank entities and activities.

The FSB has launched the first regulatory framework on collateral rules for SFTs, that also intends to **capture** non-bank to non-bank transactions³ with the aim of mitigating excessive leverage and marking out the volatility.

1: A short summary can be found in *Shadow banking: into the light* in the [Regulation Outlook of March 2014](#).

2: The ECB made specific observations in four areas: (i) exemption for central bank transactions from transparency and reporting obligations; (ii) clarification of the EC's power to amend the list of exemptions; (iii) rehypothecation, and (iv) modalities for the reporting of data on SFTs

3: The FSB has also asked for comments to apply numerical haircut floors to non-bank to non-bank transactions (Deadline: 15 Dec 2014)

5 Financial crowdfunding

First regulatory steps in Europe

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Crowdfunding: financing alternative taking off

Crowdfunding represents an alternative of financing in which the funds are obtained from many small investors instead of a unique source, diluting risks among the “crowd”. The activity is underpinned by web-based platforms that facilitate the matching between investors and entrepreneurs or borrowers in a digital relationship.

Crowdfunding platforms have flourished in the last few years, due to the technological progress and the shortage of funding from traditional sources. Although this intermediation may fall within the concept of shadow banking, as it involves potentially higher solvency and liquidity risks for investors, if properly directed, crowdfunding has great potential as a complement to the traditional financial sector, helping SMEs and start-ups to raise funds for their projects and thus contributing to economic growth.

Regulatory framework in Europe: fragmented markets

Some early-adopter Member States — Italy, UK, France, Germany and Spain — have taken regulatory action on financial return crowdfunding (mainly crowdlending and equity crowdfunding) with the aim of encouraging this new source of funding while protecting retail investors. In general, those rules establish an official registry of platforms, distinguish between different business models, and set disclosure requirements and investment limits in order to protect investors. However, there are significant differences between countries. In particular, the investment limits are heterogeneous regarding both quantities and on whom they are imposed (the issuer or the investor) and how they are defined: per platform, per investment.

Moreover, recently approved Spanish regulation has imposed the same regulations on both lending-based and equity crowdfunding, while the general approach has been to place tighter restrictions on the equity model.

Regulatory action is welcome, to build market confidence and to foster competition through transparency and standardisation. Yet country-specific approaches inhibit crowdfunding from cross-border development, creating market fragmentation in Europe. Thus, a common regulatory framework would be welcome to create a single crowdfunding market in the EU, through which to obtain a critical mass for this new form of financing as a complement to more traditional forms.

