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GLOBAL

• FSB issues report on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and machine learning in financial services

It is important to start thinking about the possible <u>financial stability implications</u> of the growing use of AI by financial institutions. It should continue to be monitored.

EUROPE

• EBA issues consultations to strengthen Pillar 2 framework

Three <u>guidelines</u> to enhance: i) supervisory convergence in SREP, ii) management of interest rate risk from non-trading book activities, and iii) institutions' stress testing. Deadlines: 31 Jan 2018.

• EBA issues consultation regarding home-host cooperation under PSD2

Draft RTS <u>setting</u> the framework for cooperation and exchange of information between authorities. Clarifies information and templates to be used by firms. Deadline: 5 Jan 2018.

• EBA issues final guidance on supervision of significant branches

It aims to create a framework to improve the <u>identification</u> of the 'significant-plus' branches and facilitate coordination of supervision.

• EBA issues final recommendation on coverage of entities in banking group recovery plans

Aims to define <u>criteria</u> for identification of entities that need to be covered in group recovery plans: i) relevant for the group, ii) relevant for the economy, or iii) not relevant for either.

• EBA issues final timeline for the 2018 EU-wide stress test

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The board decides to <u>extend the timeline</u> of the stress test, to address the challenges of the implementation of IFRS 9. Final methodology to be published on Nov.

• EBA provides overview of implementation and transposition of CRD IV package

Updates <u>information</u> disclosed by national competent authorities on the implementation of CRD IV and the use of options and discretions. Also includes information related to the SSM.

• EC seeks feedback regarding crowd and P2P finance legislative proposal

<u>The proposal</u> seeks to address two problems: i) market fragmentation and lack of scale, and ii) perceived lack of reliability of crowdfunding and P2P platforms. Deadline: 27 Nov.

• ESMA updates Q&A on Alternative Performance Measures (APMs)

Adds six new questions to the Q&A on the implementation of the guidelines of APMs.

• ESMA publishes extract from enforcements database

It includes a <u>selection</u> of 12 decisions taken by national authorities (from Jun 2015 to Feb 2017), from a confidential database of enforcement decisions on financial statements.

UNITED KINGDOM

• PRA issues policy statement regarding insurance SPVs

It sets the final <u>approach</u> and expectations regarding the authorisation and supervision of insurance special purpose vehicles.

Recent publications of interest (in English and Spanish):

- Financial Regulation Outlook. October 2017
- Digital Economy Outlook. September 2017
- Regulation Watch. European Commission withdraws Banking Structural Reform proposal. October 2017
- Regulation Watch. Reflection paper on the future of the Eurozone. June 2017
- <u>Press Article</u>. Moving towards a more selective and effective international banking regulation. October 2017
- Press Article. Strengthening the European System of Financial Supervision



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