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• BIS publishes guidance on regulation and supervision of institutions

Identifies 19 Core Principles, which require additional guidance for their application to the supervision of financial institutions, and specifies essential and additional criteria.

EUROPE

• EBA harmonises the definition of default throughout the EU

EBA publishes guidelines specifying the application of the definition of default throughout the EU, final RTS on materiality threshold of past due credit obligations, and an impact study.

• ESMA consults on future rules for financial benchmarks

ESMA asks stakeholders to comment on proposed RTS/ITS applicable to benchmark contributors, administrators and national competent authorities. Deadline: 2 Dec.

• ESRB publishes risk dashboard

Marketbased indicators of systemic risk have stabilised at somewhat elevated levels after sharp increases over the past months. Bank profitability improved slightly.

• ESMA updates list of recognized third-country CCPs

The update includes ICC Clear Credit LLC (ICE) and Minneapolis Grain Exchange Inc. (MGEX). According to EMIR, recognition is necessary to operate in the European Union.

• EBA publishes final guidelines on remuneration of sales staff

They provide a framework for credit institutions on remuneration policies and practices aiming at reducing risk of mis-selling, reducing conduct costs and protecting consumers.

• BRRD's level 2 state of implementation

The EU Commission publishes updated state of play of the BRRD's RTS and ITS. 6 RTS completed, 3 are



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work in progress. 3 ITS completed, 1 not yet started.

• Decision and Commission Implementing and Delegated Regulations published in OJEU

i) Decision on Rules of Procedure of the ECB ii) Commission Delegated Regulation on RTS for information on financial contracts regarding recovery and resolution iii) Commission Implementing Regulation amending regulation on templates and instructions regarding prudential requirements for credit institutions.

UNITED KINGDOM

• PRA on Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) deposits class

i) Statement of Policy on methodology for calculating risk-adjustment for DGS member contributions to FSCS, ii) Policy Statement with feedback on previous consultation on FSCS.

• FCA publishes consultation paper on MiFID II

Proposals on: inducement and research rules, disclosure requirements, requirements for financial advisers and providers responsibilities towards customers. Deadline: 4 Jan. 2017.

• PRA publishes documents on strengthening accountability

i) Policy statement with feedback on previous consultation. Includes rules and templates on regulatory references, ii) Supervisory statements updating PRA's approach to reinforce accountability in banking and insurance, iii) Consultation on amending Senior Managers and Certification Regime and the Senior Insurance Managers Regime. Deadline: 9 Jan 2017.

• PRA publishes a policy statement (PS) and a consultation paper (CP) on remuneration

i) PS providing feedback to CP "Buy-outs of variable remuneration" and final rules on the issue, ii) CP proposing: to consolidate existing remuneration statements, to confirm firms adherence to EBA guidelines and to provide guidance on remuneration. Deadline: 28 Nov.

• PRA issues buy-to-let underwriting standards expectations

PRA's expectations of minimum standards for firms on underwrite buy-to-let mortgage contracts. Also clarifies the application of SME supporting factor to these mortgages.

• PRA issues consultation paper on whistleblowing

Amends rules requiring firms to inform workers of PRA and FCA whistleblowing services. The proposals do not apply to UK branches of EEA deposit-takers. Deadline: 9 Jan 2017.

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• BdE keeps countercyclical capital buffer rate at 0%

Bank of Spain has decided to maintain on 0% the countercyclical capital buffer (CCyB) rate applicable to credit exposure on Spain throughout 4Q2016.

• CNMV issues reports on Corporate Governance and on board members' remuneration

i) High degree of compliance among issuing entities with CNMV's sound governance rules. Still room to improve on transparency, and ii) Report gathers aggregate information on board remuneration policies of listed companies.

UNITED STATES

• FED invites public comments on proposed rules

i) Comments on rule to strengthen requirements on physical commodity activities of financial holding companies. Deadline: 90 days after publication in Federal Register, ii) Comments on rule modifying its capital plan and the stress test rules for 2017. Deadline: 25 Nov.

Recent publications of interest (in English and Spanish):

- Flash. EBA clarifies use of 2016 EU-wide stress test results in the SREP process
- Regulation Watch. Setting a limit to leverage in banking. May 2016
- Financial Regulation Outlook. July 2016
- Digital Economy Outlook. July 2016

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