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Warnings

Warnings of the CSSF

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

- Warning regarding the company International Markets Live Inc (IM MASTERY ACADEMY) (website <https://im.academy/>)
- Warning regarding the activities of an entity named Coin Option or Coin Option Bank Europe S.A. (<https://gocoinoptions.com/#/home>)
- Warning concerning the website <https://www.mon-acces-personnel.com> and fraudulent activities where the name of the company QUILVEST CAPITAL PARTNERS AM S.A. is misused
- Warning concerning the fraudulent activities carried out by the entity Luxem Capital (website: <https://luxemcapital.com/>)

Given the significant number of fraudulent websites recently identified, the CSSF recommends verifying 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 the CSSF [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

Circulars CSSF 23/836, CSSF 23/837 and 23/838 – Remuneration

On 26 May 2023, the CSSF has published the following three Circulars, adopting the Guidelines of the European Banking Authority ("EBA") on remuneration data collection exercises:

- Circular CSSF 23/836 adopting the EBA Guidelines on the benchmarking exercises on remuneration practices, the gender pay gap and approved higher ratios under Directive 2013/36/EU ("EBA/GL/2022/06");
- Circular CSSF 23/838 adopting the EBA Guidelines on the benchmarking exercises on remuneration practices and the gender pay gap under Directive (EU) 2019/2034 ("EBA/GL/2022/07"); and
- Circular CSSF 23/837 adopting the EBA Guidelines on the data collection exercises regarding high earners under Directive 2013/36/EU and under Directive (EU) 2019/2034 ("EBA/GL/2022/08")

These Guidelines organise the remuneration data collection exercises, as mandated by requirements in the CRD and IFD frameworks.

Entities that are in scope of the EBA exercises will be informed by letter in due course.

Additionally, we want to already inform entities that the data collection format will be XBRL rather than Excel, starting from the data collection exercises in 2023 for financial year 2022.

The EBA data collection exercises and frequencies of these exercises are listed in the table below.

Circular CSSF 23/836

Exercise	Frequency	First data collection
Remuneration benchmarking of a sample of CRR institutions	annually	2023 for financial year 2022
Gender pay gap data collection of a sample of CRR institutions	every three years	2024 for financial year 2023
Approved higher ratios data collection of all CRR institutions that have approval	every two years	2023 for financial year 2022

Circular CSSF 23/838

Exercise	Frequency	First data collection
Remuneration benchmarking of a sample of non-SNI IFR investment firms	annually	2023 for financial year 2022
Gender pay gap data collection of a sample of non-SNI IFR investment firms	every three years	2024 for financial year 2023

Circular CSSF 23/837

Exercise	Frequency	First data collection
High earners (earning more than €1m) data collection of CRR institutions	annually	2023 for financial year 2022
High earners (earning more than €1m) data collection of non-SNI IFR investment firms	annually	2023 for financial year 2022

Finally, we would like to inform you that the CSSF will continue to conduct national data collection exercises including a wider scope of entities, in line with its supervisory role detailed in Articles 38-10 and 38-24 of the Law of 5 April 1993 on the financial sector, as amended.

If you have any questions, please contact us via the following email address: remuneration@cssf.lu.

<https://www.cssf.lu/en/Document/circular-cssf-23-836/>

<https://www.cssf.lu/en/Document/circular-cssf-23-837/>

<https://www.cssf.lu/en/Document/circular-cssf-23-838/>

Circular CSSF 23/835 – MiFID II suitability requirements

The purpose of the circular is to inform you that the CSSF, in its capacity as competent authority, will apply the Guidelines of the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) on certain aspects of the MiFID II suitability requirements (ESMA35-43-3172) (the "Guidelines") from 3 October 2023 onwards. The CSSF will integrate the Guidelines, issued with a view to promoting supervisory convergence in this field at European level, into its administrative practice and regulatory approach.

<https://www.cssf.lu/en/Document/circular-cssf-23-835/>

Circular CSSF-CPDI 23/35 – Deposit guarantee and the investor compensation

The objective of the circular is to amend Circular CSSF-CPDI 16/02 on the scope of the deposit guarantee and the investor compensation by incorporating the provisions of Article 62 of Regulation (EU) 2019/2033 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 which affect the definition of financial institutions.

