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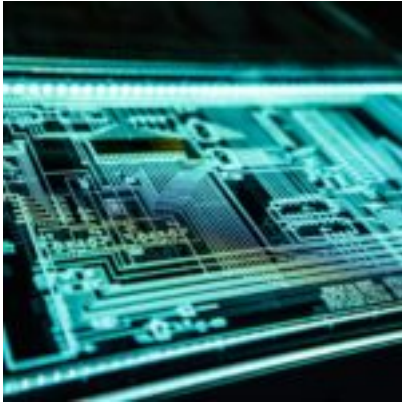


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TIBER-LU



Critical entities of the financial sector in Luxembourg must be able to adequately resist cyber-attacks in order to ensure their own resilience and thereby contribute to the one of the financial sector as a whole.

To help achieve this objective, the Banque centrale du Luxembourg (BcL) and the Commission de surveillance du secteur financier (CSSF) decided to jointly adopt the testing framework for controlled cyber-attacks, namely TIBER-LU, in line with their respective financial stability mandates.

TIBER-LU's adoption is consecutive to the publication in May 2018 of the European framework TIBER-EU¹ by the European Central Bank (ECB). The TIBER-EU

framework aims at i) testing the resilience of financial markets' entities, ii) facilitating tests for cross-border entities that are subject to the supervision by several authorities, iii) helping entities to better assess their protection, detection and response capabilities and to fight against cyber-attacks. In this context, the TIBER-EU framework sets out a harmonised European approach for the conduct of threat-led penetration tests that mimic the tactics, techniques and procedures of real-life threat actors and that simulate a cyber-attack on critical functions and underlying systems of an entity. The TIBER-EU framework, which was designed to be adopted by national and European authorities and for entities that are essential to the functioning of the financial infrastructure, can be used by all types of entities of the financial sector and also by entities of other sectors.

In line with the TIBER-EU framework, each jurisdiction adopts the European framework at national level by adapting its implementation to national specificities.

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Coronavirus: Information for all supervised entities

Summary of the communications by the European authorities

On 1 October 2021, the ESRB published a working paper that assesses whether proximity to liquidity thresholds explains differences in redemptions for MMFs, both at the start of the COVID-19 crisis and in the following months.

<https://www.esrb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/wp/esrb.wp127~b73bc97c49.en.pdf>

On 5 October 2021, Edouard Fernandez-Bollo, Member of the Supervisory Board of the ECB, gave a keynote address on ECB Banking Supervisions' post-pandemic priorities at the SmithNovak Global NPL Summit.

<https://www.bankingsupervision.europa.eu/press/speeches/date/2021/html/ssm.sp211005~2f87f669a5.en.html>

On 6 October 2021, the EBA published its Risk Dashboard for the second quarter (Q2) of 2021. The data indicate that banks are benefitting from the economic recovery with RoE remaining broadly similar to the previous quarter. Capital ratios remained stable and there was a further decline in NPL ratios. Operational risks remain elevated mainly due to cyber and ICT-related risks.

<https://www.eba.europa.eu/eba-risk-dashboard-points-stabilising-return-equity-eu-banks-challenges-remain-those-banks-exposures>

¹ *Threat Intelligence-based Ethical Red Teaming.*

On 13 October 2021, the ECB published an occasional paper that provides an overview of central banks' in-house credit assessment systems in the euro area. This paper analyses in detail the role of ICASs in the context of the Eurosystem's credit operations, describing the relevant Eurosystem guidelines and requirements, and presenting the main features of each of the ICASs currently accepted by the Eurosystem as credit assessment systems.

<https://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/scpops/ecb.op284~bbce5257bf.en.pdf>

On 14 October 2021, Andrea Enria, Chair of the Supervisory Board of the ECB, gave an introductory statement at the hearing at the European Parliament's Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee.

<https://www.bankingsupervision.europa.eu/press/speeches/date/2021/html/ssm.sp211014~6ba6ff1b06.en.html>

On 14 October 2021, the ECB published the macroprudential stress test for 2021-23, which complements the EU-wide stress test run by the EBA and the SSM, and aims at providing insights into the resilience of the European banking sector following the COVID-19 crisis. Compared with the EBA/SSM stress test, the macroprudential stress test estimates a lower CET1 ratio in 2023 in the baseline scenario and a slightly higher CET1 ratio in the adverse scenario.

<https://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/other/ecb.macroprudentialstresstesteuroareabankingsystemcoronaviruspandemic2021~7ff1fa3237.en.pdf>

On 25 October 2021, the ECB published an interview of Édouard Fernandez-Bollo, Member of the Supervisory Board of the ECB, given for Market News and conducted by Luke Heighton on 19 October 2021.

<https://www.bankingsupervision.europa.eu/press/interviews/date/2021/html/ssm.in211025~11d454c627.en.html>

On 26 October 2021, the BCBS - Committee on Payments and Market Infrastructures (CPMI) and the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) published a consultative report which looks at margin calls in March and April 2020, margin practice transparency, predictability and volatility across various jurisdictions and markets, as well as market participants' liquidity management preparedness. It is part of the Financial Stability Board's work programme to enhance the resilience of the non-bank financial intermediation sector.

<https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d526.htm>

On 28 October 2021, the FSB published a report that updates the July interim report on the preliminary lessons learnt for financial stability from the COVID-19 pandemic, and outlines actions by the FSB and other standard-setting bodies (SSBs) in response to those lessons. Key lessons and actions include: market and institutional resilience, operational resilience, and crisis preparedness.

<https://www.fsb.org/2021/10/lessons-learnt-from-the-covid-19-pandemic-from-a-financial-stability-perspective-final-report/>

On 28 October 2021, the FSB published a letter of the FSB's Chair to G20 leaders. The letter outlines some key lessons learnt from the COVID event, including that international cooperation through the G20 has made an important contribution to global financial stability. It also notes that the FSB has continued to support policymakers in preserving financial stability during the COVID event and laying the foundation for a more efficient and resilient financial system in the future.

<https://www.fsb.org/2021/10/fsb-chairs-letter-to-g20-leaders-october-2021/>

On 29 October 2021, ESMA issued its annual Public Statement on European Common Enforcement Priorities (Statement). This year's priorities cover the impact of COVID-19 and climate-related matters, provide guidance on the measurement of expected credit losses and highlight disclosure obligations pursuant to Article 8 of the Taxonomy Regulation.

<https://www.esma.europa.eu/press-news/esma-news/esma-makes-new-bond-liquidity-data-available-and-publishes-data-systematic>



Warnings

Warnings of the CSSF

Since the publication of the last Newsletter, the CSSF published the following warnings:

- Warning concerning the websites www.unioncorp.co.uk, www.uil-london.co.uk and <https://account.unioncorp.co.uk/auth/register>
- Warning concerning the website www.nexus-invest.lu
- Warning concerning the website www.irun-holdings.com
- Warning regarding the activities of an entity named ABSsystem
- Warning regarding the activities of an entity named Aspehire Corp

Given the significant number of fraudulent websites recently identified, the CSSF recommends you to verify whether the entity with which you would like to do business is supervised by the CSSF by using the application “**Search Entities**”. Please pay attention to details on the websites such as: unusual or foreign phone numbers, wrong address, spelling mistakes etc. In case of doubt, please visit our [website](#) and contact the CSSF.

