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EUROPE

- SSM publishes guidance on leveraged transaction for banks

It seeks to [facilitate](#) the identification of leveraged transactions to senior management, in order to establish sound risk management practices and promote funding of real economy.

- ECB issues final guide to fit and proper assessment

[Clarifies](#) criteria and process for determining suitability of banks' board members, explains potential conflicts of interest. Acknowledges national differences, aims to harmonise them.

- Council of the EU adopts new rules on prospectuses

Within the [Capital Markets Union](#) project, these new rules aim at providing a new framework with simplified administrative obligations in relation to the publication of prospectuses.

- Council of the EU adopts Money Market Funds rules

[Common standards](#) to i) ensure their structural stability; ii) ensure well-diversified and quality investments, and iii) increase their liquidity so they can face sudden large-scale withdrawals.

- EBA consults on its guidance for the use of cloud computing

[Seeks](#) to clarify supervisory expectations for institutions adopting cloud computing, allows them to benefit from services and managing related risks adequately. Deadline: 18 Aug.

- ESMA publishes a follow-up report on deficiencies of National Competent Authorities (NCAs)

The report shows how [NCAs have tackled deficiencies identified](#) in 2014 Peer Review on MiFID. Six have addressed all deficiencies, four are urged to complete by Jan 2018.

- EIOPA publishes updated risk dashboard

It shows stable [risk exposure](#) of the EU insurance sector, identifying positive market developments. It also presents concerns regarding the low-yield environment.

SPAIN

- [BdE publishes report on banking supervision in Spain 2016](#)

The [main priorities](#) 2016: The adaptation of regulatory amendments, review of credit quality, banks' internal models and the monitoring of liquidity and financing risk, among others.

UNITED KINGDOM

- [FCA signs Fintech cooperation agreement with Securities and Futures Commission](#)

The [agreement](#) with Hong Kong's SFC will foster collaboration in supporting Fintechs by sharing information and referrals of firms entering their markets.

- [PRA issues Policy Statement on accountability in banking and insurance](#)

It [provides](#) feedback to previous consultation, seeking to strengthen individual accountability, among other things by improving the Senior Managers and Certification Regime.

Recent publications of interest (in English and Spanish):

- [Press Article](#). Brexit storm clouds. May 2017
- [Financial Regulation Outlook](#). April 2017
- [Press Article](#). Creating Green Opportunities. March 2017
- [Press Article](#). Shadow banking: time to step out into the light. March 2017
- [Regulation Watch](#). White Paper on the future of Europe. March 2017
- [Digital Economy Outlook](#). January 2017

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