

Financial Regulation: Weekly Update

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Highlights

1. BCBS consults on principles for the management of credit risk
2. EC consults on its overall approach to the Savings and Investments Union
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4. ECB and ESRB publish report on the use of positive neutral CCyB
5. FDIC issues documents on supervision of crypto-related activities

Global

- **BCBS consults on principles for the management of credit risk**
It [proposes](#) to make a limited set of technical amendments to align the credit risk principles with the current Basel Framework and the latest guidelines issued by the Committee. Deadline: March 21, 2025.
- **BCBS publishes its 2025 - 2026 work program**
[Key priorities](#) are: i) Basel III implementation; ii) Risk assessment and safeguarding resilience; iii) Digitalization of finance; and iv) Liquidity.
- **FATF publishes its 2023 - 2024 annual report**
Significant [progress](#) has been made to strengthen global compliance with the FATF standards, improve transparency standards, promote gender inclusivity, identify risks, and list virtual asset service providers.

Europe

- **EC consults on its overall approach to the Savings and Investments Union**
To gather [feedback](#), facts and evidence from consumers and stakeholders on the progress made on CMU so far, as well as identify the remaining challenges for advancing in these areas. End date: March 3, 2025.
- **EC adopts decision on extending time-limited equivalence for UK central counterparties**
In order to ensure EU [financial stability](#), provide clarity to financial market participants, and give time to implement EMIR 3, it extends the equivalence for UK CCPs for a three year-period until June 30, 2028.
- **ECB and ESRB publish report on the use of positive neutral CCyB**
It [considers](#) it would be helpful to clarify the European macroprudential framework to ensure that the CCyB can be used more flexibly and proactively.

- **EBA publishes ITS on reporting of data on charges for credit transfers and payments accounts**
It [aims](#) to standardize reporting by banks, payment institutions and e-money institutions to their NCAs and specifies uniform reporting templates, instructions, and methodology for the purpose of reporting charges.
- **EBA publishes opinion on the EC's proposed amendments to its RTS on asset-referenced tokens**
It [agrees](#) with the substantive changes proposed by the Commission, which favor proportionality, as well as with the other amendments which are considered as non-substantive.
- **ESMA publishes guidance on MiCA best practices**
It [promotes](#) convergence and prevents regulatory arbitrage, providing concrete guidance about the expectations on applicant crypto providers and on NCAs when they are processing the authorization requests.
- **ESRB issues report on a monitoring framework for systemic liquidity risks**
It outlines a framework with three indicators for [systemic liquidity risks](#), which expands the scope by including non-bank financial intermediaries and markets beyond sovereign bonds, and measures risk of contagion.
- **ECB publishes FAQ on initial margin model (IM) approvals under EMIR 3**
The [set of FAQs](#) offer guidance and address various scenarios: the need for new authorizations for existing IM models, the application process for first-time IM model use, and joint applications for banking groups.
- **ESMA publishes data for quarterly bond liquidity assessment**
It [includes](#) the daily average trading activity (trades and notional amount) and the percentage of days traded per quarter. It also publishes two completeness indicators related to bond liquidity data.
- **EIOPA consults on guidelines for determining the market shares for limited reporting requirements**
It [clarifies](#) roles of supervisory authorities and undertakings in the process to inform the insurance undertakings about any limitation, and to promote the reduced reporting requirements. Deadline: April 28.
- **EIOPA publishes its insurance risk dashboard**
It [shows](#) that risks in the European insurance sector are stable and overall at medium levels, with pockets of vulnerabilities stemming from market volatility and shifts in real estate prices.
- **EIOPA publishes monthly technical information for Solvency II**
Technical information with reference to the end of January 2025 on: i) the [relevant risk-free interest rate](#) term structures (RFR) and ii) the [symmetric adjustment](#) of the equity capital charge for Solvency II.

Spain

- **CNMV adopts guidelines for assessing the suitability of board members and shareholders of crypto-asset services providers**
It [establishes](#) common criteria that both the competent authorities and the providers must take into account for the evaluation of compliance with these requirements, taking into account the principle of proportionality.
- **CNMV publishes financial stability note based on 2024 data and assessment of the most relevant risks**
The [stress indicator](#), which aggregates 18 indicators in 6 segments of the financial system (equities, fixed-income, NBFIs, money market, derivatives and foreign exchange), remained in the low risk zone.

United Kingdom

- **BoE publishes statement on EC equivalence decision on the UK's CCPs**

It welcomes the extension of [EU equivalence](#) for the UK's legal and supervisory framework for CCPs. It will continue to co-operate closely with ESMA on the process of extending this existing recognition of UK CCPs.

United States

- **FDIC issues documents on supervision of crypto-related activities**

In order to enhance transparency, it releases [175 documents](#) related to its supervision of banks that engaged in, or sought to engage in, crypto and blockchain-related activities.

- **FRB publishes hypothetical scenarios for its annual stress test**

It [evaluates](#) the resilience of large banks by estimating losses, net revenue, and capital levels under hypothetical recession scenarios that extend two years into the future.

Recent publications of interest (in English and Spanish):

- [Press Article](#). *Less bureaucracy and regulation to boost European sustainability* (Spanish only). January 2025
- [Press Article](#). *The role of tokenization in the financial system of the future* (Spanish only). January 2025
- [Press Article](#). *How should banks integrate climate in their risk management* (Spanish only). August 2024
- [Press Article](#). *Basel III: good news for the prudent financial 'drivers'* (Spanish only). June 2024

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