

Financial Regulation: Weekly Update. 22 April 2016

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GLOBAL

BIS updates the CCB information for Spain, U.K. and other countries

The press release includes a summary table for the current and future countercyclical capital buffers (CCBs) for several jurisdictions.

· WEF on impact of technology-enabled innovation on financial stability

Recommendations for the private sector and financial supervisors to foster competition between traditional financial players and new entrants while also preserving system stability.

BIS finalizes standards for Interest Rate Risk in Banking Book (IRRBB)

Includes guidance on expectations for shock scenarios, reinforces disclosure and updates standardized framework. Implementation expected by 2018.

EUROPE

EP releases a briefing on G-SIBs in Europe describing their profiles and other issues

It provides a clear and a didactic review of the Global Systemically Important Banks (G-SIBs), subject to more requirements than non-G-SIB, such as an enhanced supervision.

EBA publishes final guidelines for disclosing confidential information under the BRRD

To avoid identification of firms, disclosure in summary or collective form should consider three factors: number of institutions, specific patterns and context of disclosure.

EBA acknowledges notification from the Hungarian Central Bank

On the ongoing resolution of MKB Bank Zrt which has been sold to three funds for HUF 37 bn. By 30 Jun 2016 sale process should be finalized. No effect on retail deposits expected.

• EP adopts General Data Protection Regulation

It sets out uniform new rules in the field of data protection across the EU. Entry into force: 20 days after publication in the OJEU (to be applied 2 years later).



· EC sets out path to digitise European industry

Plans to help European industry, SMEs, researchers and public authorities make the most of new technologies.

• EBA publishes its second end of term report of its Banking Stakeholder Group (BSG)

The BSG has to advice the EBA and submit opinions focused on homogeneous supervisory culture and practices, examination of competent authorities and analysis on market evolution.

• ECB statement on fifth post-programme surveillance visit to Spain

Highlights stabilization of the financial sector (liquidity, solvency and asset quality). Medium term profitability still challenging. Restructuring remaining state-owned banks still needed.

ESMA adds credit derivatives to its public register on EMIR

Updates its Public Register to include iTraxx main and iTraxx crossover credit derivative contracts in the clearing obligation under EMIR.

EIOPA publishes itsWork Programme 2016

Main objectives: i) ensure transparency, simplicity, accessibility and fairness for consumers, ii) sound and prudent regulations, iii) improve quality and consistency of supervision.

- EIOPA publishes two consultations and a recommendation
- i) Consultation on treatment of infrastructure corporates under Solvency II. Deadline: 16 May; ii) consultation on methodology to derive ultimate forward rate under Solvency II. Deadline: 19 Jul; and iii) recommends to enhance risk assessment and transparency of pension funds.
- · Commission delegated regulation published in OJEU

With regard to regulatory technical standards on the clearing obligation.

SPAIN

· CNMV criteria for recovery plans of institutions that provide investment services

Based on EBA's criteria, the first recovery plans need to be sent to the CNMV before 30 June 2016. Thereafter, every two years.



• CNMV releases draft circular on warnings about financial instruments

It aims at fostering investor protection, especially in complex investment products by increasing CNMV's control powers. Deadline: 5 May.

UNITED KINGDOM

· FCA releases its key findings about inducements and conflicts of interest

Highlights that there is room to improve the quality of the service provided and that MiFID II firms should explain clients the value of allowable benefits so they better decide.

FCA and PRA publish proposals to enhance decision-making process

Consults on changes to FCA and PRA's enforcement decision-making process. It explains what has already been put into practice and sets out recommendations Deadline: 14 Jul.

UNITED STATES

Financial Stability Oversight Council releases its 2015 annual report

More regulatory attention paid to changes in financial market structure and CCPs. The report also recommends heightened risk management and supervisory attention.

ASIA

Japan's Financial Services Agency approach to introduce the TLAC Framework

The agency releases its approach to introduce the TLAC framework for Japanese G-SIBs. Prefers SPE (Single Point of Entry). Same calibration as FSB's term sheet.

Recent publications of interest (in English and Spanish)

- · Presentation. New requirements for loss absorbing capacity: TLAC and MREL
- Financial Regulation Outlook. April 2016.
- Digital Economy Outlook. April 2016
- · Regulation Watch. UK proposal on MREL: alignment with TLAC

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