

## Financial Regulation: Weekly Update. 14 May 2015

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### SPAIN

- EC publishes proposed recommendations for Spain

It recommends completing the reform of the savings banks sector and the restructuring and privatisation of state-owned savings banks.

- Legal regime for investment services companies published in BOE (Official State Gazette)

Royal Decree 358/2015 of 8 May marks the culmination of the transposition to the Spanish legal framework of European solvency regulations (CRD IV pack). Effective from 10 May.

### EUROPE

- ESAs issue recommendations on securitisation

Concerns requirements for: i) due diligence; ii) presenting supervision reports and, iii) retention rules in the regulations for Structured Finance Instruments.

- EBA consults regarding technical standards on specialised lending exposures

Specifies how to calculate minimum capital requirements for project finance, commodities finance and real estate lending. Open to: 11 Aug.

- EBA consults on the valuation of derivatives in resolution

It sets out the methodology for the valuation of bail-inable derivatives and determines when it should be carried out. Open to: 13 Aug.

- EBA publishes final guidelines for applying early intervention measures

Based on the result of the SREP, it establishes the triggers that must be satisfied for the competent authority to apply these measures to an entity.

- EBA on Data Point Model (DPM) and XBRL for banking supervisors

Updates the XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language) taxonomy to be used by authorities in the remittance of supervisory reporting.

- ESMA consults on technical standards for clearing IRS under the EMIR

To reduce systemic risk it proposes extending the list of OTC interest rate swaps (IRS) to be cleared under EMIR. Open to: 15 Jul

- ECOFIN debates the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)

Updates on the state of play of negotiations focussing on governance and project selection. Approval by EP and Council expected on 27 May.

- ECON backs the Council's position on three legislative procedures

i) Regulation on insolvency proceedings; ii) Directive on preventing money laundering and terrorist financing, and iii) Regulation on information accompanying transfers of funds. Next step: approval at a plenary sitting.

- EIOPA and ESRB on supervising occupational pension funds

They launch the first stress test and quantitative valuation of fund solvency. ESRB draws up scenarios for the year which will go on until August 2015.

- ECB amends Regulation on statistics on holdings of securities

Establishes new obligations for statistics reporting for insurers. Objectives include minimising the reporting burden.

## UNITED KINGDOM

- BoE publishes response to EC's consultation on capital markets union

It supports the initiative and classifies policies in 5 themes to overcome the existing impediments.

- Treasury publishes policy papers on government regulation between 2010 and 2015

Notably: bank and financial services regulation, the EU single market, and access to financial services.

- FCA identifies shortcomings in the provision of information on insurance

Insurers and insurance intermediaries do not always provide clear information for consumers in selling general insurance products.

## GLOBAL

- BIS, ECB and IMF publish a handbook on securities market statistics

First publication dealing exclusively with the conceptual framework for compiling and presenting statistics to

improve the provision of information. Will serve as support for economic, financial and macroprudential analysis.

- [BIS issues statement on best practices in foreign exchange \(FX\) markets](#)

Welcomes initiatives to strengthen code of conduct standards and principles. Establishes a working group under the auspices of the [Market Committee](#).

Recent publications of interest (in English and Spanish)

- [Financial Regulation Outlook. April 2015](#)
- [Financial Regulation Watch: Funding in Resolution: the lender of last resort function in the new resolution framework](#)
- [Digital Economy Outlook. April 2015](#)
- [Regulation Watch: Completing banking union](#)
- [Banking Outlook. Primer Trimestre 2015 \(in Spanish only\)](#)

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