

## Financial Regulation: Weekly Update. 9 February 2018

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## **EUROPE**

ESMA issues guidelines regarding conflict of interests in CCPs

It sets <u>organisational</u> arrangements and policies to prevent conflicts of interests, and solve them when they arise.

• ECB amends guidelines relating to the Eurosystem's monetary policy implementation

Implements changes to the <u>eligibility criteria</u> for the use of unsecured bank bonds as collateral, excluding commercial mortgage-backed securities from collateral eligibility.

• ESMA issues final ITS regarding the application of Market Abuse Regulation

Clarifies how NCAs should <u>cooperate</u> with ESMA, and establishes procedures to facilitate the exchange of information.

EBA updates methodological guide on risk indicators and detailed risk analysis tools

Guide for <u>internal use</u> on how to compile risk indicators. It can help competent authorities and stakeholders to follow a consistent risk assessment.

• ESMA publishes several work programmes

i) Work <u>programme</u> setting the main activities regarding credit rating agencies, trading repositories and third countries CCPs; ii) Supervisory <u>convergence</u> work programme with activities to promote sound and efficient supervision across the EU and foster coordination; iii) Work <u>programme</u> with the priorities for assessing risks in securities markets.



• ESMA updates Q&A on several subjects

Issues update to: i) <u>EMIR</u> implementation, ii) <u>short selling</u> regulation implementation, iii) <u>benchmark</u> regulation, iv) <u>CSDR</u> & v) <u>Transparency</u>.

· EC seeks comments on fitness check on public reporting by companies

Assesses whether the <u>specific</u> accounting system for financial institutions is consistent with other reporting legislation and the prudential and supervision framework. Deadline: 8 Mar.

• ESMA issues official translation for guidelines on MiFID II

Translations regarding <u>product governance</u> requirements under MiFID II. NCAs should notify ESMA within two months their compliance (or intention to comply).

- EIOPA publishes monthly technical information for Solvency II
- i) Relevant <u>risk-free interest</u> rate term structures with end-January data, ii) symmetric adjustment of the <u>equity capital charge</u> with end-January data.

## **SPAIN**

· BdE issues commitment statement regarding the FX Global Code

Seven central banks of the ESCB (European System of Central Banks) show their <u>commitment</u> to the FX Global Code.

BdE and CNMV issue joint statement regarding cryptocurrencies and Initial Coin Offerings

<u>Main findings</u>: There is no obligation to accept them as a payment method, circulation is very limited and they are very volatile, so they are not a good form of deposit.

## **UNITED STATES**

• OCC publishes Community Reinvestment Act evaluations



<u>Performance</u> evaluation for 16 national banks and federal savings associations. 15 evaluations are rated Satisfactory and one is Outstanding.

Recent publications of interest (in English and Spanish):

- Financial Regulation Outlook. January 2018
- Regulation Watch. Financial Regulation | Basel III End Game. December 2017
- Regulation Watch. Global | 2017 G-SIBs List. November 2017
- Press Article. 2018: a key year for progress toward banking union. January 2018
- <u>Press Article</u>. Towards more selective and enforceable international regulatory standards. December 2017

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