Warnings published by IOSCO

Several warnings have been published on the IOSCO website at:

https://www.iosco.org/investor_protection/?subsection=investor_alerts_portal



National regulation

Circular CSSF 21/786 – FATF statements

The purpose of the circular is to inform all the persons supervised by the CSSF about the decisions taken by the FATF with respect to high-risk jurisdictions on which enhanced due diligence and, where appropriate, counter-measures are imposed and jurisdictions under increased monitoring of the FATF.

<https://www.cssf.lu/en/Document/circular-cssf-21-786/>



FAQ

On 12 October 2021, the FAQ of the Ministry of Finance relating to the use of the best practices guide regarding the implementation of financial sanctions in the framework of the fight against terrorist financing was updated.

<https://www.cssf.lu/en/Document/faq-relating-to-the-use-of-the-good-conduct-guide-ministry-of-finance/>

On 15 October 2021, the CSSF updated its FAQs regarding COVID-19 and, more specifically Question 13 on the banks' distribution policies/remuneration.

<https://www.cssf.lu/en/Document/faq-covid-19/>

On 3 November 2021, the CSSF updated its FAQs concerning MMFR and concerning the Luxembourg Law of 17 December 2010 relating to undertakings for collective investment with information on the holding of ancillary liquid assets by UCITS foreseen under Article 41(2)(b) of the Law of 17 December 2010. These updates aim at clarifying the circumstances and the extent to which UCITS are allowed to hold ancillary liquid assets. In this context, some aspects of UCITS and MMF diversification rules have also been clarified. UCITS are expected to comply with the conditions described in these questions as soon as possible and by 31 December 2022 at the latest, considering the best interests of investors.

<https://www.cssf.lu/en/Document/faq-concerning-mmfr/>

<https://www.cssf.lu/en/Document/faq-concerning-the-luxembourg-law-of-17-december-2010-relating-to-undertakings-for-collective-investment-version-13/>



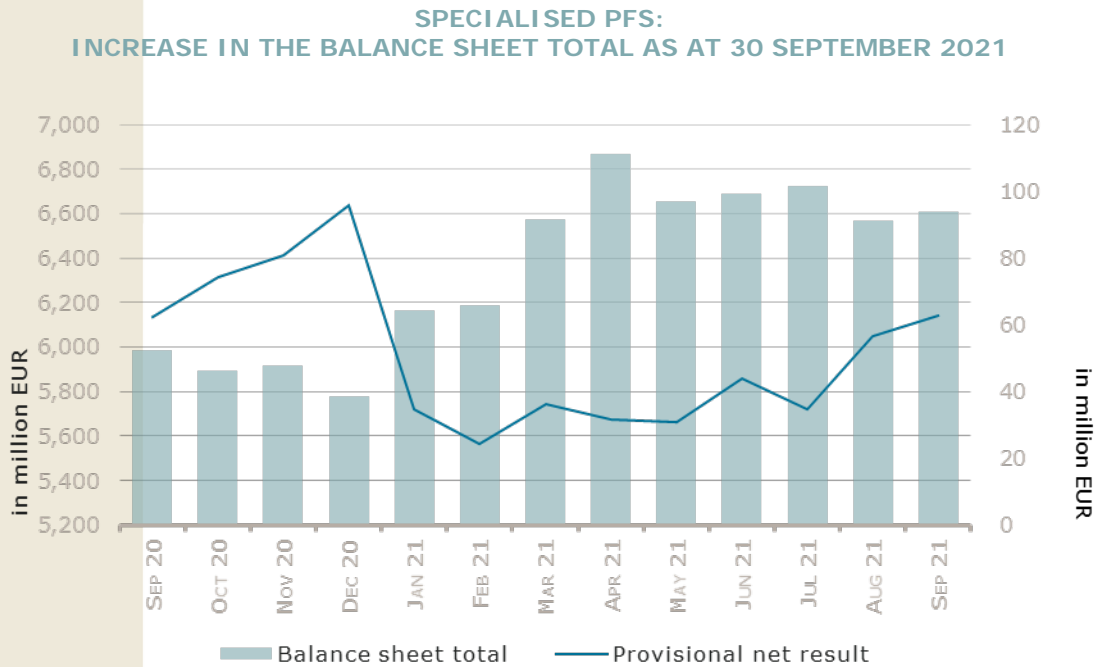
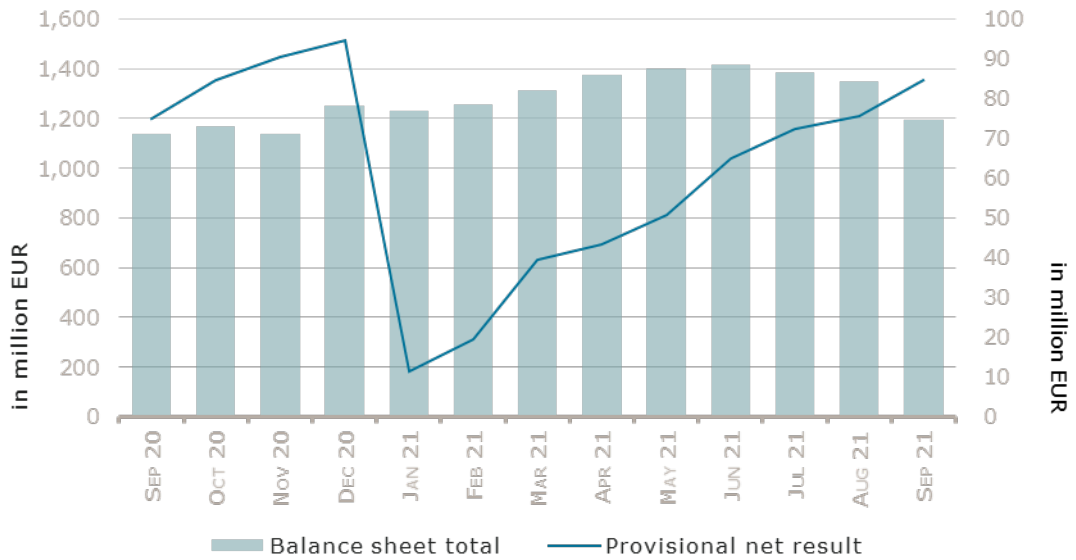
Communiqués

Date	Publications
18.10.2021	Agreed-upon procedures' conclusions on key IFRS 9 and credit risk related requirements
20.10.2021	Publication of a new CSSF Circular on the obligation to notify in the case of IT outsourcing
21.10.2021	Publication of CSSF working paper "The impact of COVID-19 on large redemptions in the Luxembourg investment fund market"
22.10.2021	Redesign of the website of the Ministry of Finance regarding international financial sanctions
03.11.2021	Global situation of undertakings for collective investment at the end of September 2021

