

Financial Regulation: Weekly Update

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Highlights

- 1. FSB consults on high level recommendations to crypto-asset activities regulation and supervision
- 2. FSB publishes reports on supervisory and regulatory approaches to climate-related risks, and on climate related disclosures
- 3. European Commission publishes its report on the review of the Securitization Regulation
- 4. EBA publishes update on the monitoring report of TLAC/MREL instruments
- 5. SRB and ECB reach an "in principle" agreement on the margin for redeeming eligible liabilities

Global

- **FSB consults on high level recommendations to crypto-asset activities regulation and supervision** Seeks to <u>promote</u> consistency of regulation, supervision and oversight of crypto-asset activities and markets, and to strengthen international cooperation and information sharing. Deadline: Dec 15, 2022.
- FSB publishes report on supervisory and regulatory approaches to climate-related risks Seeks to <u>assist</u> authorities in monitoring and mitigating cross-sectoral and system-wide risks arising from climate change, promoting a consistent approach across sectors and jurisdictions.
- FSB publishes progress report on climate-related disclosures It <u>takes stock</u> of progress made over the past year by the new global standard-setter, national and regional authorities and firms.
- FSB publishes progress report and its priorities on cross-border payments Two years after the Roadmap, it <u>publishes</u> the priority issues for the next phase along with a report on the progress made, bringing together the wide-ranging, interconnected work under different building blocks.
- **ISOCO** issues regulatory measures for risks from digitalization of retail marketing and distribution It <u>publishes</u> measures to be considered when determining policy and enforcement approaches to retail online offerings and marketing, so as to assist IOSCO members in adapting their regulatory approach.
- TCFD publishes its report on the status of climate-related financial disclosures In its <u>2022 status report</u>, the Task Force analyses the current state of disclosure practices as well as progress in firms' disclosures in line with the TCFD Recommendations over the past five years.



FATF publishes the set of core elements that apply to all AML/CFT assessments
 It states that all AML/CFT assessment bodies will conduct the next round of assessments in accordance
 with the FATF 2013 Methodology. However, there will be some flexibility in the procedural arrangements.

Europe

- EC publishes its report on the review of the Securitization Regulation It identifies a number of improvements to the framework's functioning, notably on the proportionality of certain requirements, that will be pursued without changes to the Securitization Regulation itself.
- EBA publishes a thematic note on EU banks' residential real estate exposures It <u>analyzes</u> vulnerabilities stemming from residential real estate exposures and states that banks should follow prudent loan origination policies and enhance their monitoring of mortgage loan portfolios.
- EBA publishes update on the monitoring report of TLAC/MREL instruments It observes that previous recommendations have been, in general, well implemented. However, it identifies the need for a few new notable provisions to be recommended and for some others to be avoided.
- EBA publishes clarifications on disclosure guidelines replaced by ITS on Pillar 3 disclosure It repeals three outdated disclosure guidelines and amends the scope of application of GL on the disclosure of NPE and forborne exposures, ensuring a sufficient level of transparency on credit quality.
- EBA publishes its quarterly risk dashboard

It <u>covers</u> the main risks and vulnerabilities in the EU banking sector and shows that capital ratios remained broadly stable and liquidity ratios declined slightly.

- ESMA consults on the implementation of the revised shareholders rights directive It aims to <u>collect</u> information on the identification of shareholders, the transmission of information and the facilitation of exercising shareholder rights, and the transparency of proxy advisors. Deadline: Nov 28.
- SRB & ECB reach an "in principle" agreement on the margin for redeeming eligible liabilities Agreement on the margin that institutions have to comply with to be authorized to redeem eligible liabilities. The margin will be the lower of either the requested GPP predetermined amount or the institution's P2G.
- EMMI announces the launch of the euro forward-looking term rate EFTERM It <u>announces</u> the launch of EFTERM on November 14, 2022. This new fallback rate will help EURIBOR users to comply with the relevant legal requirements under the EU Benchmarks Regulation.
- ESMA publishes strategic priorities for the next five years <u>Focuses</u> on effectiveness and stability of EU markets, enhancing retail investor protection, strengthening supervision, enabling sustainable finance and facilitating technological innovation and use of data.
- ESMA publishes its 2023 annual work program
 Main priorities: i) sustainable finance roadmap; ii) adapting to digitalization and enhancing access to and quality of supervisory data; iii) protection of retail investors; iv) convergence of supervision and regulation.

• ESMA publishes strategic objectives in relation to CCPs supervision

Its CCP Supervisory Committee issues the 2023-2025 <u>strategic objectives</u>: i) strengthening EU CCP resilience; ii) addressing third-country CCP cross-border risks; and iii) deepening risk and data-driven supervision.

- EIOPA publishes follow up report on AMSB propriety assessment
 It assesses how NCAs have implemented actions recommended on the propriety assessment of
 administrative, management and supervisory body (AMSB) members and qualifying shareholders.
- EIOPA publishes monthly technical information for Solvency II Technical information with reference to end of September on i) relevant <u>risk free interest rate</u> term structures and ii) on the symmetric adjustment of the <u>equity capital charge</u>.

United Kingdom

- BoE publishes results of first public CCP Supervisory Stress Test
 It explores individual and system-wide resilience of UK CCPs and their clearing services. Overall, they are
 resilient to the baseline stress scenario and simultaneous defaults, from a credit and liquidity perspective.
- **PRA consults on supervisory expectations in relation to the risks from contingent leverage** It sets out the <u>update</u> of its supervisory expectations for firms undertaking an Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP).
- **PRA consults on Artificial Intelligence and machine learning** It <u>seeks</u> to further understand how AI may affect financial services and markets. It is part of the supervisory authorities' wider program of work related to AI. Deadline: Feb 10, 2023.
- FCA updates guidance for branch closures

It <u>sets</u> additional expectations for banks that are considering branch or ATM closures to carry out thorough checks on the impact permanent closures will have on customers to help protect access to cash.

United States

- Agencies announce thresholds for Regulation Z and M, and for exemption from appraisal

 Dollar <u>thresholds</u> to determine whether certain consumer credit and lease transactions are exempt from Regulation Z and Regulation M. ii) Threshold for <u>exempting loans</u> from special appraisal requirements for certain mortgage loans (increases from \$28,500 to \$31,000).
- SEC reopens comment periods for several rules Due to <u>technological</u> errors when receiving certain comments, deadlines from several proposals and rulemakings are opened again. The new deadlines will depend on the affected release.

Recent publications of interest (in English and Spanish):

- Press Article. Basilea III en Europa: Ajuste a la realidad (only in Spanish). Aug 2022.
- Press Article. The first climate stress tests for European banks have arrived. May 2022.



- Press Article. What is the European Union's social taxonomy for sustainable finance? April 2022.
- Press Article. Areas for improvement in the EU crisis management framework (page 124). February 2022.

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