<https://www.cssf.lu/en/Document/circular-cssf-cpdi-23-35/>



Communiqués

Date	Publications
26.05.2023	Survey in relation to Circular CSSF 21/769 on Teleworking
31.05.2023	Launch of the ESMA Common Supervisory Action on the application of MiFID II disclosure rules with regard to marketing communications and advertisements of financial products
01.06.2023	Publication of Q&As by the Commission des normes comptables (CNC)
02.06.2023	New version of the comparison website on the fees related to payment accounts
07.06.2023	Global situation of undertakings for collective investment at the end of April 2023
12.06.2023	CSSF/CAA joint conference on EMIR Reporting
12.06.2023	ESMA issues a statement to highlight the risks arising from the provision of unregulated products and/or services by investment firms
13.06.2023	Profit and loss account of credit institutions as at 31 March 2023



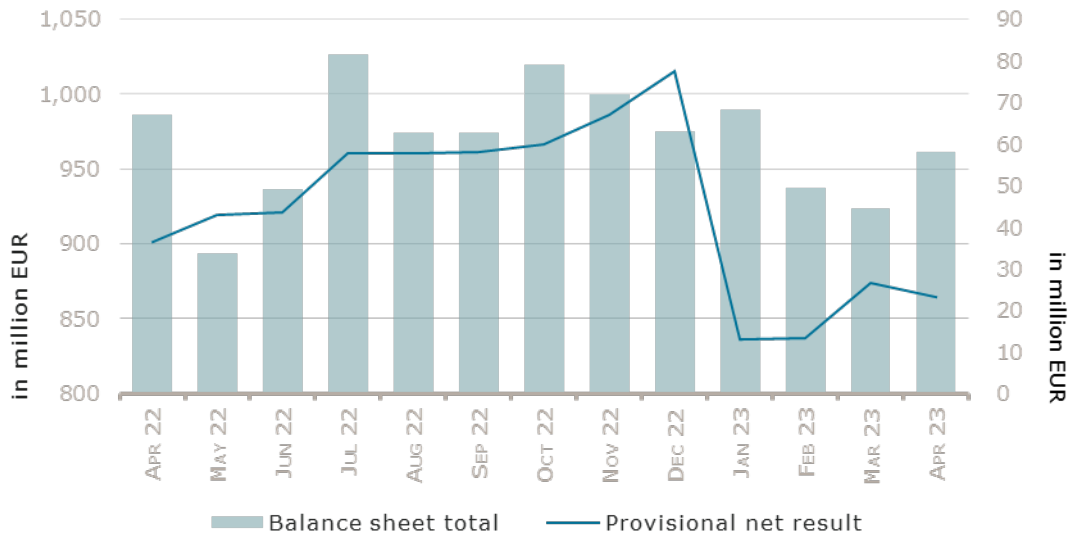
Withdrawal decided by the CSSF

Following the CSSF's decision to withdraw the specialised investment fund QUADRUM SICAV-SIF S.C.A. from the official list of specialised investment funds, the VIth Chamber of the Luxembourg *Tribunal d'arrondissement* (District Court) dealing with commercial matters, per judgement of 20 April 2023, pronounced the dissolution and ordered the liquidation of the specialised investment fund QUADRUM SICAV-SIF S.C.A. The same judgement has appointed Ms Jackie Mores as official receiver (*juge-commissaire*) and Mr Laurent Fisch as liquidator.

