

## PRESS RELEASE

### ■ BANKS' FINAL PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2007

The final profit and loss account of banks as at 31 December 2007 as drawn up by the CSSF, compared to the provisional figures published in the Annual Report and to the 2006 figures, is as follows:

In million EUR Item	2006	2007		Development 1 year
	final	provisional	final	%
Interests and dividends received	48,715	61,558	59,475	22.1%
Interests paid	43,885	55,576	53,754	22.5%
<b>Interest-rate margin</b>	<b>4,830</b>	<b>5,982</b>	<b>5,722</b>	18.5%
Commissions received	3,674	4,018	3,909	6.4%
Net profit or net loss on financial operations	616	75	29	-95.3%
Other income	1,722	936	1,003	-41.8%
<b>Banking income</b>	<b>10,842</b>	<b>11,010</b>	<b>10,663</b>	-1.7%
General administrative expenses	3,754	4,173	4,058	8.1%
of which: Staff costs	2,160	2,381	2,300	6.5%
of which: other administrative expenses	1,594	1,792	1,758	10.3%
Depreciation	227	247	246	8.4%
<b>Profit before provisions</b>	<b>6,862</b>	<b>6,591</b>	<b>6,358</b>	-7.3%
Creation of provisions	1,107	1,507	1,976	78.5%
Write-back of provisions	802	897	967	20.6%
Taxes	885	857	806	-8.9%
<b>Result for the financial year</b>	<b>5,671</b>	<b>5,124</b>	<b>4,542</b>	-19.9%

The banks' final result as at 31 December 2007 totalled EUR 4.5 billion and is thus lower than the provisional result published in the CSSF's Annual Report. The decrease in the 2007 results compared to 2006 is thus 20% instead of the provisional 10%.

This decrease in the final figures compared to the provisional figures was foreseeable and had been announced in the CSSF's Annual Report. It is mainly due to increased creation of provisions for securities portfolios. Owing to the illiquidity of certain markets, the correct valuation of these portfolios was a particularly lengthy and difficult process within certain banks.

The method used to present the profit and loss account has not changed since the creation of the CSSF in 1999.

The profit and loss account as at 31 December 2007 includes the figures submitted by the banks at that date, irrespective of the closing of the banks' financial year. Thus, the results of some banks whose financial year does not close at the end of the calendar year are only partially included in the overall figures. For the same reason, the banks having closed their activities during the year 2007 are not included in these figures.

As for banks operating branches abroad, the profit and loss account includes the results for the sole activities of the Luxembourg head office. The figures of Luxembourg branches of foreign banks however are included in the overall result.

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