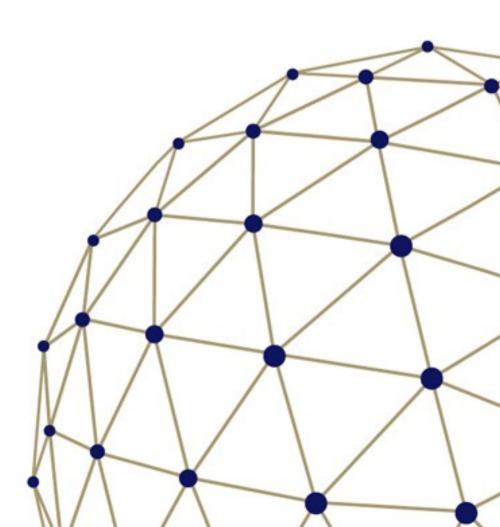


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Shadow banking in the euro area: risks and vulnerabilities in the investment fund sector, 27/06/2016 **ECB** http://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/scpops/ecbop174.en.pdf?2cc4d889706adbcb918c06de4e5df144 Occasional Paper This paper first highlights the structural features of shadow banking in the euro area, focusing on investment funds. It then discusses the potential systemic risks that the recent expansion of the investment fund sector presents. While investment funds provide important intermediation services to the real sector, including market and liquidity risk-sharing and the bridging of information gaps, their rapid expansion may present systemic risks that need to be detected, monitored and managed. In particular, the risk of fund outflows and the possible negative impacts on the wider financial system have risen due to the rapid expansion of the investment fund sector, its growing involvement in capital markets, its use of synthetic leverage, and the inherent and growing maturity and liquidity mismatch arising from the demandable nature of fund share investments. While available data suggest that vulnerabilities within the investment fund sector are growing and links to the wider financial system and real economy have strengthened, data limitations prevent drawing a definitive conclusion on the sectors' contribution to systemic risk. Keywords: shadow banking, asset management, investment funds, financial stability, systemic risk, market liquidity, interconnectedness **ECB** Pricing sovereign credit risk of an emerging market, 27/06/2016 http://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/scpwps/ecbwp1924.en.pdf?fdadcbdc616f1c665226f64314b824c4 **Working Paper** We analyze the market assessment of sovereign credit risk in an emerging market using a reduced-form model to price the credit default swap (CDS) spreads thus enabling us to derive values for the probability of default (PD) and loss given default (LGD) from the quotes of sovereign CDS contracts. We compare different specifications of the models allowing for both fixed and time varying LGD, and we use these values to analyze the sovereign credit risk of Polish debt throughout the recent global financial crisis. Our results suggest the presence of a low LGD and a relatively high PD for Poland during the crisis. The highest PD is in the months following the collapse of Lehman Brothers. The derived measures of sovereign risk are strongly linked with the level of public debt and with another measure of PD from a structural model. Correlations between our PD values and the CDS spreads heavily depend on the maturity of the sovereign CDS. Keywords: sovereign credit risk, CDS spreads, probability of default, loss given default, Poland Bank recapitalizations and lending: A little is not enough, 28/06/2016 **ESRB** https://www.esrb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/wp/esrbwp16.en.pdf?dcbb3d4087287859a22cd5cded5dec7c **Working Paper** This paper analyses the effect of bank recapitalizations on lending, funding and asset quality of European banks between 2000 and 2013. Controlling for market implied capital shortfall of banks, we find that banks that receive a sufficiently large recapitalization increase lending, attract more deposits and clean up their balance sheets. In contrast, banks that receive a small recapitalization relative to their capital shortfall reduce lending and shrink assets. These results suggest recapitalizations need to be large enough to lead to new lending. Keywords: Bank recapitalization, lending, zombie banks, bank restructuring, banking crisis Credit default swap spreads and systemic financial risk, 28/06/2016 **ESRB** https://www.esrb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/wp/esrbwp15.en.pdf?dcbb3d4087287859a22cd5cded5dec7c **Working Paper** This paper measures the joint default risk of financial institutions by exploiting information about

counterparty risk in credit default swaps (CDS). A CDS contract written by a bank to insure against the default of another bank is exposed to the risk that both banks default. From CDS spreads we can then learn about the joint default risk of pairs of banks. From bond prices we can learn the individual default probabilities. Since knowing individual and pairwise probabilities is not sufficient to fully characterize multiple default risk, I derive the tightest bounds on the probability that many banks fail simultaneously.