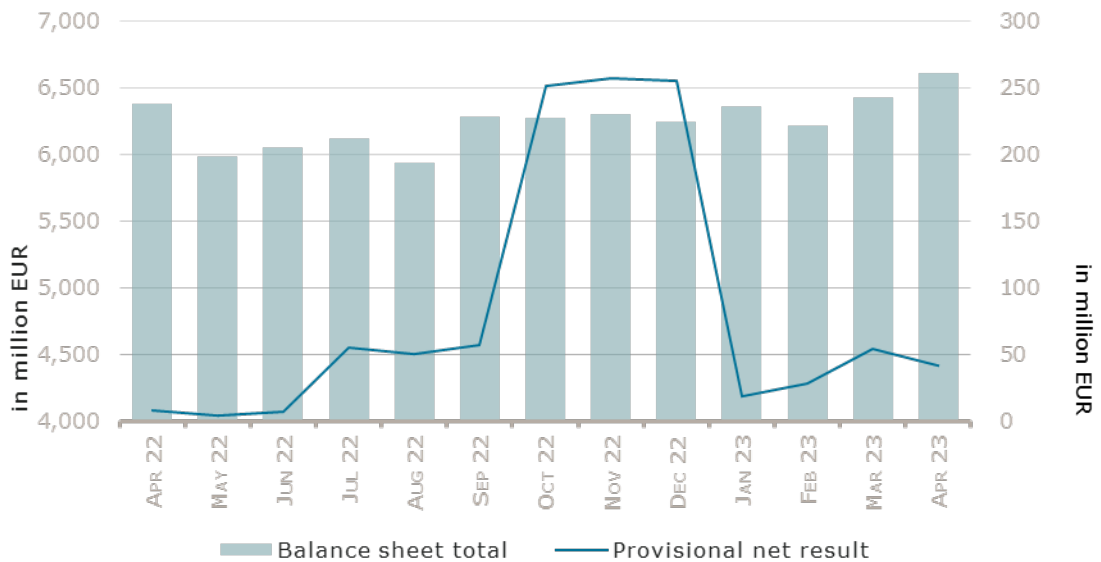


MONTHLY STATISTICS

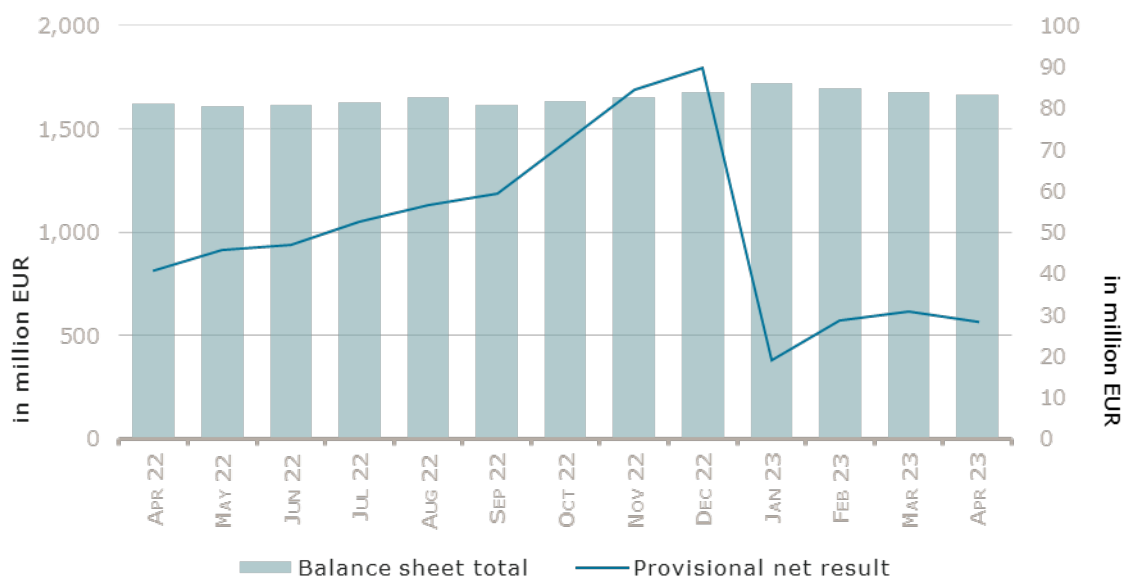
INVESTMENT FIRMS:
INCREASE IN THE BALANCE SHEET TOTAL AS AT 30 APRIL 2023



SPECIALISED PFS:
INCREASE IN THE BALANCE SHEET TOTAL AS AT 30 APRIL 2023



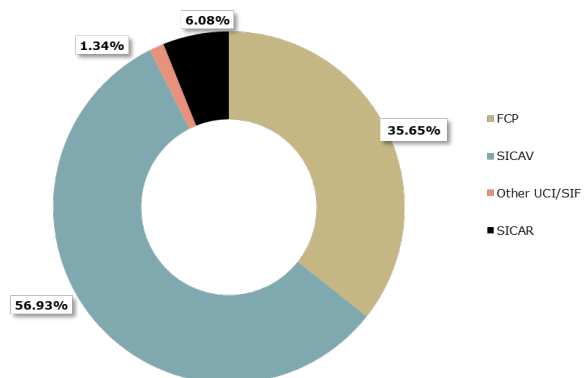
**SUPPORT PFS:
DECREASE IN THE BALANCE SHEET TOTAL AS AT 30 APRIL 2023**



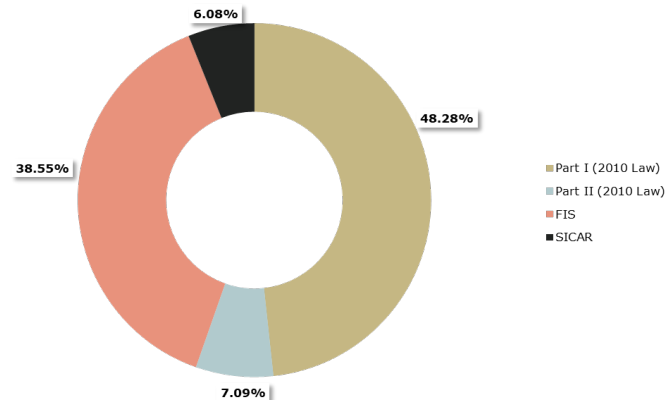
**UCIS:
SITUATION AS AT 30 APRIL 2023**

NUMBER OF UCIS

Breakdown of UCIs according to legal form



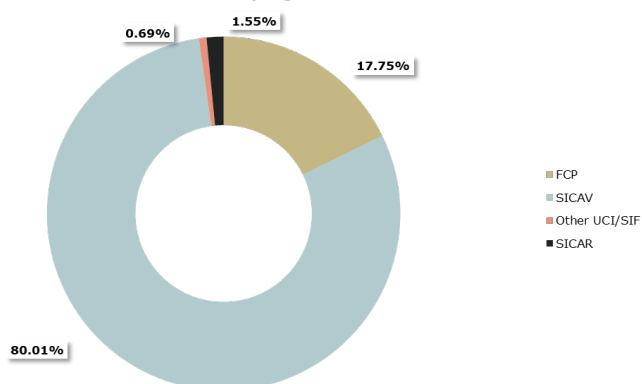
Breakdown of UCIs according to law and part applicable