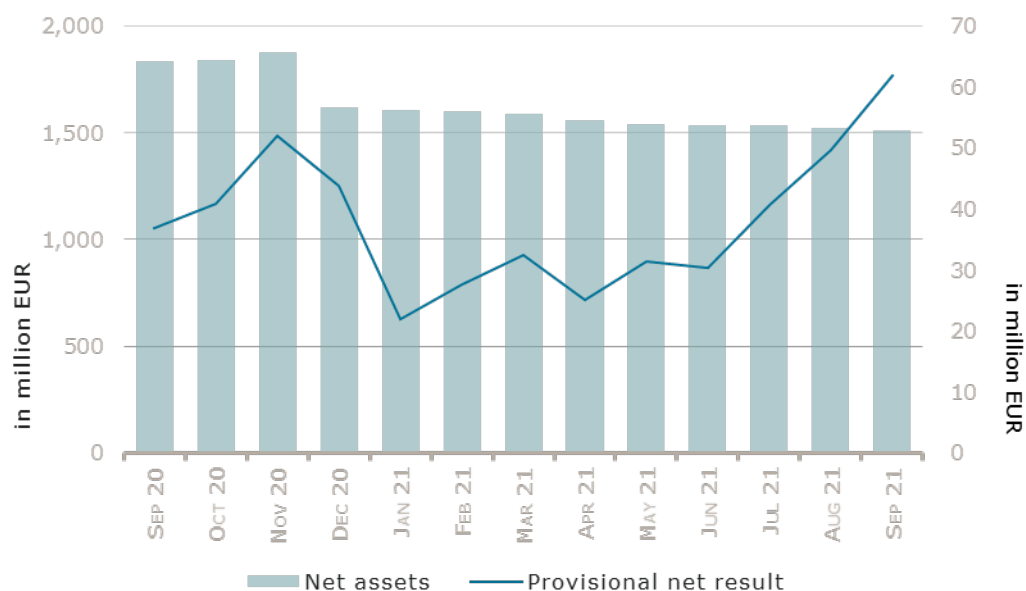


MONTHLY STATISTICS

INVESTMENT FIRMS:
DECREASE IN THE BALANCE SHEET TOTAL AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2021



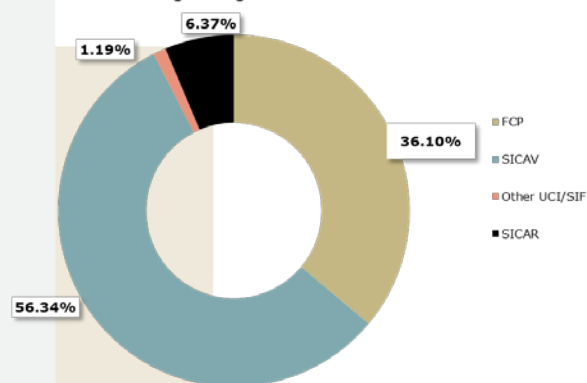
**SUPPORT PFS:
DECREASE IN THE BALANCE SHEET TOTAL AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**



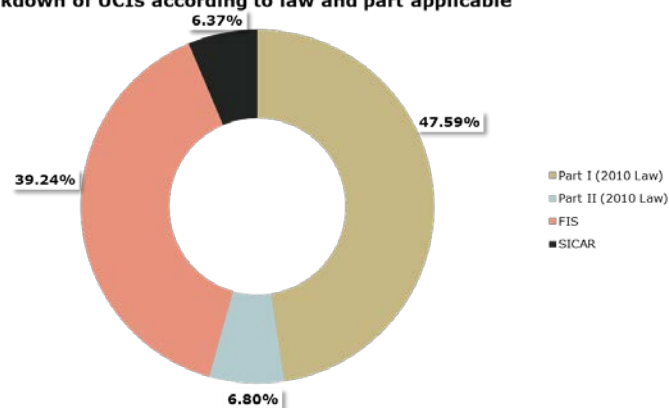
NUMBER OF UCIS

**UCIS:
SITUATION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Breakdown of UCIs according to legal form



Breakdown of UCIs according to law and part applicable

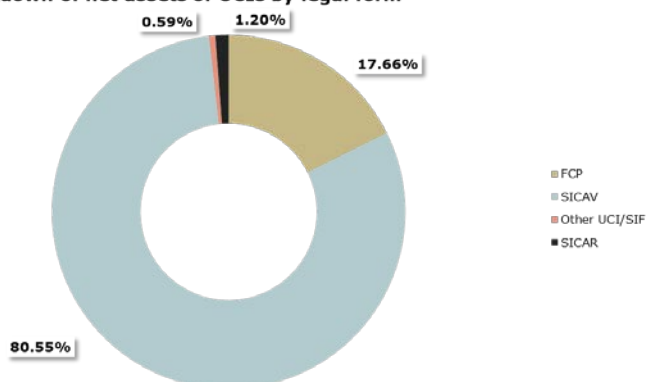


(in billion EUR)

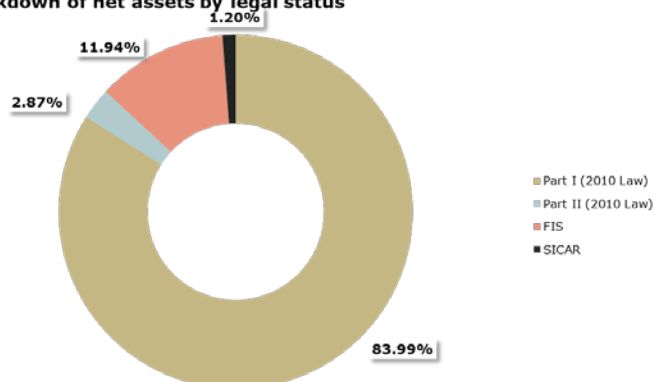
	FCP	SICAV	Other UCI / SIF	SICAR	Total
Part I (2010 Law)	860	821	0	0	1,681
Part II (2010 Law)	115	123	2	0	240
FIS	300	1,046	40	0	1,386
SICAR	0	0	0	225	225
Total	1,275	1,990	42	225	3,532

NET ASSETS OF UCIS

Breakdown of net assets of UCIs by legal form



Breakdown of net assets by legal status



(in billion EUR)	FCP	SICAV	Other UCI / SIF	SICAR	Total
Part I (2010 Law)	727.300	3,977.443	0.000	0.000	4,704.743
Part II (2010 Law)	47.803	112.545	0.419	0.000	160.767
SIF	213.975	422.080	32.700	0.000	668.755
SICAR	0.000	0.000	0.000	67.247	67.247
Total	989.078	4,512.068	33.119	67.247	5,601.512

NET ASSETS BROKEN DOWN BY INVESTMENT POLICY

Breakdown by investment policy	Net assets (in bn €)	Number of fund units
Fixed-Income Transferable Securities	1,460.612	3,194
Variable-Yield Transferable Securities	1,972.584	4,080
Mixed Transferable Securities	1,090.575	3,541
Funds of Funds	336.335	2,117
Money Market Instruments and Other Short-Term Securities	403.353	207
Cash	9.818	8
Private Equity	60.823	239
Venture Capital	3.486	32
Real Estate	104.369	320
Futures and/or Options	14.865	82
Other Assets	77.445	293
Public-to-Private	0.119	2
Mezzanine	1.120	10
Venture Capital (SICAR)	10.058	66
Private Equity (SICAR)	55.950	283
TOTAL	5,601.512	14,474

