

Financial Regulation: Weekly Update. 24 April 2015

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EUROPE

- [ECON approves the Regulation on European Fund for Strategic Investments \(EFSI\)](#)

ECON backs the EC proposal and introduces amendments on governance and sources of financing. Plenary voting scheduled for 10 Jun. Expected to be operational by the summer.

- [ECB presents its 2014 annual report](#)

This examines: i) financial stability and ECB's macro-prudential function; ii) launch of the Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM); iii) banking union; iv) structural reform of the banking sector, and (v) market and payments infrastructures.

- [ECB publishes its decision on access to its documentation in possession of the NCAs](#)

This establishes that National Competent Authority (NCA) should request permission first from the ECB before disclosing the document.

- [ESMA consults on guidelines for investment advice under MiFID II](#)

To evaluate the knowledge and competence of workers in investment firms which provide advice or information on financial instruments or services. Open to: 10 Jul.

- [ESMA seeks information on new developments in virtual currency investment](#)

To analyse how new technologies affect all those involved in issuance, buying, selling and registering ownership of assets. Open to: 21 July.

- [ECB updates guidelines on TARGET2 payments system](#)

The aim is to bring them into line with EU General Court's judgement of 4 Mar on location policy for central counterparties (CCPs).

- [Council issues a mandate to EC to negotiate an agreement with US on reinsurance](#)

To facilitate trade in reinsurance activities through recognition of prudential rules and greater cooperation among supervisors.

- [Council adopts two regulations and makes headway in two legislative processes](#)

i) Regulations on European Long-term Investment Funds (ELTIFs) and interchange fees for card-based payments. (next step: publication in OJEU), and ii) publishes its position on preventing money laundering and the compromise of the Presidency on long-term shareholder engagement.

- Technical standards with regard to CRR published in Official Journal of the EU

Regulation on calculating own funds requirements of clearing members for exposures to their clients in relation to margin periods of risk (MPORs). Into force: 5 May.

UNITED KINGDOM

- FCA publishes finalised guidelines on Multilateral Trading Facilities (MTFs)

Obliges MTF operators to have transparent and non-discretionary rules to ensure fair and orderly trading.

UNITED STATES

- Fed on the Large Institution Supervision Coordinating Committee (LISCC)

Defines its organisational structure and that of its sub-committees. Seeks to provide consistent supervision of institutions and evaluate their safety and soundness.

- FDIC consults on deposit account records

New record-keeping standards applying to banks with a large number of accounts (over two million). Open until: 90 days after publication.

GLOBAL

- BCBS removes selected national discretions from the Basel II framework

Recommendation to enhance comparison among jurisdictions. Also clarifies certain aspects of financial valuation adjustment under Basel III.

- FSB reports on progress on the work plan for the November G20 summit in Turkey

Priorities: i) implementation of the agreed reforms; ii) finalisation of the design of remaining reforms, and iii) addressing new risks and vulnerabilities.

- ISDA reports on cross-border fragmentation of global derivatives

Identifies regulatory inconsistencies as one of the causes and urges the regulators to improve coordination

Recent publications of interest (in English and Spanish)

- [Regulation Outlook](#). March 2015
- [Regulation Watch](#): Completing banking union
- [Regulation Watch](#): TLAC QIS: the next milestone in designing the optimal loss-absorbing framework
- [Regulation Flash](#): First step towards a Capital Markets Union
- [Banking Outlook](#): Primer Trimestre 2015 (in Spanish only)

Earlier editions of our Financial Regulation: Weekly Update in [Spanish](#) and in [English](#).

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