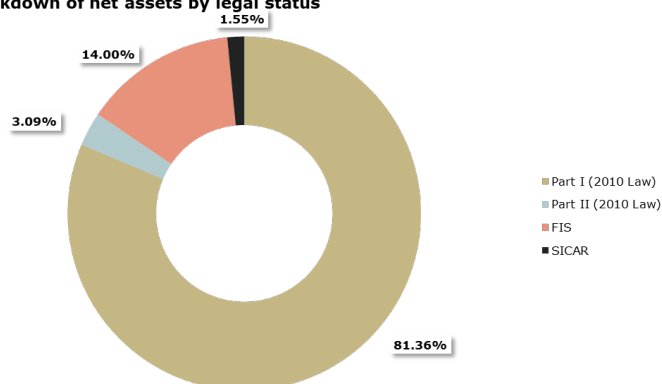
	FCP	SICAV	Other UCIs / SIFs	SICARs	Total
Part I (2010 Law)	821	792	0	0	1,613
Part II (2010 Law)	107	128	2	0	237
SIFs	263	982	43	0	1,288
SICARs	0	0	0	203	203
Total	1,191	1,902	45	203	3,341

NET ASSETS OF UCIS

Breakdown of net assets of UCIs by legal form



Breakdown of net assets by legal status



<i>in billion EUR</i>	FCP	SICAV	Other UCIs / SIFs	SICARs	Total
Part I (2010 Law)	653.299	3,527.848	0.000	0.000	4,181.147
Part II (2010 Law)	45.289	113.078	0.273	0.000	158.640
SIFs	213.283	470.880	35.391	0.000	719.554
SICARs	0.000	0.000	0.000	79.686	79.686
Total	911.871	4,111.806	35.664	79.686	5,139.027

NET ASSETS BROKEN DOWN BY INVESTMENT POLICY

Breakdown by investment policy	Net assets (in bn €)	Number of fund units
Fixed-Income Transferable Securities	1,214.086	3,142
Variable-Yield Transferable Securities	1,736.324	4,167
Mixed Transferable Securities	1,006.668	3,393
Funds of Funds	338.612	2,042
Money Market Instruments and Other Short-Term Securities	451.725	197
Private Equity	82.250	256
Venture Capital	4.142	31
Real Estate	135.125	319
Futures and/or Options	11.615	66
Other Assets	78.794	276
Public-to-Private	0.145	2
Mezzanine	0.900	9
Venture Capital (SICAR)	7.507	64
Private Equity (SICAR)	71.134	262
TOTAL	5,139.027	14,226

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	1,123.054	2,736	36.644	35.616	1.028
Variable-Yield Transferable Securities	1,663.924	3,851	38.791	43.087	-4.296
Mixed Transferable Securities	804.110	2,489	13.695	19.227	-5.532
Funds of Funds	149.223	795	1.619	2.319	-0.700
Money Market Instruments and Other Short-Term Securities	431.121	166	215.011	212.601	2.410
Futures and/or Options	6.939	38	0.073	0.158	-0.085
Other Assets	2.776	7	0.039	0.080	-0.041
SUB-TOTAL PART I	4,181.147	10,082	305.872	313.088	-7.216
PART II					
Fixed-Income Transferable Securities	11.904	84	0.182	0.366	-0.184
Variable-Yield Transferable Securities	13.981	66	0.174	0.236	-0.062
Mixed Transferable Securities	60.842	164	0.748	0.690	0.058
Funds of Funds	31.290	186	0.348	0.542	-0.194
Money Market Instruments and Other Short-Term Securities	12.709	20	1.172	0.925	0.247
Private Equity	16.861	31	0.209	0.087	0.122
Venture Capital	1.121	3	0.050	0.000	0.050
Real Estate	4.443	13	0.011	0.006	0.005
Futures and/or Options	1.258	12	0.003	0.022	-0.019
Other Assets	4.231	25	0.055	0.056	-0.001
SUB-TOTAL PART II	158.640	604	2.952	2.930	0.022

SIF

Fixed-Income Transferable Securities	79.128	322	1.114	1.065	0.049
Variable-Yield Transferable Securities	58.419	250	0.349	0.727	-0.378
Mixed Transferable Securities	141.716	740	1.409	1.083	0.326
Funds of Funds	158.099	1,061	8.033	1.334	6.699
Money Market Instruments and Other Short-Term Securities	7.895	11	1.982	1.927	0.055
Private Equity	65.389	225	1.223	0.268	0.955
Venture Capital	3.021	28	0.023	0.011	0.012
Real Estate	130.682	306	0.460	1.040	-0.580
Futures and/or Options	3.418	16	0.044	0.067	-0.023
Other Assets	71.787	244	0.877	0.824	0.053
SUB-TOTAL SIFs	719.554	3,203	15.514	8.346	7.168
SICAR					
Public-to-Private	0.145	2	0.000	0.000	0.000
Mezzanine	0.900	9	0.000	0.000	0.000
Venture Capital	7.507	64	0.000	0.000	0.000
Private Equity	71.134	262	0.000	0.010	-0.010
TOTAL SICAR	79.686	337	0.000	0.010	-0.010
TOTAL LUXEMBOURG UCIs	5,139.027	14,226	324.338	324.374	-0.036