Breakdown by investment policy	Net assets (in bn €)	Number of fund units	Subscriptions (in bn €)	Redemptions (in bn €)	Net subscriptions (in bn €)
PART I					
Fixed-Income Transferable Securities	1,358.120	2,739	43.226	44.345	-1.119
Variable-Yield Transferable Securities	1,889.559	3,745	66.932	62.920	4.012
Mixed Transferable Securities	886.532	2,556	29.629	17.745	11.884
Funds of Funds	168.135	852	4.286	2.747	1.539
Money Market Instruments and Other Short-Term Securities	379.546	173	212.824	225.450	-12.626
Cash	9.778	7	2.890	3.046	-0.156
Futures and/or Options	9.232	44	0.276	0.234	0.042
Other Assets	3.841	9	0.087	0.144	-0.057
SUB-TOTAL PART I	4,704.743	10,125	360.150	356.631	3.519
PART II					
Fixed-Income Transferable Securities	15.035	90	0.487	0.438	0.049
Variable-Yield Transferable Securities	13.535	64	0.296	0.126	0.170
Mixed Transferable Securities	63.745	183	1.037	0.811	0.226
Funds of Funds	32.271	207	0.409	0.311	0.098
Money Market Instruments and Other Short-Term Securities	14.307	24	1.266	1.384	-0.118
Cash	0.000	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Private Equity	12.272	20	0.521	0.018	0.503
Venture Capital	0.335	1	0.057	0.000	0.057
Real Estate	3.051	9	0.017	0.000	0.017
Futures and/or Options	1.564	16	0.017	0.048	-0.031
Other Assets	4.652	23	0.094	0.015	0.079
SUB-TOTAL PART II	160.767	637	4.201	3.151	1.050

SIF

Fixed-Income Transferable Securities	87.457	365	1.420	0.883	0.537
Variable-Yield Transferable Securities	69.490	271	0.463	0.508	-0.045
Mixed Transferable Securities	140.298	802	1.593	1.449	0.144
Funds of Funds	135.929	1,058	3.014	1.150	1.864
Money Market Instruments and Other Short-Term Securities	9.500	10	1.712	2.577	-0.865
Cash	0.040	1	0.000	0.001	-0.001
Private Equity	48.551	219	1.034	0.546	0.488
Venture Capital	3.151	31	0.062	0.016	0.046
Real Estate	101.318	311	0.769	0.250	0.519
Futures and/or Options	4.069	22	0.247	0.071	0.176
Other Assets	68.952	261	0.999	0.330	0.669
SUB-TOTAL SIFs	668.755	3,351	11.313	7.781	3.532

SICAR

Public-to-Private	0.119	2	0.000	0.000	0.000
Mezzanine	1.120	10	0.000	0.000	0.000
Venture Capital	10.058	66	0.000	0.000	0.000
Private Equity	55.950	283	3.190	0.029	3.161
TOTAL SICAR	67.247	361	3.190	0.029	3.161
TOTAL LUXEMBOURG UCIS	5,601.512	14,474	378.854	367.592	11.262

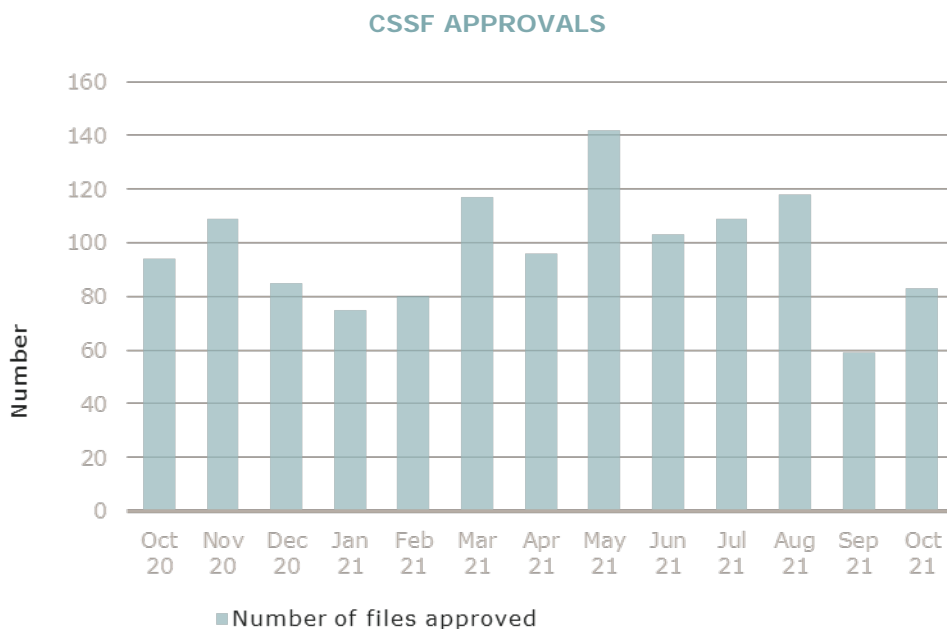
ORIGIN OF THE INITIATORS OF LUXEMBOURG UCIS

Country	Net assets (in bn EUR)	in %	Number of UCIs	in %	Number of fund units	in %
US	1,147.056	20.5%	165	4.7%	1,144	7.9%
GB	943.287	16.8%	246	6.9%	1,634	11.3%
DE	789.683	14.1%	1,141	32.3%	2,388	16.5%
CH	789.538	14.1%	532	15.1%	2,687	18.6%
FR	574.506	10.3%	268	7.6%	1,521	10.5%
IT	358.202	6.4%	128	3.6%	1,258	8.7%
BE	239.988	4.3%	140	3.9%	796	5.5%
LU	203.541	3.6%	278	7.9%	829	5.7%
NL	126.276	2.2%	43	1.2%	264	1.8%
DK	122.020	2.2%	20	0.6%	204	1.4%
OTHERS	307.415	5.5%	571	16.2%	1,749	12.1%
TOTAL	5,601.512	100.0%	3,532	100.0%	14,474	100.0%

BREAKDOWN OF UCI FUND UNITS REGISTERED IN LUXEMBOURG BY REFERENCE CURRENCY

Currency	Net assets (in bn EUR)	in %	Number of fund units	in %
AUD	4.034	0.072%	21	0.145%
CAD	3.791	0.068%	18	0.124%
CHF	53.278	0.951%	256	1.769%
CNH	12.846	0.229%	26	0.180%
CNY	10.985	0.196%	4	0.028%
CZK	1.400	0.025%	72	0.497%
DKK	1.661	0.030%	12	0.083%
EUR	2,899.396	51.761%	8,993	62.132%
GBP	181.228	3.235%	304	2.100%
HKD	3.880	0.069%	7	0.048%
HUF	0.314	0.006%	22	0.152%
JPY	62.225	1.111%	171	1.181%
NOK	6.558	0.117%	36	0.249%
NZD	0.273	0.005%	1	0.007%
PLN	0.157	0.003%	4	0.028%
RON	0.575	0.010%	4	0.028%
SEK	49.825	0.890%	125	0.864%
SGD	1.361	0.024%	7	0.048%
USD	2,307.703	41.198%	4,390	30.330%
ZAR	0.022	0.000%	1	0.007%
TOTAL	5,601.512	100.000%	14,474	100.000%

