

# Financial Regulation: Weekly Update

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## Highlights

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3. ECB publishes guides on supervisory practices for qualifying holding assessments
4. ESAs consult to amend technical standards on the mapping of ECAIs' credit assessments
5. OCC revises its Bank Enforcement Manual

## Global

- **IOSCO consults on crypto-asset regulation**  
It includes [recommendations](#) as to how to regulate crypto-assets. It sets out how clients should be protected and how crypto trading should meet the standards that apply in public markets. Deadline: July 31, 2023.
- **BCBS-CPMI-IOSCO issue report on margining dynamics in commodities markets during 2022 turmoil**  
It [finds](#) that CCPs are sensitive to the impact of margin calls on market participants and that some CCPs are adjusting their approach to stress testing for commodity derivatives following the 2022 volatility.
- **IAIS publishes report on Insurance Sector Operational Resilience**  
It [identifies](#) issues impacting operational resilience in the insurance sector and provides examples of how supervisors are approaching these developments.

## Europe

- **EC publishes retail investment strategy package**  
To [make](#) the EU an even safer place for citizens to invest in the long term and enhance retail investors' trust and confidence to invest in their future and take full advantage of the EU's Capital Markets Union.
- **ECB publishes guides on supervisory practices for qualifying holding assessments**  
It clarifies how [supervisors](#) assess the acquisition of qualifying stakes in banks (10% or more). It also provides information on complex acquisition structures and the application of the principle of proportionality.
- **ESAs consult to amend technical standards on the mapping of ECAIs' credit assessments**  
To [reflect](#) the outcome of an exercise on the adequacy of existing mappings, the introduction of new credit rating scales for seven ECAIs and the withdrawal of the registration of one ECAI. Deadline: Jun 26, 2023.

- **ESMA consults on rules for European long term investments funds (ELTIFs)**  
It [seeks](#) stakeholders' views on the circumstances in which the life of an ELTIF is considered compatible with the life-cycles of each of the individual assets. Deadline: Aug 24, 2023.
- **ESAs propose ESG disclosures for STS securitizations**  
It [aims](#) to help market participants make informed decisions about the sustainability impact of their investments. It would apply when the underlying exposures are residential loans, auto loans and leases.
- **ESMA issues report on asset valuation supervision rules under the UCITS and AIFM Directives**  
It finds room for [improvement](#) on: i) appropriateness of valuation policies; ii) valuation under certain conditions; iii) independence of the valuation function; & iv) early detection mechanism for valuation errors.
- **ECB publishes its annual report**  
It [describes](#) the tasks and activities of the European System of Central Banks and reports on European economic growth, monetary policy and macro and micro prudential policy measures.
- **ESRB publishes report on crypto-assets and decentralized finance**  
It states that the [impact](#) on the financial system of the turbulence on cryptos and DeFi has been limited. However both sectors need to be closely monitored as they can pose systemic risks.
- **ESMA issues statement to warn investors of unregulated products and services risks**  
To [remind](#) firms to make investors aware of the unregulated status of these products and services and of the fact that they may not benefit from the regulatory protections that apply to investments in a regulated product.
- **ESMA publishes opinion on market outages**  
It [highlights](#) the importance for trading venues of having an appropriate outage plan to communicate to their participants and sets out steps trading venues should take to reopen trading in an orderly manner.
- **ESAs publish report on joint work completed during 2022**  
It [focuses](#) on issues of cross-sectoral relevance, such as joint risk assessment, sustainable finance, digitalization, consumer protection, securitization, financial conglomerates and central clearing.
- **EBA publishes corrigendum of Guidelines on DGS contributions**  
It includes an [additional deletion](#) in the repeal section seeking to avoid unnecessary duplication on the guidelines on Available Financial Means.

## United States

- **OCC revises its Bank Enforcement Manual**  
Revisions to its policies on [bank enforcement](#) actions to reflect its consideration of actions against banks that exhibit or fail to correct persistent weaknesses. It focuses on larger and more complex banks.
- **Agencies issue host state loan-to-deposit ratios**  
They issue the ratios used to [evaluate compliance](#) with the Act which generally prohibits banks from establishing or acquiring branches outside their home state for the purpose of acquiring additional deposits.

**Recent publications of interest (in English and Spanish):**

- [Press Article](#). *That's how investments under ESG criteria look like* (Spanish only). May 2023.
- [Press Article](#). *Europe leads the way in regulating of crypto markets* (Spanish only). Apr 2023.
- [Press Article](#). *European banking union: why is it so important to have a common deposit insurance fund?* (Spanish only). Apr 2023.
- [Press Article](#). *Banking regulation in Europe: Is it a good firewall?* (Spanish only). Apr 2023.

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