Catering to investors through product complexity, 28/06/2016

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This study investigates the rationale for issuing complex securities to retail investors. We focus on a large market of investment products targeted exclusively at households: retail structured products in Europe. We develop an economic measure of product complexity in this market via a text analysis of 55,000 product payoff formulas. Over the 2002-2010 period, product complexity increases, risky products become more common, and product headline rates diverge from the prevailing interest rates as the latter decline. The complexity of a product is positively correlated with its headline rate and risk. Complex products appear more profitable to the banks distributing them, have a lower expost performance, and are more frequently sold by banks targeting low-income households. These empirical facts are consistent with banks strategically using product complexity to cater to yield-seeking households.

Keywords: Financial Complexity, Catering, Shrouding, Reaching for Yield, Household Finance, Structured **Product**

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Germany: Financial Sector Assessment Program - Financial System Stability Assessment, 29/06/2016 http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/scr/2016/cr16189.pdf

The country is home to two global systemically important financial institutions, Deutsche Bank AG and Allianz SE, as well as to one of the largest global central counterparties (CCP), Eurex Clearing AG. The system is also very heterogeneous, with a range of business models and a large number of smaller banks and insurers. Its asset management industry is the third largest in the European Union (EU), while its sovereign bond market is a safe haven and benchmark for fixed income instruments globally. Consequently, Germany's contribution to ensuring the success of the new European financial stability architecture is crucial for fostering its domestic financial stability and the success of the European reform agenda.

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A spare tire for capital markets: Fostering corporate bond markets in Asia, 29/06/2016 http://www.bis.org/publ/bppdf/bispap85.pdf

The eight local currency bond markets in which the Asian Bond Funds 2 (ABF2) invests have continued to develop since 2011. But the development of corporate bonds continues to lag that of government bonds. We focus on areas where we believe there remains work to be done to foster corporate bond markets. In primary markets, we suggest measures to expand the range of credit quality and develop infrastructure bonds as an asset class. In secondary markets, we recommend enhancing liquidity through developing regional mechanisms to increase post-trade transparency as well as through developing hedging markets. In repo markets, there may be room for conducting a survey to fill information gaps and identify where policy actions might have the greatest effect.

Keywords: corporate bonds, credit ratings, infrastructure finance, post-trade transparency, foreign exchange swap markets, repo markets

3. MIKROPRUDENCIÁLIS FELÜGYELET ÉS SZABÁLYOZÁS

Enhanced dialogue between Boards and Supervisors: Towards a sound governance framework	ECB/SSM
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The Committee on Payments and Market Infrastructures (CPMI) and the International Organization of	
Securities Commissions (IOSCO) have published the third update to the Level 1 assessments of implementation monitoring of the Principles for financial market infrastructures (PFMI).	
Level 1 assessments are based on self-assessments by individual jurisdictions on how they have adopted,	
within their regulatory and oversight frameworks, the PFMI's 24 Principles for FMIs and four of the five	
Responsibilities for authorities. The initial Level 1 assessment was conducted in mid-2013, and a report was published in August 2013.	
The current report is the third update to the Level 1 assessments, and reflects the status of jurisdictions' legal, regulatory or policy frameworks as at 8 January 2016.	
The result shows that further progress has been made among those participating jurisdictions that had	
not completed their implementation measures at the time of the previous update in 2015. In particular,	
19 of the 28 jurisdictions have now completed their implementation measures for all FMI types	
(15 jurisdictions in the previous update). The next update of the Level 1 assessment will be conducted in 2017.	
Alongside their updates to the Level 1 assessment, the CPMI and IOSCO continue to monitor	
jurisdictions' progress at Levels 2 and 3. These assessments consider, respectively, the completeness of	
jurisdictions' implementation measures and their consistency with the PFMI, and consistency in the	
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6. PÉNZFORGALOM, FIZETÉSI RENDSZEREK

Guidance on cyber resilience for financial market infrastructures, 29/06/2016	BIS/CPMI – IOSCO
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The Committee on Payments and Market Infrastructures (CPMI) and the International Organization of	Press Release
Securities Commissions (IOSCO) have published the Guidance on cyber resilience for financial market	
infrastructures ("Cyber Guidance"). This builds on an earlier version of the report that underwent a	
three-month public consultation.	
At its core, the Cyber Guidance requires financial market infrastructures (FMIs) to instil a culture of cyber	
risk awareness and to demonstrate ongoing re-evaluation and improvement of their cyber resilience	

posture at every level within the organisation. Furthermore, while the guidance is directly aimed at FMIs, it is important for them to take on an active role in reaching out to their participants and other relevant stakeholders to promote understanding and support of resilience objectives and their implementation. Effective solutions may require collaboration between FMIs and their stakeholders as they seek to strengthen their own cyber resilience.

