

# Financial Regulation: Weekly Update

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## Highlights

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2. **EBA updates list of institutions involved in the 2024 supervisory benchmarking exercise**
3. **ECB and EBA issue statement on the Joint Bank Reporting Committee**
4. **BoS holds the countercyclical capital buffer at 0%**
5. **FDIC consults on proposed revisions to its statement of policy on bank merger transaction**

## Global

- **FSB issues updated guidance on operational continuity in resolution**  
It [specifies](#) for each section of the 2016 Guidance, how authorities and firms should think about the continuity of critical shared services in resolution when those services are digital.
- **IAIS issues consultation on climate risk supervisory guidance**  
It proposes [changes](#) to various Insurance Core Principles to better incorporate climate risk. It covers issues on corporate governance, risk management and internal controls among others. Deadline: June 19, 2024.

## Europe

- **ECB and EBA issue statement on the Joint Bank Reporting Committee**  
The new [Committee](#) will develop common definitions and standards for the data that banks are required to report for statistical, supervisory and resolution purposes, in order to improve efficiency.
- **ESMA publishes feedback report on impacts of shortening the settlement cycle in the EU**  
It [highlights](#) that operational impacts result from a reduction of the EU securities settlement cycle and warns about potential infringements due to the misalignment of the EU and US cycles.
- **EBA updates list of institutions involved in the 2024 supervisory benchmarking exercise**  
The EBA will conduct the 2024 [benchmarking](#) exercise on a sample of 110 institutions from 16 countries. For this exercise, the EBA will be leveraging on established data collection procedures.
- **ECB publishes an annual report on how it carried out its supervisory tasks**  
Banks [maintained](#) solid capital and liquidity positions with the aggregate CET1 capital ratio at 15.6% but challenges & risk remain: commercial real estate, banks' governance and internal risk control frameworks.

## Spain

- **BoS holds the countercyclical capital buffer at 0%**  
The BoS has [announced](#) that it will not require a positive countercyclical capital buffer for the second quarter of 2024, given that economic indicators show no signs of vulnerabilities.

## United Kingdom

- **FCA issues its 2024-2025 business plan**  
It will continue to deliver on the [13 commitments](#) in its strategy, which focuses on preventing serious harm, setting higher standards and promoting competition to ensure the UK remains an attractive place to invest.
- **FCA issues statement on thematic review of retirement income advice**  
Following a [thematic](#) review, the FCA issues a letter for financial advice firms to gather knowledge on their processes when providing retirement income advice, providing examples of good practices.
- **HMT consultation on the introduction of a UK carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM)**  
After the [announcement](#) by the government of an introduction of a CBAM from Jan 1, 2027 on imports of certain goods from certain sectors, it now consults on the proposals for its design and administration.

## United States

- **Agencies extend applicability date of certain provisions of their Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) final rule**  
It [extends](#) the applicability date of the facility-based assessment areas and public file provisions from April 1, 2024, to January 1, 2026. This extension aligns these provisions with other parts of the 2023 CRA final rule.
- **FDIC consults on proposed revisions to its statement of policy on bank merger transactions**  
It [updates](#), strengthens, and clarifies the FDIC's approach to evaluating mergers under the Bank Merger Act. Deadline: May 22, 2024.

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

- [Press Article](#). *Will the European Artificial Intelligence Regulation favor the development of this technology?*. (Spanish only). March 2024.
- [Press Article](#) *Priorities of European authorities for 2024: Sustainable and digital finances*. (Spanish only). February 2024
- [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

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

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