

Financial Regulation: Weekly Update

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Highlights

- 1. FSB publishes 2022 resolution report for banks, financial market infrastructures and insurance firms
- 2. BCBS publishes report to clarify how climate-related financial risks may be captured in Pillar I
- 3. EC publishes proposals to further develop the EU's Capital Markets Union
- 4. EBA consults on the effective management of ML/TF risks and on the data collection for the benchmarking exercise in 2024
- 5. Council and EP reach a provisional agreement on consumer credit directive

Global

- FSB publishes 2022 resolution report for banks, financial market infrastructures and insurance firms
 It takes stock of progress made in implementing reforms and enhancing resolvability. While a lot of progress has been made in the banking sector, multiple challenges lie ahead, particularly in the non-bank sector.
- BCBS publishes report to clarify how climate-related financial risks may be captured in Pillar I

 To <u>facilitate</u> a globally consistent interpretation of existing Pillar 1 standards given the unique features of climate-related financial risks. It should not be interpreted as changes to the standards.

Europe

- EC publishes proposals to further develop the EU's Capital Markets Union
 Measures to make clearing services more resilient, to harmonize corporate insolvency rules and to alleviate –
 through a new Listing Act the administrative burden for companies to access public funding by listing on
 stock exchanges. Legislative proposals affect CRR, CRD, EMIR and Insolvency directive regulation.
- EBA consults on new guidelines on the effective management of ML/TF risks
 It <u>aims</u> to ensure that customers, particularly vulnerable ones, are not denied access to financial services without valid reasons. Deadline: Feb 6, 2023.
- EBA consults to amend the data collection for the benchmarking exercise in 2024
 To amend the implementing regulation on the benchmarking of credit risk, market risk and IFRS9 models for the 2024 exercise.



• Council and EP reach a provisional agreement on consumer credit directive

It <u>modernizes</u> and enhances protection at EU level for consumers applying for credit, promoting responsible and transparent practices by all players involved in consumer credit.

• ESMA issues report on brexit relocation process

The Peer Review gives further insight into the <u>supervisory approaches</u> adopted by NCAs when authorizing relocating firms in the scope of Brexit.

ECB reschedules launch of new European Collateral Management System

The new ECMS, a unified system for managing assets used as collateral in <u>Eurosystem credit operations</u>, will be launched on April 8, 2024.

EIOPA consults on the prudential treatment of insurers' sustainable assets and activities

It <u>outlines</u> the scope, methodologies and data sources for this assessment and focuses on three areas of analysis: assets and transition risk exposures, underwriting risk and climate change adaptation and social risks and objectives. Deadline: Mar 5, 2023.

EIOPA publishes dashboard on insurance protection gap for natural catastrophes

It presents the drivers of <u>climate-related</u> insurance protection gaps in order to identify measures that will help to reduce social losses in the event of natural catastrophes in Europe.

EIOPA publishes monthly technical information for Solvency II

On i) the <u>relevant risk free interest</u> rate term structures (RFR) and ii) the symmetric <u>adjustment of the equity</u> <u>capital charge</u> with reference to the end of November 2022.

Spain

CNMV publishes report on Non Banking Financial Intermediation in Spain for 2021

The <u>risk analysis</u> associated with the NBFI does not point to the existence of relevant vulnerabilities from a financial stability point of view and does not reveal any substantial change from previous years.

United Kingdom

FCA consults on the process for firms to apply for the approval of financial promotions

<u>Sets out</u> how it plans to operate a new gateway so that firms wanting to continue approving financial promotions for unauthorized persons will need to apply for permission. Deadline: Feb 7, 2023.

FCA sets out plans to improve engagement with pensions

It has published a consultation on <u>standards</u> for operators of pension dashboards, and sets out requirements for providers of non-workplace pensions. Deadline: Feb 16, 2023.

• FCA publishes guidance to set out how mortgage firms should be supporting borrowers

To <u>set out</u> options firms can use to support their customers to manage their monthly mortgage payments, alongside new information for borrowers affected by rising prices.



United States

- FRB consults on management of exposures to climate-related financial risks
 It proposes a series of principles with a high-level framework for the safe and sound management of exposures to climate-related financial risks for large banking organizations. Deadline: 60 days.
- FRB issues updated policy on the provision of intraday credit

 Technical updates to its policy on the provision of intraday credit to healthy depository institutions with accounts in Fed Banks. It expands access, providing clarity and streamlining administrative requirements.
- OCC publishes report on key risks facing the Federal Banking System
 Banks remain well capitalized and with ample liquidity and sound credit quality, although macroeconomic environment concerns. Key risks themes are the interest rate, operational, compliance and credit risks.
- SEC reopens comment period on proposal regarding share repurchase disclosure
 Proposed amendments to modernize and improve the <u>disclosure required</u> about an issuer's repurchases of its equity securities (buybacks). New deadline: 30 days after publication in the Federal Register.

Recent publications of interest (in English and Spanish):

- Press Article. Whither international Banking Regulation? Nov 2022.
- 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.

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