

Financial Regulation: Weekly Update

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Highlights

1. CPMI, BIS Innovation Hub, IMF and the World Bank publish joint report on multilateral platforms
2. FSB publishes progress report on the implementation of G20 NBFi reforms
3. EBA publishes its annual quantitative report on MREL with data as of year-end 2021
4. ESMA issues consultation on post-trade transparency
5. ECB publishes opinion on an EC proposal for a directive on the energy performance of buildings

Global

- **CPMI, BIS Innovation Hub, IMF and the World Bank publish joint report on multilateral platforms**
It [considers](#) that these platforms could enhance cross-border payments by reducing the need for intermediaries, allowing payment service providers in different countries to transact directly with each other.
- **FSB publishes progress report on the implementation of G20 NBFi reforms**
It [describes](#) the progress in implementing policies to mitigate spillovers between banks and the Non-Bank Financial Intermediation sector and mitigate systemic risks posed by other non-bank entities and activities.

Europe

- **EBA publishes its annual quantitative report on MREL with data as of year-end 2021**
It estimates a reduction in the number of banks with an [MREL shortfall](#), finding progress in closing shortfalls (but at a lower pace for smaller banks). The impact on profitability is manageable, but heterogeneous.
- **ESMA issues consultation on post-trade transparency**
It focuses on new [level 3 guidance](#) clarifying: i) issues on post-trade transparency improving consistency and usability of information; ii) reporting for the performance of transparency calculations. Deadline: Mar 31, 2023.
- **ECB publishes opinion on an EC proposal for a directive on the energy performance of buildings**
It broadly [supports](#) the proposal but advocates for a more harmonized methodology for EPC (energy performance certificates) labeling; full access to EPC databases for credit and financial institutions and transposition of the directive before 2024.

- **Eurogroup publishes statement on the digital euro project**
It [considers](#) that it needs to be a common European and inclusive project, supported by the public, and built on a democratic basis. It would require an appropriate legal basis, involving public and private institutions.
- **EBA publishes its annual report on high earners for 2021**
It [shows](#) a significant increase in the number of individuals working for EU banks and investment firms who received a remuneration of more than EUR 1 million. This is linked to the good performance of the institutions.
- **ESMA launches common supervisory action with NCAs on MiFID II disclosure rules**
The [Common Supervisory Action](#) will be conducted over the course of 2023 on the application of MiFID II disclosure rules with regard to marketing communications across the EU (including “greenwashing practices”).
- **ESMA publishes annual report on the cost and performance of EU retail investment products**
Key [findings](#) are: i) the costs of investing have declined; ii) the recent rise in price levels is starting to weigh on investor returns; iii) the performance of ESG products differs across asset classes.
- **EIOPA publishes report on cost and past performance of insurance and pensions products in 2021**
It [shows](#) that these products offered positive returns to investors in 2021. The report aims to improve transparency in the sector, facilitate comparisons between similar products and enhance the EU’s CMU.

United Kingdom

- **HM Treasury consults on the Payment Services Regulations**
It [seeks](#) views on how UK payments regulation should evolve to continue to meet the government’s aims and address the specific challenges highlighted in the government’s review. Deadline: April 7, 2023.

United States

- **FRB publishes further details on its upcoming pilot climate scenario analysis exercise**
The six largest U.S. banks will [analyze](#) the impact of scenarios for both physical and transition risks related to climate change on specific assets in their portfolios. The results will be published at an aggregate level.

Recent publications of interest (in English and Spanish):

- [Press Article](#). *Future challenges in digital regulation* (Spanish only). Jan 2023.
- [Press Article](#). *What can we expect from the sustainable regulatory agenda in 2023?* (Spanish only). Jan 2023.
- [Press Article](#). *Regulatory landscape for 2023* (only Spanish). Dec 2022.
- [Press Article](#). *Whither international Banking Regulation?* Nov 2022.

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