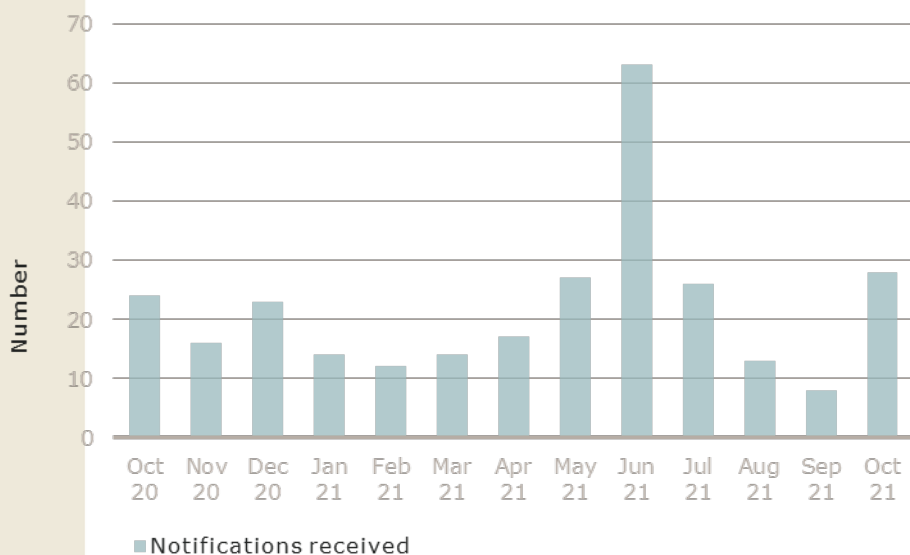
PROSPECTUSES TO BE PUBLISHED WHEN SECURITIES ARE OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC OR ADMITTED TO TRADING ON A REGULATED MARKET



In October 2021, the CSSF approved a total of 83 documents pursuant to the Prospectus Regulation, which break down as follows:

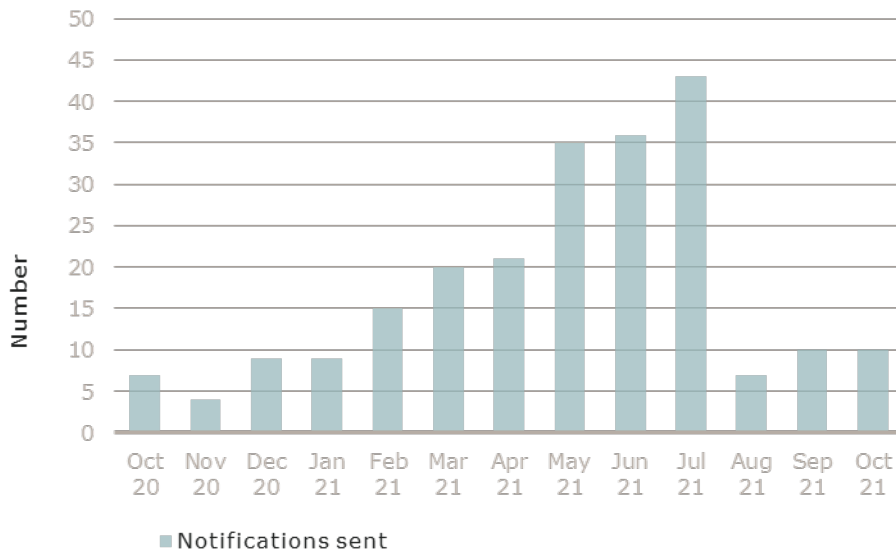
base prospectuses:	11 (13.25%)
other prospectuses:	21 (25.30%)
supplements:	51 (61.45%)

NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CSSF FROM THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF OTHER EEA MEMBER STATES



In October 2021, the CSSF received 26 notifications relating to prospectuses and base prospectuses, 2 notifications relating to registration documents and 43 notifications relating to supplements from competent authorities of other EEA Member States.

NOTIFICATIONS SENT BY THE CSSF TO COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF OTHER EEA MEMBER STATES



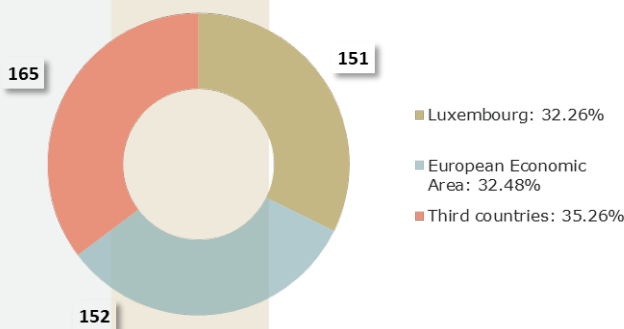
In October 2021, the CSSF sent 10 notifications relating to prospectuses and base prospectuses and 36 notifications relating to supplements to the competent authorities of other EEA Member States².

ISSUERS OF SECURITIES WHOSE HOME MEMBER STATE IS LUXEMBOURG PURSUANT TO THE LAW OF 11 JANUARY 2008 ON TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUERS (THE "TRANSPARENCY LAW")

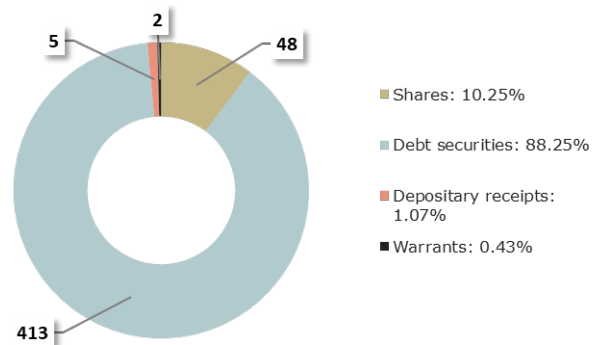
Since 30 September 2021, two issuers have chosen Luxembourg as home Member State for the purposes of the Transparency Law. Moreover, four issuers were deregistered from the list due to the fact that they no longer fall within the scope of the Transparency Law.

As at 31 October 2021, **468 issuers** subject to the supervision of the CSSF were included in the list of issuers whose home Member State is Luxembourg pursuant to the Transparency Law.

Breakdown of issuers according to countries



Breakdown of issuers according to type of securities admitted to trading



² These figures are the number of prospectuses, base prospectuses, registration documents and supplements for which the CSSF sent one or several notifications. Where notifications were sent at different dates and/or in several Member States, only the first notification is included in the statistical calculation. Each document notified in one or several Member States is thus only counted once.

PENSION FUNDS

As at 31 October 2021, **12 pension funds** in the form of pension savings companies with variable capital (SEPCAVs) and pension savings associations (ASSEPs) were registered on the official list of pension funds subject to the Law of 13 July 2005 on institutions for occupational retirement provision in the form of a SEPCAV and an ASSEP.

On the same date, the number of professionals authorised to act as **liability managers** for pension funds subject to the Law of 13 July 2005 amounted to **17**.