ORIGIN OF THE INITIATORS OF LUXEMBOURG UCIS

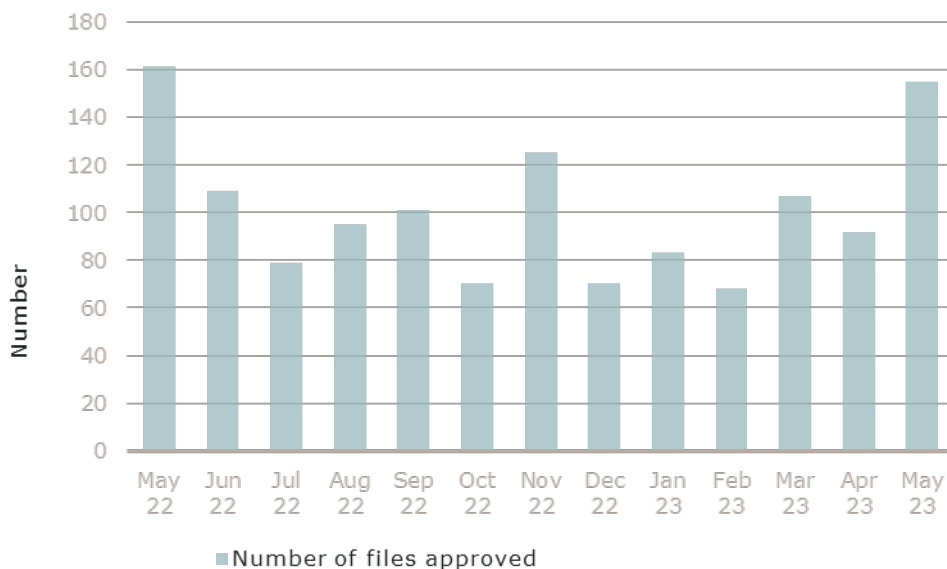
Country	Net assets (in bn EUR)	in %	Number of UCIs	in %	Number of fund units	in %
US	999.384	19.5%	160	4.8%	1,173	8.2%
GB	856.482	16.7%	237	7.1%	1,606	11.3%
DE	757.086	14.7%	1,070	32.0%	2,259	15.9%
CH	683.490	13.3%	519	15.5%	2,629	18.5%
FR	583.138	11.3%	250	7.5%	1,553	10.9%
IT	335.464	6.5%	111	3.3%	1,259	8.9%
BE	234.636	4.6%	130	3.9%	732	5.1%
LU	209.135	4.1%	279	8.4%	852	6.0%
NL	115.256	2.2%	39	1.2%	258	1.8%
DK	109.129	2.1%	18	0.5%	203	1.4%
OTHERS	255.827	5.0%	528	15.8%	1,702	12.0%
TOTAL	5,139.027	100.0%	3,341	100.0%	14,226	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	2.775	0.054%	15	0.105%
CAD	2.576	0.050%	15	0.105%
CHF	52.282	1.017%	240	1.687%
CNH	9.040	0.176%	27	0.190%
CNY	5.022	0.098%	6	0.042%
CZK	1.408	0.027%	56	0.394%
DKK	1.547	0.030%	12	0.084%
EUR	2,773.163	53.963%	8,776	61.690%
GBP	155.695	3.030%	276	1.940%
HKD	3.166	0.062%	8	0.056%
HUF	0.241	0.005%	19	0.134%
JPY	54.502	1.060%	153	1.076%
NOK	4.161	0.081%	29	0.204%
NZD	0.200	0.004%	1	0.007%
PLN	0.141	0.003%	3	0.021%
RON	0.532	0.010%	2	0.014%
SEK	36.576	0.712%	117	0.823%
SGD	1.359	0.026%	7	0.049%
USD	2,034.624	39.592%	4,463	31.372%
ZAR	0.017	0.000%	1	0.007%
TOTAL	5,139.027	100.000%	14,226	100.000%

