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# Financial Regulation: Weekly Update

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## Highlights

1. ECB presents the results of the SREP for 2025
2. EC issues Call for Evidence on Delegated Act on own funds requirements
3. EC presents Pensions Package
4. BCBS approves principles on third-party risks and agrees review of cryptoasset standard
5. FRB issues statement on enhancements to bank supervision

## Global

**BCBS approves principles on third-party risks and agrees review of cryptoasset standard**
It agreed to reiterate the priority of the Basel III implementation, approve final principles for the management of third-party risk and expedite a review of the prudential standard for cryptoassets.

**FSB presents work plan 2026**
It will focus on new initiatives related to modernizing regulation and supervision, stablecoins, and NBFI, and to promote improved cross-border payments and resolution standards.

**FSB publishes letter to G20 leaders on new changes in the financial system**
It highlights the growing role of NBFI, including private credit markets, the slow progress in enhancing cross-border payments and the evolution of the digital assets landscape.

**IOSCO publishes consultation on valuing collective investment schemes**
The proposed recommendations update its Principles for the Valuation of Hedge Fund Portfolios and its Principles for the Valuation of Collective Investment Schemes. Deadline: Feb 2, 2026.

**IAIS issues paper on structural shifts agreed in the life insurance sector**
It is a supervisory analysis focusing on the increasing allocation to alternative assets within life insurers' portfolios and the growing adoption of cross-border asset-intensive reinsurance.

# European Union

**ECB presents the results of the SREP for 2025**
It shows that banks maintained robust capital and liquidity positions and strong profitability amid global challenges. P2R levels for 2026 remain stable, while P2G levels decrease slightly.

**EC issues Call for Evidence on Delegated Act on own funds requirements**
It implements key legislative details derived from the updated EU banking package, ensuring final alignment with international standards for trading book capital. Deadline: Dec 16, 2025.

**EC presents pensions package**
It aims to boost supplementary pensions by strengthening both the occupational framework (IORP II) and personal product rules, notably by introducing a simpler Basic PEPP, and encouraging national auto-enrollment schemes.

**ECB publishes the supervisory priorities for 2026-2028**
They focus on banks' resilience to geopolitical risks and uncertainties, the CRR3 implementation, climate risk management, as well as on their operational resilience and IT capabilities.

**ESAs publish list of designated critical ICT third-party providers (CTPPs) under DORA**
The designated CTPPs provide a range of ICT services to financial entities of all types and sizes across the European Union, reflecting their pivotal role within the financial ecosystem.

**ESMA identifies measures to enhance depositary supervision**
It found that foundational frameworks for depositary supervision are established, but a peer review revealed divergences in the maturity and depth of supervisory practices across countries.

**EIOPA submits technical standards to EC on new macroprudential requirements**
It includes two key enhancements: i) the need to perform medium- and long-term liquidity analyses and ii) incorporate macroprudential considerations into insurers' risk management practices.

**ESMA issues annual assessment of the derogation criteria for DRSPs**
It notes that the supervisory designations established in 2024 remain unchanged and no changes to supervisory responsibilities are expected in 2026 or 2027.

# Spain

**CNMV and ICAC issue statement on sustainability reporting until CSRD is transposed**
Large issuers should prepare 2025 sustainability information per CSRD/ESRS, using new flexibility. The "stop-the-clock" Directive and "quick-fix" Delegated Regulation defer certain reporting duties.

# United Kingdom

**PRA issues statement on the increased limit of Financial Services Compensation Scheme**

Following a consultation it confirms a rule raising UK deposit protection under the FSCS from £85,000 to £120,000. Effective date: Dec 1, 2025.

**PRA issues results of the 2025 life insurance stress test**
It indicates resilience to a severe financial market stress scenario involving declines in risk-free interest rates, falling equity and property prices, and rising defaults from widening credit spreads.

**FCA consults on consolidated tape to boost competitiveness of UK equity markets**
It seeks to deliver more straightforward access to equity market data from across venues, supporting better decisions and boosting market participation. Deadline: Jan 30, 2026.

## United States

**FRB issues statement on enhancements to bank supervision**
New supervisory operating principles to enhance bank supervision, directing examiners to sharpen their focus on material financial risks threatening the safety and soundness of banks.

**SEC announces 2026 examination priorities**
Examinations will focus on fiduciary duty, conduct standards, the custody rule, and new rules like the 2024 amendments to Regulation S-P. Newly registered advisers are also a priority.

**OCC confirms permissible bank activities related to paying crypto-asset network fees**
An interpretive letter confirms national banks can hold specific crypto-assets on their balance sheets as principal to pay network "gas" fees and for platform testing, provided it is done safely.

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

- Press Article. *Simplifying European financial regulation: a path to competitiveness.* November 2025
- Press Article. *Proposed reforms to reinvigorate securitization in the EU*. September 2025
- Press Article. *EU financial sector: competitiveness, simplicity, deregulation?* September 2025
- Press Article. *Why do we need simpler rules?* August 2025

Previous edition of our Weekly Financial Regulation Update in English.

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