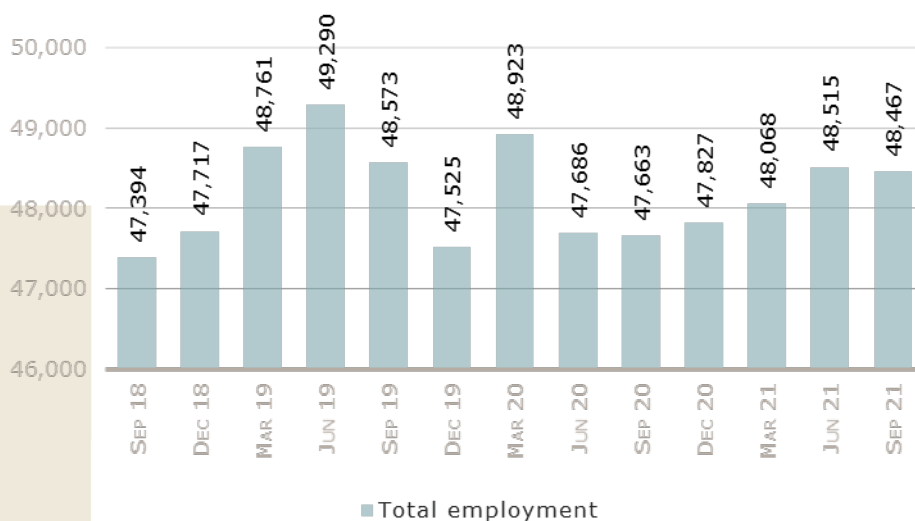
SECURITISATION UNDERTAKINGS

The number of **securitisation undertakings** authorised by the CSSF in accordance with the Law of 22 March 2004 on securitisation amounted to **29** entities as at 31 October 2021.

PUBLIC OVERSIGHT OF THE AUDIT PROFESSION

The public oversight of the audit profession covered **54 cabinets de révision agréés** (approved audit firms) and **342 réviseurs d'entreprises agréés** (approved statutory auditors) as at 31 October 2021. The oversight also included **27 third-country auditors and audit firms** duly registered in accordance with the Law of 23 July 2016 concerning the audit profession.

QUARTERLY STATISTICS TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IN BANKS, PFS, MANAGEMENT COMPANIES (CHAPTER 15), PAYMENT INSTITUTIONS AND ELECTRONIC MONEY INSTITUTIONS



MANAGEMENT COMPANIES AUTHORISED ACCORDING TO CHAPTER 15 OF THE 2010 LAW INCREASE IN THE BALANCE SHEET TOTAL AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2021



Human resources

In order to increase its staff, the CSSF has hired five employees since the publication of the last Newsletter and counts, after the departure of 3 agents, 955 agents (516 men and 439 women). They have been assigned to the following departments:

Supervision of investment firms

Baptiste BURGARD
Andreia RODRIGUES CAVALEIRO

Supervision of information systems and support PFS

Basak DINC

Personnel, administration and finance

Elmar BIER

Information systems of the CSSF

Martin MOUTON



European/International News in October 2021

Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM) - European Central Bank (ECB)

Date	Publications	Description
06.10.2021	Supervisory Banking Statistics - Second quarter 2021	The ECB published the Supervisory Banking Statistics for the second quarter 2021.
18.10.2021	Information on participation in the 2022 ECB Climate Risk Stress Test	The ECB published a letter to the CEO of significant banks informing them on their participation in the 2022 ECB climate risk stress test.
18.10.2021	Climate risk stress test - Methodology	The ECB published a report on the climate risk stress test methodology.
25.10.2021	Vacancy notice - ECB representative to the Supervisory Board	The ECB published a vacancy notice, seeking for a candidate for the position of one ECB representative to the Supervisory Board.

Date	Interviews and speeches	Description
19.10.2021	Frank Elderson: The role of supervisors and central banks in the climate crisis	Keynote speech by Frank Elderson, Member of the Executive Board of the ECB and Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Board of the ECB, at the 31 st Lisbon meeting between the central banks of Portuguese-speaking countries.
20.10.2021	Frank Elderson: Overcoming the tragedy of the horizon: requiring banks to translate 2050 targets into milestones	Keynote speech by Frank Elderson, Member of the Executive Board of the ECB and Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Board of the ECB, at the Financial Market Authority's Supervisory Conference.

European Parliament, European Commission and European Council

Date	Regulatory developments	Description
04.10.2021	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1751 of 1 October 2021	Publication of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1751 of 1 October 2021 laying down implementing technical standards for the application of Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to uniform formats and templates for notifications of determination of the impracticability of including contractual recognition of write down and conversion powers.
04.10.2021	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/1753 of 1 October 2021	Publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/1753 of 1 October 2021 on the equivalence of the supervisory and regulatory requirements of certain third countries and territories for the purposes of the treatment of exposures in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council.
11.10.2021	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1783 of 2 July 2021	Publication of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1783 of 2 July 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to regulatory technical standards containing a template document for cooperation arrangements with third countries.

European Banking Authority (EBA)

Date	Publications	Description
05.10.2021	EBA publishes its work programme for 2022	The EBA published its annual work programme for 2022, describing the activities and tasks of the authority as well as its key strategic areas of work for the coming year.
07.10.2021	EBA updates risk assessment indicators	The EBA published an updated list of indicators for risk assessment and risk analysis tools, together with the accompanying methodological guide. Without adding any reporting burden neither on reporting institutions nor on competent authorities, this guidance describes how risk indicators are computed in EBA publications and allows competent authorities and users of EBA data to interpret key bank figures in a consistent fashion when conducting their risk assessments and analyses.
14.10.2021	EBA points to still elevated benchmark rate transition risks	The EBA published a thematic note on the transition risks of benchmark rates as LIBOR (the London Interbank Offered Rate) and EONIA (the Euro Overnight Index Average) - two major benchmark interest rates - are close to being phased out.
14.10.2021	EBA repeals its Guidelines on the security of internet payments under the former Payments Services Directive (PSD1)	The EBA repealed its Guidelines on the security of internet payments. These Guidelines were issued before the revised Payments Services Directive (PSD2) came into force in 2016 and have since then been superseded by the PSD2 and the related EBA instruments developed in support of PSD2.
19/10/2021	EBA publishes final draft regulatory technical standards on disclosure of investment policy by investment firms	The EBA published new regulatory technical standards (RTS) on disclosure of investment policy by investment firms. The final draft RTS put forward comparable disclosures that should help stakeholders understand investment firms' influence over the companies in which they hold voting rights and the impact of investment firms' policies on aspects such as the governance or management of those companies.
19.10.2021	EBA updates version 5.1 of its filing rules for supervisory reporting	The EBA published an updated version of its 5.1 filing rules document for supervisory reporting. In particular, the update modifies rule 1.6 to simplify the use of the filing indicator by removing the option "empty filing" indicator. This updated rule must be followed for all the submissions and resubmissions as of 1 January 2023. In addition, the update modifies rule 3.6 to improve Consolidated/Individual information circulation and to allow for multiple consolidation levels for an entity. CON/IND is being moved from module name to reporting subjects. This change will apply as of 31 December 2022.
20.10.2021	EBA publishes clarifications to the seventh set of issues raised by its industry working group on Application Programming Interfaces under the Payment Services Directive (PSD2)	The EBA published clarifications to a seventh set of issues that had been raised by participants of its working group on Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) under the Payment Services Directive (PSD2). The clarifications respond to issues raised on downtime of dedicated interfaces, payment status/rejection reasons, ASPSPs restricting access in case of embedded redirection, scope of the bank offered consent, inability to initiate bulk payments via APIs and whether the Electronic Banking Internet Communication Standard (EBICS) is within the scope of PSD2.
22.10.2021	EBA publishes final draft technical standards on the alternative standardised approach for market risk as part of its FRTB roadmap	The EBA publishes its final draft Regulatory Technical Standards (RTS) on gross jump-to-default (JTD) amounts and on residual risk add-on (RRAO). These final draft RTS provide technical specifications for the implementation of these two elements of the alternative standardised approach for market risk. The draft RTS are part of the phase 3 deliverables of the EBA roadmap for the new market and counterparty credit risk approaches.
22.10.2021	EBA replies to the European Commission's call for advice on funding in resolution and insolvency as part of the review of the crisis management and deposit insurance framework	The EBA published its advice to the EU Commission on funding in resolution and insolvency as part of the review of the crisis management and deposit insurance (CMDI) framework. The EBA response provides a quantitative analysis on banks' capacity to access available sources of funding under the current framework and under various creditor hierarchies, and with regards to the minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities (MREL).