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

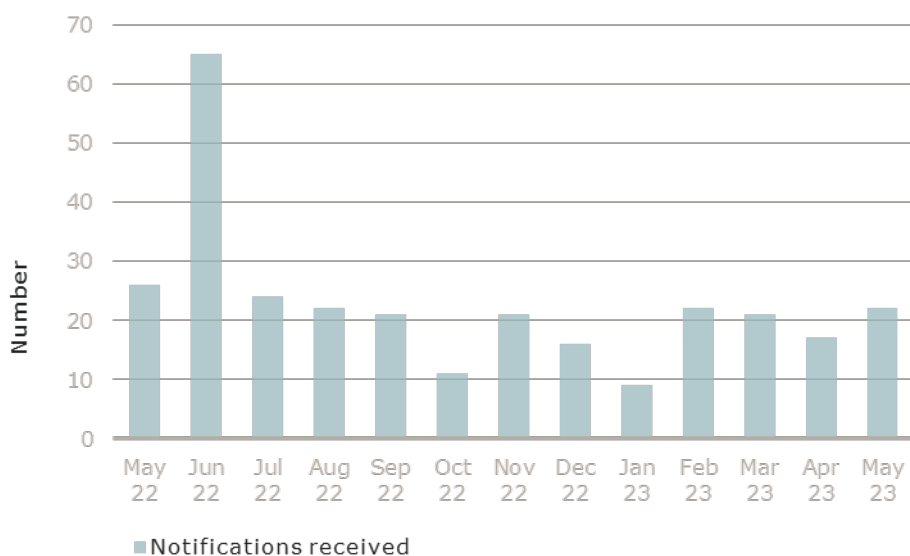
CSSF APPROVALS



In May 2023, the CSSF approved a total of 155 documents pursuant to the Prospectus Regulation, which break down as follows:

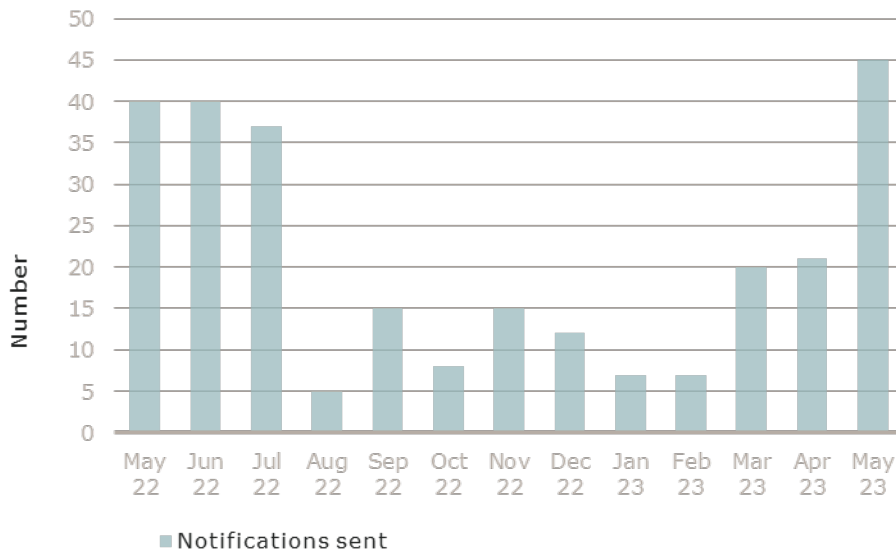
base prospectuses:	59 (38.06%)
other prospectuses:	11 (7.10%)
registration documents:	3 (1.94%)
universal registration documents:	1 (0.64%)
supplements:	81 (52.26%)

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



In May 2023, the CSSF received 20 notifications relating to prospectuses and base prospectuses, 2 notifications relating to registration documents and 92 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



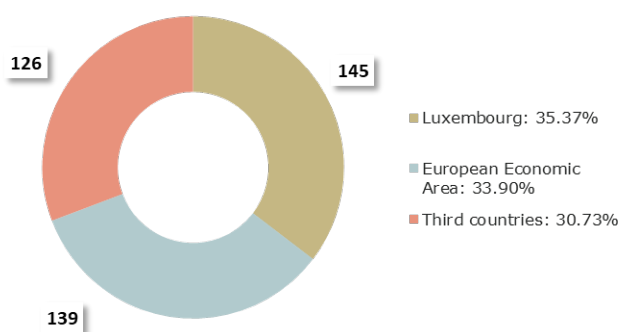
In May 2023, the CSSF sent 42 notifications relating to prospectuses and base prospectuses, 3 notifications relating to registration documents and 53 notifications relating to supplements to the competent authorities of other EEA Member States¹.

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")

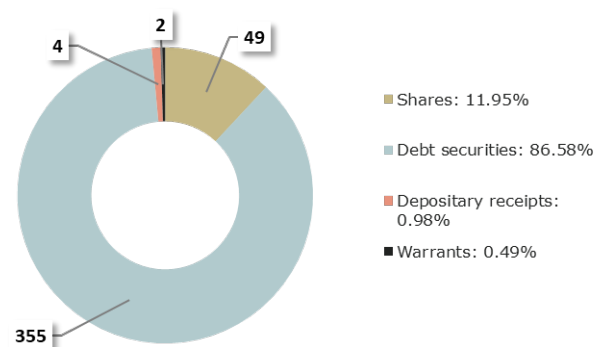
Since 30 April 2023, **two** issuers have chosen Luxembourg as home Member State for the purposes of the Transparency Law. Moreover, **two** issuers were deregistered from the list due to the fact that they no longer fall within the scope of the Transparency Law.

