

# Financial Regulation: Weekly Update

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## Highlights

1. EBA follow-up on guidelines on the prudential assessment of the acquisition of qualifying holdings
2. SRB issues statement on its new strategic vision
3. FRB issues statement on scenarios for its annual stress test
4. SRB issues statement on contributions to the SRF
5. SRB publishes MREL dashboard Q3 2023

## Global

- **CPMI-IOSCO publish report on streamlining the variation margin in centrally cleared markets**  
It [sets out](#) eight effective practices which aim to provide examples of how standards set out in the Principles for Financial Market Infrastructures and central counterparty resilience guidance can be met.
- **IAIS publishes updated register of Internationally Active Insurance Groups (IAIGs)**  
The Common Framework for IAIGs (ComFrame) [establishes](#) supervisory standards and guidance focusing on the effective group-wide supervision of IAIGs.

## Europe

- **EBA follow-up on guidelines on the prudential assessment of the acquisition of qualifying holdings**  
[Assesses](#) the adequacy and effectiveness of the actions undertaken by competent authorities subject to the previous review and finds good progress in remedying the deficiencies identified in the previous report.
- **SRB issues statement on its new strategic vision**  
It presents its "[SRM 2028 Vision](#)" strategy, which begins a new phase of work, moving from the key elements of resolution planning and preparation to focus on operationalization, resolution testing and crisis readiness.
- **SRB issues statement on contributions to the SRF**  
It confirms that the [financial means](#) available in the SRF have reached the target level of at least 1% of covered deposits, therefore no regular annual contributions will be collected from banks in 2024.
- **SRB publishes MREL dashboard Q3 2023**  
Main [findings](#): i) average MREL final targets remain unchanged, ii) total MREL shortfall decreased (for both resolution and non-resolution entities), iii) banks issuance of eligible instruments increased compared to the same period in 2020-2021, and iv) funding costs continued descending.

- **ESMA withdraws Euronext authorization as a data reporting service provider (DRSP)**  
MiFIR [provides](#) that ESMA shall withdraw the authorization of a DRSP where the DRSP expressly renounces its authorization. ESMA's withdrawal decision follows the notification by Euronext.
- **ESMA issues statement clarifying certain best execution reporting requirements under MiFID II**  
Under the [reviewed](#) MiFID II/MiFIR framework, investment firms are no longer required to annually report detailed information on trading venues and execution quality.

## United Kingdom

- **FCA requests information about delivery of ongoing advice services and the Consumer Duty**  
It [asks](#) firms if they have assessed their ongoing services in response to the introduction of the Consumer Duty, and whether they have made any changes as a result.

## United States

- **FRB issues statement on scenarios for its annual stress test**  
It releases [hypothetical scenarios](#) for the annual stress test (a severe global recession with heightened stress in commercial and residential real estate markets, and in corporate debt markets), and four hypothetical elements designed to probe different risks through its exploratory analysis.
- **FFIEC statement on examination principles on valuation discrimination and bias in residential lending**  
It [seeks](#) to help in assessing whether supervised institutions' compliance and risk management practices are appropriate to identify and mitigate discrimination or bias in residential property valuation practices.
- **SEC proposes rule to update definition of qualifying venture capital funds**  
It [updates](#) the dollar threshold to \$12 million aggregate capital contributions and uncalled committed capital for a fund to qualify as a "qualifying venture capital fund" for purposes of the Investment Company Act 1940.

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

- [Press Article](#). *Basel III, ESG regulation and digital finance... the plans for global regulators for 2024* (Spanish only). February 2024
- [Press Article](#). *Keys to digital and banking regulation for 2024* (Spanish only). January 2024
- [Press Article](#). *Global regulatory standards in a fragmenting financial system*. November 2023
- [Press Article](#). *Lessons from the latest financial turmoil* (Spanish only). September 2023.

Previous edition of our Weekly Financial Regulation Update in [English](#).

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