28.10.2021	EBA observes discrepancies in relation to the protection of client funds by deposit guarantee schemes and makes recommendations to the EU Commission	The EBA published an Opinion on the treatment of client funds under DGSD, where it assessed the current approaches to the protection of funds deposited with credit institutions on behalf of clients by entities that are themselves excluded from DGS protection. Based on its assessment, the EBA included some recommendations to the EU Commission, which aim at informing its ongoing review of the DGSD.
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Date	Consultation	Description
28.10.2021	EBA consults on the amendment to its technical standards on strong customer authentication and secure communication in relation to the 90-day exemption for account access	The EBA launched a public consultation on the amendment of its Regulatory Technical Standards (RTS) on strong customer authentication and secure communication (SCA&CSC) under the Payment Services Directive (PSD2) with regard to 90-day exemption from SCA for account access. The proposed amendment aims at addressing a number of issues that the EBA has identified in the application of the exemption by some account servicing payment service providers (ASPSPs) across the EU Member States and which have resulted in a negative impact on the services offered by account information service providers (AISPs) under the PSD2. The consultation runs until 25 November 2021.

European Supervisory Authorities (ESAs)

Date	Publications	Description
18.10.2021	European Supervisory Authorities publish sectoral reports on the supervisory independence of competent authorities	The ESAs – the EBA, EIOPA and ESMA – published their individual reports on the supervisory independence of competent authorities (CAs) in their sectors. Based on the CAs' self-assessment, the three reports highlight that the independence of CAs is multi-faceted and dependent on a number of legal, institutional, operational and cultural factors.
21.10.2021	ESAs invite stakeholders' input on PRIIPs review	The ESAs have opened today a call for evidence regarding the PRIIPs (Packaged retail and insurance-based investment products) Regulation. The call for evidence is open until 16 December 2021.
22.10.2021	ESAs propose new rules for taxonomy-related product disclosures	The ESAs have delivered to the European Commission (EC) their Final Report with draft Regulatory Technical Standards (RTS) regarding disclosures under the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) as amended by the Regulation on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment (Taxonomy Regulation). The disclosures relate to financial products that make sustainable investments contributing to environmental objectives.

Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS)

Date	Publication	Description
14.10.2021	Progress report on adoption of the Basel regulatory framework	The updated progress report sets out the jurisdictional adoption status of Basel III standards as of end-September 2021 based on information provided by all Committee member jurisdictions. It focuses on the status of adoption of all Basel III standards in relation to the internationally agreed time frame, including the Basel III post-crisis reforms published by the Committee in December 2017 and the finalised minimum capital requirements for market risk in January 2019, which according to the announcement made by Governors and Heads of Supervision in March 2020, will take effect from 1 January 2023.

Macroprudential topics and fora

European Central Bank (ECB)

Date	Publications	Description
14.10.2021	Low rates and bank stability: the risk of a tipping point	The ECB published a research bulletin that studies the effect of low rates on bank solvency and, hence, on the probability of a crisis. This research shows that very loose monetary policies can have an adverse impact on the health of the financial system, and proposes the tipping point as a model-based indicator for financial stability.
19.10.2021	The challenge of capturing climate risks in the banking regulatory framework: is there a need for a macroprudential response?	The ECB published the Macroprudential Bulletin, which explores the challenges of incorporating climate risks and their unique features into the existing prudential banking framework. The article also discusses gaps in Pillar 1 of the prudential framework, before exploring potential avenues for addressing them.
26.10.2021	The euro area bank lending survey – Third quarter of 2021	The ECB published the results of its latest bank lending survey (BLS), conducted between 20 September and 5 October 2021. First, euro area banks indicated broadly unchanged credit standards on loans to enterprises in the third quarter of 2021. Second, they indicated that demand for loans to firms increased slightly in the third quarter of 2021, in line with muted developments in actual loan growth to NFCs in the euro area. Third, banks adopted a more cautious attitude towards housing loans, reporting a net tightening of credit standards for such loans.
29.10.2021	Economic Bulletin Issue 7	The ECB published the Economic Bulletin, which presents the ECB's main findings from its recent contacts with non-financial companies. Contacts reported strong growth in activity overall, but many said that supply constraints were increasingly limiting their ability to meet demand. Looking ahead, most contacts were optimistic about the outlook for activity in the fourth quarter of 2021 and beyond.
29.10.2021	The ECB Survey of Professional Forecasters - Fourth quarter of 2021	The ECB published its Survey of Professional Forecasters for the fourth quarter of 2021. HICP inflation expectations were revised up, standing at 2.3%, 1.9% and 1.7% for 2021, 2022 and 2023 respectively. On the contrary, real GDP growth expectations were broadly unchanged, standing at 5.1% for 2021, 4.5% for 2022 and 2.2% for 2023 in the fourth-quarter survey round. Finally, the average point forecasts for the unemployment rate in the fourth quarter of 2021 round were 7.8%, 7.4% and 7.2% for 2021, 2022 and 2023 respectively.

Countercyclical Capital buffer (CCyB)

The list of applicable CCyB rates in EU/EEA countries is available on the [website of the ESRB](#). The following countries have announced a CCyB rate different from 0%:

Country	CCyB rate	Application since
Bulgaria	0.5%	01.04.2020
	1%	01.10.2022
Czech Republic	0.5%	01.07.2020
	1%	01.07.2022
	1.5%	01.10.2022
Denmark	0%	12.03.2020
	1%	30.09.2022
Iceland	0%	18.03.2020
	2%	29.09.2022
Luxembourg	0.5%	01.01.2021
Norway	1%	13.03.2020
	1.5%	30.06.2022
Romania	0%	01.01.2016
	0.5%	17.10.2022
Slovakia	1%	01.08.2020
Sweden	0%	16.03.2020
	1%	29.09.2022

Pending CCyB rates are followed by an asterisk ("*").