As at 31 May 2023, **410 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



¹ 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 May 2023, **13 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 **14**.

SECURITISATION UNDERTAKINGS

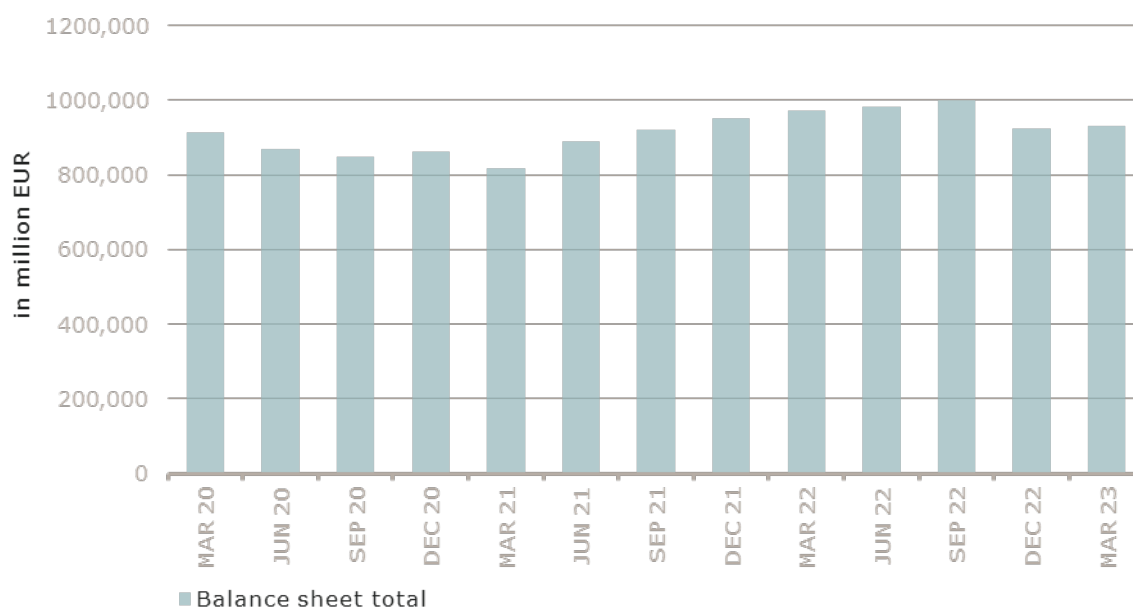
The number of **securitisation undertakings** authorised by the CSSF in accordance with the Law of 22 March 2004 on securitisation amounted to **28** entities as at 31 May 2023.

PUBLIC OVERSIGHT OF THE AUDIT PROFESSION

The public oversight of the audit profession covered **55 cabinets de révision agréés** (approved audit firms) and **366 réviseurs d'entreprises agréés** (approved statutory auditors) as at 31 May 2023. The oversight also included **24 third-country auditors and audit firms** duly registered in accordance with the Law of 23 July 2016 concerning the audit profession.

QUARTERLY STATISTICS

BANKS: INCREASE IN THE BALANCE SHEET TOTAL AS AT 31 MARCH 2023





Human resources

The CSSF has hired 5 employees since the publication of the last Newsletter and counts, after the departure of 1 agent, 965 agents (534 men and 431 women). They have been assigned to the following departments:

- UCI Departments
- Banking Departments
- Innovation, Payments, Market Infrastructures and Governance
- Department "Real Estate and Facility Management"



European/International News in May 2023

European Parliament, European Commission and European Council

Date	Regulatory developments	Description
16/05/2023	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/945 of 17 January 2023	Publication of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/945 of 17 January 2023 amending the regulatory technical standards laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/583 as regards certain transparency requirements applicable to transactions in non-equity instruments.
16/05/2023	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/944 of 17 January 2023	Publication of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/944 of 17 January 2023 amending and correcting the regulatory technical standards laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/587 as regards certain transparency requirements applicable to transactions in equity instruments.

European Supervisory Authorities (ESAs)

Date	Publications	Description
15/05/2023	ESAs draw consumers' attention to how rises in inflation and interest rates might affect their finances	The ESAs published an interactive factsheet to help consumers understand how the recent increases in inflation and interest rates can affect their money. This includes the financial products and services that consumers currently hold or plan to buy, such as loans, savings, financial investments, insurance and pensions.
23/05/2023	ESAs publish Joint Annual Report for 2022	The ESAs published its 2022 Annual Report, which provides an account of its joint work completed over the past year.
25/05/2023	ESAs propose ESG disclosures for STS securitisations	The ESAs jointly submitted to the European Commission Draft Regulatory Technical Standards (RTS) on the ESG impact disclosure for Simple, Transparent and Standardised (STS) securitisations under the Securitisation Regulation (SECR). These final draft RTS aim to help market participants make informed decisions about the sustainability impact of their investments.