The Cyber Guidance does not establish additional standards for FMIs beyond those already set out in the Principles for Financial Market Infrastructures (PFMI). Instead, the document is intended to be supplemental to the PFMI, primarily in the context of governance, the framework for the comprehensive management of risks, settlement finality, operational risk and FMI links.

Related press release:

CPMI-IOSCO release guidance on cyber resilience for financial market infrastructures, 29/06/2016 http://www.bis.org/press/p160629.htm

Implementation monitoring of PFMI: Third update to Level 1 assessment report, 28/06/2016 http://www.bis.org/cpmi/publ/d145.pdf

The Committee on Payments and Market Infrastructures (CPMI) and the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) continue to closely monitor the implementation of the Principles for financial market infrastructures (PFMI). The PFMI are international standards for payment, clearing and settlement systems, and trade repositories. They are designed to ensure that the infrastructure supporting global financial markets is robust and well placed to withstand financial shocks.

This report provides jurisdictions' updated self-assessments of their progress towards adopting the legislation, regulations and other policies that will enable them to implement the 24 Principles for FMIs and four of the five Responsibilities for authorities included in the PFMI. It shows that good progress continues to be made by the 28 participating jurisdictions since the previous update in June 2015. The next update of the Level 1 assessment will be conducted in 2017.

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Measures of financial inclusion – a central bank perspective, 2015 Survey conducted by the Irving Fisher Committee on Central Bank Statistics (IFC), 20/06/2016 http://www.bis.org/ifc/publ/ifc_finan_inclu.pdf

The Irving Fisher Committee on Central Bank Statistics (IFC) has been tasked with facilitating central bank discussions on data issues related to financial inclusion. As part of this endeavour, the IFC has surveyed its member central banks on national policies and practices for financial inclusion, together with the implementation of international data initiatives and related challenges. Conducted in the fourth quarter of 2015, the survey covered 47 countries, of which 17 are advanced economies, and 30 emerging economies in Asia, eastern Europe and Latin America.

The objective of the survey was to compare financial inclusion policies along the following four dimensions:

- definitions;
- central bank mandates, policies and governance structures;
- data types and sources;
- collaboration with global forums, and contributions to international initiatives.

BIS/CPMI – IOSCO Publication

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In November 2015, the CPMI and IOSCO released their consultative paper Guidance on cyber resilience for financial market infrastructures with a request that any comments be provided by 23 February 2016. These comments, in PDF format, are available at the BIS website.	

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The paper uses a combination of micro-level datasets to document the rise of income polarization—what some have referred to as the "hollowing out" of the income distribution—in the United States, since the 1970s. While in the initial decades more middle-income households moved up, rather than down, the income ladder, since the turn of the current century, most of polarization has been towards lower incomes. This result is striking and in contrast with findings of other recent contributions. In addition, the paper finds evidence that, after conditioning on income and household characteristics, the marginal propensity to consume from permanent changes in income has somewhat fallen in recent years. We assess the potential impacts of these trends on private consumption. During 1998-2013, the rise in income polarization and lower marginal propensity to consume have suppressed the level of real consumption at the aggregate level, by about 3½ percent—equivalent to more than one year of consumption.

Keywords: Middle Class; Middle-Income Class; Income Polarization; Hollowing Out of the Middle Class; Inequality; Marginal Propensity to Consume

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Keywords: Labor market, Wages, Job Turnover

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The economy is gradually recovering from a six year recession, mostly on the back of strong exports, tourism activity, and private consumption. Public and external debt levels and financing needs remain high. Real GDP is still about 11 percent lower than in 2008, unemployment is high at about 16 percent, and merchandise exports are low, although improving following EU accession. A new coalition government was formed in January with a narrow majority and has passed a tight budget and announced a wide-ranging National Reform Program (NRP) that will require decisive implementation to achieve Croatia's economic potential. Key policy recommendations: Economic priorities in the period ahead are to: (i) reduce vulnerabilities through fiscal consolidation; and (ii) boost growth and employment creating by accelerating structural reforms and utilization of EU structural and investment funds.

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