Main regulatory actions around the world in 2014

	Recent issues	Upcoming issues
Global	On 15 and 25 Sep FSB and BCBS reviewed last years' financial reforms and pending objectives	On 15 Nov Australia will host the G20 Leaders Summit
	On 26 Sep FSB launched consultation on cross-border resolution	FSB is expected to publish new G-SIB list on Nov 2014
	On 30 Sep FSB published a report on enhanced disclosure (EDTF)	Basel III Regulatory consistency Assessment Programme (RCAP) will be issued on Dec 2014
	On 30 Sep FSB-IOSCO published reports on FX benchmarks	
	On 06 Oct BIS launched consultation on simpler approaches for operational risk	
	On 10 Oct BCBS launched consultation on corporate governance principles	
	On 10 Oct BIS published report on reform of OTC derivatives	
	On 11 Oct 18 major banks agreed on ISDA resolution stay protocol	
	On 14 Oct FSB published regulatory framework for haircuts on securities financing transactions	
	On 15 Oct FSB updated Key Attributes for effective resolution regimes	
EUROPE	On 27 Oct FSB published a report on cross-border consistencies of structural reforms	
	On 30 Sep EC adopted ITS on the disclosure of values used to identify global systemically important institutions (G-SIIs)	On 01 Nov the new European Commission will start its term of office
	EBA launched 8 consultations on resolution in the context of the BRRD	On 04 Nov the SSM will become fully operational
	On 02 Oct ECB published details of two asset purchase programmes	On 01 Dec Donald Tusk will take office as European Council President
	On 03 Oct EBA launched consultation on provision of group financial support	
	On 09 Oct Council and EP declassified directives of negotiation of TTIP	
	On 10 Oct EC adopted Delegated Acts on the liquidity coverage requirement and the leverage ratio	
	On 08 Oct EC adopted Delegated Regulation on the provisional system of instalments to cover the administrative expenditures of the SRB	
	On 08 Oct EC adopted Delegated Regulation on methodology to identify G-SIIs and subcategories of G-SIIs	
	On 14 Oct EBA launched consultation on simple, standard and transparent securitisation	
	On 14 Oct EU Council published compromise texts on a proposal for revision of Payment System Directive and a regulation on interchange fees for card-based payments	
	On 17 Oct EC adopted Delegated Regulation on calculation of positions for legal entities within a group with long/short positions in relation to a particular issuer	
	On 18 Oct an ECB decision on separation between the monetary policy and supervision functions of the ECB was published in the OJEU	
	On 21 Oct EC adopted a delegated act and a proposal for a Council implementing act on contributions of banks to national resolution funds and to the Single Resolution Funds	
	On 22 Oct EP gave its support to the new EC, after hearings of Commissioners in october. Council appointed the EC on 23/10.	
	On 23 Oct ECB launched consultation on reporting of supervisory financial information	
	On 23 Oct EBA updated the list of identified financial conglomerates	
	On 24 Oct the OJEU published a EC Delegated Regulation on minimum amount of the professional indemnity insurance to be held by credit intermediaries.	
	On 26 Oct ECB published the results of the comprehensive assessment and EBA results of the EU-wide stress test	

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(cont)	Recent issues	Upcoming issues
	On 09 Sep Condusef, following the CNBV , issued rules on publication of imposed sanctions , aligned with the recent Financial Reform	CNBV and Banco de Mexico will continue to develop the Basel III liquidity regime . The LCR framework expected to be published and effective in early 2015
MEXICO	On 03 Oct Banco de Mexico issued rules requiring all financial entities to adhere to the general credit bureau framework , and to periodically report to at least one bureau On 17 Oct Banco de Mexico and CNBV set up the Banking Liquidity Regulation Committee	
LATAM	On 01 Oct the Venezuelan banking regulator indefinitely differed a 1% increase of minimum capital-to-assets ratio, initially scheduled for Dec 2014. On 07 Oct Argentina increased contribution rate paid by banks to the Deposit Insurance Fund and the amount of coverage for small investors. On 21 Oct Colombia introduced a simplified banking license that allows money transfers and payments and to receive virtual deposits but not to offer loans. On 27 Oct the Venezuelan banking regulator set caps to the amounts banks are allowed to lend each other at the interbank market.	In Colombia the Ministry of Finance is discussing allowing insurance companies to offer their services through banking correspondents
USA	FDIC and Bank of England met to coordinate resolution of G-SIBs CFPB increases disclosure requirements for credit card issuers On 22 Oct Federal Agencies approve final risk retention rule in securitisations On 23 Oct Fed released supervisory scenarios for 2015 capital planning and stress testing	Fed about to decide on a range for a tougher capital surcharge imposed on large US banks than required by international regulators. Regulators expect to finalize this year a mortgage regulation under Dodd-Frank reform law Commodity Futures Trading Commission will examine banks that are altering parameters of overseas swaps to avoid Dodd-Frank rules
TURKEY	On 03 Oct a new regulation brought caps on fees and commissions of the credit cards, retail lending loans and deposits. On 21 Oct Central Bank of Turkey will provide further support to core liabilities in order to spur balanced growth and domestic savings. On 22 Oct credit card receivable interest rates to be indexed to average sector GPL rates as published by CBRT	
ASIA	On 15 Sep, Chinese regulators set a limit for bank deposits at the end of every month at 3% of average daily level during that month	On 26 Oct, The Hong Kong Exchange announced that the start of the stock-trading link with Shanghai would be postponed until further notice.

