

Financial Regulation: Weekly Update

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Highlights

- 1. EBA publishes technical package for phase 3 of its reporting framework
- 2. ESMA publishes report on the evolution of the share market structure since the application of MiFID II
- 3. MinECO issues statement on the implementation of the regulation on the crypto-assets market
- 4. PRA consults on securitization capital requirements
- 5. FCA publishes guidance for crypto firms to help them comply with marketing rules

Global

• FATF consults on the updated risk-based guidance on Recommendation 25 It <u>welcomes</u> comments to its recommendation on beneficial ownership and transparency of legal arrangements to mitigate the ML/TF risks linked with different types of legal arrangements. Deadline: Dec 8.

Europe

- EBA publishes technical package for phase 3 of its reporting framework It provides the standard <u>specifications</u> that include validation rules, data point model and XBRL taxonomies to support new reporting on IRRBB. It will be first used for the QIS with reference date December 31, 2023.
- ESMA publishes report on the evolution of the share market structure since the application of MiFID II The market <u>has changed</u> in an important manner during the observed period. The report focuses on the impact of the UK's withdrawal from the EU, given its pivotal role in equity markets.
- ESMA publishes data for quarterly bond liquidity assessment and systematic internalizer calculations The <u>data</u> of bond liquidity and systematic internalizer calculations covers equity, equity-like instruments, bonds and for other non-equity instruments under MiFID II and MiFIR.

Spain

- **MinECO** issues statement on the implementation of the regulation on the crypto-assets market It will bring the implementation of MiCA forward by 6 months with the aim of creating a regulatory and supervisory framework that grants legal certainty and protects investors.
- BdE publishes its autumn 2023 financial stability report It is a semiannual report that <u>includes</u> an overview of the risks linked to the macro financial environment, the main risks of the financial sector and its resilience and the prudential policy for systemic risks.



CNMV publishes its biannual bulletin

It presents the market <u>situation report</u>, the new code of good governance for cybersecurity, the OECD report on the revitalization of the Spanish capital market, and the updated dashboard on retail investor activity.

United Kingdom

- **PRA consults on securitization capital requirements** It <u>focuses</u> on: i) implications of the output floor for firms with securitization, ii) the hierarchy of methods for determining capital requirements for securitizations, iii) the scope of the framework for STS securitizations, and iv) the use of credit risk mitigation in synthetic SRT securitizations. Deadline: Jan 31, 2024.
- FCA publishes guidance for crypto firms to help them comply with marketing rules It has <u>introduced</u> rules to give people a better understanding of what they are investing in and it also details how authorized firms communicating financial promotions should apply the Consumer Duty to their marketing.
- **PRA consults on Financial Services Compensation Scheme general insurance limit** It <u>identifies</u> those areas of general insurance where additional FSCS coverage could be warranted to secure an appropriate degree of policyholder protection and possible options to remedy this. Deadline: Jan 24, 2024.
- FCA secures contract changes for buy-now-pay-later customers as more consumers use the product It has used its <u>powers</u> under the Consumer Rights Act 2015 to secure changes to potentially unfair and unclear contract terms in this sector, although it does not have regulatory oversight over BNPL products.

Recent publications of interest (in English and Spanish):

- Press Article. Lessons from the latest financial turmoil (Spanish only). September 2023.
- Press Article. Madrid, European capital against money laundering: benefits and opportunities (Spanish only). July 2023.
- Press Article. That's how investments under ESG criteria look like (Spanish only). May 2023.
- Press Article. Europe leads the way in regulating crypto markets (Spanish only). Apr 2023.

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