The list of applicable CCyB rates in non-EU/EEA countries can be consulted on the [website of the Bank of International Settlements](#).

Financial Stability Board (FSB)

Date	Publications	Description
08.10.2021	G20 Data Gaps Initiative (DGI-2): The Sixth Progress Report — Countdown to December 2021	The FSB and the IMF published the Sixth Progress Report, which marks the final year of the second phase of the Data Gaps Initiative (DGI-2). The report highlights that significant progress has been achieved during phases 1 and 2 of the Initiative, and also that the Initiative has proved its value during the crisis triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic, helping policymakers to access key information in order to assess developments and risks in the financial and non-financial sectors, as well as to analyse interconnectedness and cross-border spillovers.
11.10.2021	Policy proposals to enhance money market fund resilience: Final report	The FSB published a report that sets out policy proposals to enhance MMFs' resilience, including with respect to the appropriate structure of the sector and of underlying short-term funding markets. It reflects public feedback received on a consultative version of the report, which the FSB published in June 2021.
13.10.2021	Targets for addressing the four challenges of cross-border payments: Final report	The FSB published a report that sets out global quantitative targets for addressing the challenges of cost, speed, transparency and access faced by cross-border payments. They play an important role in defining the ambition of the work of the G20 Roadmap for Enhancing Cross-Border Payments. They have benefited from responses to a public consultation launched in May 2021.

14.10.2021	2021 Status Report: Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures	The FSB published a status report that shows that disclosure of climate-related financial information has accelerated over the past year, growing by nine percentage points in 2020 compared to four percentage points in 2019 in the prior year, and finds that over 50% of firms disclosed their climate-related risks and opportunities. Companies remain more likely to disclose information on their climate-related risks and opportunities than on any other recommended disclosure.
27.10.2021	2021 FSB Annual Report	The FSB published its Annual Report. The Annual Report presents the FSB's high-level assessment of current vulnerabilities in the global financial system; describes the main findings of the FSB's ongoing financial stability work and implications for the functioning and resilience of the global financial system; and takes stock of progress by FSB members in implementing G20 reforms and reports on the findings of evaluations on the effects of those reforms.

European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA)

Date	Publications	Description
01.10.2021	ESMA seeks stakeholder input on shaping advice on retail investor protection	ESMA published a call for evidence on a number of retail investor protection topics under MiFID II. These views will feed into ESMA's technical advice to the European Commission (EC) on the development of its strategy for retail investment.
05.10.2021	ESMA publishes latest edition of its newsletter	ESMA published its latest edition of its Spotlight on Markets Newsletter.
12.10.2021	ESMA publishes final report for STS synthetic securitisation notifications	ESMA submitted its Final Report on technical standards specifying content and format of the STS notification for on-balance sheet securitisations (synthetic securitisations) to the European Commission.
15.10.2021	Verena Ross appointed chair of the European securities and markets authority	ESMA's next Chair will be Verena Ross. The appointment was confirmed by the Council of the European Union at its meeting in Brussels.
21.10.2021	CCP supervisory committee chair delivers keynote speech at the second each CCP risk management summit	The Chair of ESMA's CCP Supervisory Committee, Klaus Löber, delivered a keynote speech on the role of CCPs in supporting the safety and efficiency of global financial markets.
28.10.2021	ESMA addresses investment recommendations made on social media platforms	ESMA issued a Public Statement on investment recommendations made on social media. ESMA makes clear what investment recommendations are, how to post them on social media platforms and what the consequences of possible breaches of the EU Market Abuse Regulation can be.
29.10.2021	ESMA makes new bond liquidity data available and publishes data for the systematic internaliser calculations	ESMA has made available new data for bonds subject to the pre- and post-trade requirements of MiFID II and MiFIR through its data register.



Financial centre

Main updated figures regarding the financial centre

			Annual comparison
Banks	Number (31/10/2021)	126	↘ 2 entities
	Balance sheet total (30/06/2021)	EUR 889.183 bn	↗ EUR 21.152 bn
	Profit before provisions and taxes (30/06/2021)	EUR 2.772 bn	↗ EUR 87 m
Payment institutions	Number (31/10/2021)	15	↗ 3 entities
Electronic money institutions	Number (31/10/2021)	10	no variation
UCIs	Number (31/10/2021)	Part I 2010 Law: 1,673	↘ 45 entities
		Part II 2010 Law: 238	↘ 7 entities
		SIFs: 1,382	↘ 58 entities
	TOTAL: 3,293	↘ 110 entities	
	Number (31/10/2021)	SICAR: 225	↘ 8 entities
	Total net assets (30/09/2021)	EUR 5,601.512 bn	↗ EUR 905.326 bn
Management companies (Chapter 15)	Number (31/10/2021)	178	↘ 12 entities
	Balance sheet total (30/09/2021) ³	EUR 20.558 bn	↗ EUR 3.931 bn
Management companies (Chapter 16)	Number (31/10/2021)	155	no variation
AIFMs	Number (31/10/2021)	266	↗ 4 entities
Pension funds	Number (31/10/2021)	12	↗ 1 entity
Authorised securitisation undertakings	Number (31/10/2021)	29	↘ 3 entities
Investment firms	Number (31/10/2021)	96	↘ 3 entities
	Balance sheet total (30/09/2021)	EUR 1.196 bn	↗ EUR 59 m
	Provisional net profit (30/09/2021)	EUR 84.79 m	↗ EUR 9.75 m
Specialised PFS	Number (31/10/2021)	98	↘ 2 entities
	Balance sheet total (30/09/2021)	EUR 6.607 bn	↗ EUR 624 m
	Provisional net profit (30/09/2021)	EUR 62.89 m	↗ EUR 0.67 m
Support PFS	Number (31/10/2021)	69	↘ 2 entities
	Balance sheet total (30/09/2021)	EUR 1.510 bn	↘ EUR 323 m
	Provisional net profit (30/09/2021)	EUR 61.84 m	↗ EUR 25.03 m
Issuers of securities whose home Member State is Luxembourg pursuant to the Transparency Law	Number (31/10/2021)	468	↗ 30 entities
Public oversight of the audit profession	Number (31/10/2021)	54 <i>cabinets de révision agréés</i>	no variation
		342 <i>réviseurs d'entreprises agréés</i>	↗ 17 people
		27 third-country auditors and audit firms	↗ 4 entities
Employment (30/09/2021)	Banks	26,147 people	↘ 7 people
	Management companies (Chapter 15) ³	5,018 people	↗ 85 people
	Investment firms	1,906 people	↗ 145 people
	Specialised PFS	5,787 people	↗ 407 people
	Support PFS	8,919 people	↘ 4 people
	Payment institutions/electronic money institutions	690 people	↗ 178 people
	Total	48,467 people	↗ 804 people⁴

³ Preliminary figures.

⁴ This development does not mean a net creation or loss of jobs, but includes the transfer of existing jobs from the non-financial sector to the financial sector and vice versa.