Source: BBVA Research

Abbreviations

AIFMD	Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive	FROB	Spanish Fund for Orderly Bank Restructuring
AQR	Asset Quality Review	FSAP	Financial Sector Assessment Program
BCBS	Basel Committee on Banking Supervision	FSB	Financial Stability Board
BIS	Bank for International Settlements	FTT	Financial Transactions Tax
BoE	Bank of England	IAIS	International Association of Insurance Supervisors
BoS	Bank of Spain	IASB	International Accounting Standards Board
BRRD	Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive	IHC	Intermediate Holding Company
CCAR	Comprehensive Capital Analysis and Review	IIF	Institute of International Finance
CCP	Central Counterparty	IMF	International Monetary Fund
CET	Common Equity Tier	IOSCO	International Organization of Securities Commissions
CFTC	Commodity Futures Trading Commission	ISDA	International Swaps and Derivatives Association
AMC	Company for the Management of Assets proceeding from Restructuring of the Banking System (Bad bank)	ITS	Implementing Technical Standard
CNMV	Comisión Nacional de Mercados de Valores (Spanish Securities and Exchange Commission)	Joint Forum	International group bringing together IOSCO, BCBS and IAIS
COREPER	Committee of Permanent Representatives to the Council of the European Union	LCR	Liquidity Coverage Ratio
CPSS	Committee on Payment and Settlement Systems	LEI	Legal Entity Identifier
CRA	Credit Rating Agency	MAD	Market Abuse Directive
CRD IV	Capital Requirements Directive IV	MiFID	Markets in Financial Instruments Directive
CRR	Capital Requirements Regulation	MiFIR	Markets in Financial Instruments Regulation
CSD	Central Securities Depository	MMFs	Money Market Funds
DGSD	Deposit Guarantee Schemes Directive	MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
DFA	The Dodd–Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act	MPE	Multiple Point of Entry
EBA	European Bank Authority	MS	Member States
EC	European Commission	NRA s	National Resolution Authorities
ECB	European Central Bank	NSA s	National Supervision Authorities
ECOFIN	Economic and Financial Affairs Council	NSFR	Net Stable Funding Ratio
ECON	Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee of the European Parliament	OJ	Official Journal of the European Union
EFSF	European Financial Stability Facility	OTC	Over-The-Counter (Derivatives)
EIOPA	European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority	PRA	Prudential Regulation Authority
EMIR	European Market Infrastructure Regulation	QIS	Quantitative Impact Study
EP	European Parliament	RRPs	Recovery and Resolution Plans
ESA	European Supervisory Authority	RTS	Regulatory Technical Standards
ESFS	European System of Financial Supervisors	SCAP	Supervisory Capital Assessment Program
ESM	European Stability Mechanism	SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission
ESMA	European Securities and Markets Authority	SIB (G-SIB, D-SIB)	Global-Systemically Important Bank, Domestic-Systemically Important Bank
ESRB	European Systemic Risk Board	SIFI (G-SIFI, D-SIFI)	Global-Systemically Important Financial Institution, Domestic-Systemically Important Financial Institution
EU	European Union	SII (G-SII, D-SII)	Systemically Important Insurance
EZ	Eurozone	SPE	Single Point of Entry
FASB	Financial Accounting Standards Board	SRB	Single Resolution Board
FBO	Foreign Bank Organisations	SREP	Supervisory Review and Evaluation Process
FCA	Financial Conduct Authority	SRF	Single Resolution Fund
FDIC	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	SRM	Single Resolution Mechanism
Fed	Federal Reserve	SSM	Single Supervisory Mechanism
FPC	Financial Policy Committee	UCITS	Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferrable Securities Directive

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