Date	Consultations	Description
25/05/2023	ESAs consult to amend technical standards on the mapping of ECAIs' credit assessments	The ESAs launched a public consultation to amend the Implementing Regulations on the mapping of credit assessments of External Credit Assessment Institutions (ECAIs) for credit risk. The Implementing Regulations are part of the EU Single Rulebook for banking and insurance aimed at creating a safe and sound regulatory framework consistently applicable across the European Union (EU). The consultation runs until 26 June 2023.
26/05/2023	ESAs launch discussion on criteria for critical ICT third-party service providers and oversight fees	The ESAs published a joint Discussion Paper seeking stakeholders' input on aspects of the Digital Operational Resilience Act (DORA). This Discussion Paper follows the European Commission's request for technical advice on the criteria for critical ICT third-party providers (CTPPs) and the oversight fees to be levied on them. Interested stakeholders are invited to provide their input by 23 June 2023.

European Banking Authority (EBA)

Date	Publications	Description
02/05/2023	EBA makes supervisory reporting requirements easier to navigate	The EBA launches a signposting tool for supervisory reporting aiming to assist banks in identifying and understanding the reporting requirements that are applicable to them. The signposting tool comes in response to one of the recommendations from the June 2021 EBA Report on the cost of compliance with supervisory reporting requirements and aims at supporting banks in the compliance process, establishing a common business logic and reducing their compliance and reporting costs. As part of its drive for more proportionate regulatory reporting framework, the EBA has issued the first version of an interactive signposting tool, that aims at supporting institutions in identifying relevant modules and templates for their reporting requirements.
04/05/2023	EBA notes EU wide consistent implementation of 2022 priorities in supervisory work programmes and further improvements in the functioning of supervisory colleges but calls for more attention in some areas	The EBA published its annual report on convergence of supervisory practices for 2022. The common supervisory impetus across the EU met its goal for most of the supervisory priorities set in the EBA European Supervisory Examination Programme for 2022 (ESEP), although competent authorities are still in the process of building up their capacity to review the risks associated with the digital transformation and environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG). Competent authorities also showed ability to react to macro events that affected the financial situation of institutions under their supervision, though timely information exchange and cooperation should be enhanced. Lastly, supervisors consciously applied proportionality in their supervisory practices.
12/05/2023	EBA publishes draft technical standards on the prudential consolidation of an investment firm group and completes its Roadmap on investment firms	The EBA published its draft Regulatory Technical Standards (RTS) on the scope and methods of consolidation of an investment firm group under the Investment Firms Regulation (IFR). These RTS detail the scope and methods for the prudential consolidation, as well as the methodology for the consolidation of capital requirements and the rules applicable for minority interest and additional Tier 1 and Tier 2 instruments issued by subsidiaries in the context of prudential consolidation. The aim of these RTS is to ensure prudential consolidation is carried out in a harmonised and consistent way. These RTS are the last regulatory products of the EBA Roadmap on investment firms, released in June 2020.
16/05/2023	EBA publishes Report on holdings of eligible liabilities issued by G-SIIs and O-SIIs	The EBA published a report on the holdings by EU banks of minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities (MREL) instruments issued by the most systemic European banks. As of 31 December 2021, these holdings appear small and potential direct contagion risks are, therefore, limited.

Date	Publications	Description
22/05/2023	EBA revises templates for reporting of deposits subject to Russian and Belarusian economic sanctions	Following the request from the EU Commission, the EBA has updated templates to be used for the second annual reporting of information on deposits subject to the Russia and the Belarus Economic Sanctions Regulations. The EBA is making the template available for voluntary use by the relevant national competent authorities and by the EU Commission, with the aim to promoting a convergent approach and to reduce any associated reporting costs, especially for cross-border banks.
24/05/2023	EBA publishes corrigendum of Guidelines on DGS contributions, amending the Guidelines on available financial means of DGS	The EBA published a corrigendum of the revised Guidelines on methods for calculating contributions to deposit guarantee schemes under the DGSD (EBA/GL/2023/02). The corrigendum applies to paragraph 13 in the section Repeal. This correction states that paragraph 21 of the related Guidelines on the delineation and reporting of available financial means (AFM) of DGS (EBA/GL/2021/17), issued on 17 December 2021, will be deleted.
30/05/2023	EBA publishes results on impact and calibration of standardised approaches for counterparty risk	The EBA published its Report on the impact and calibration of the Standardised Approach to Counterparty Credit Risk (SA-CCR), simplified SA-CCR and Original Exposure Method (OEM). The impact of setting alpha equal to 1 under SA-CCR for the purposes of the output floor (OF) on a permanent basis is also analysed.
30/05/2023	EBA Peer Review finds credit valuation adjustment risk is overall supervised sufficiently and recommends some follow-up measures to further strengthen supervision	The EBA published its Peer Review on excluding transactions with non-financial counterparties established in a third country from credit valuation adjustment (CVA) risk. The review found that the competent authorities targeted in this review assessed CVA risk sufficiently although some elements of such an assessment were missing. The EBA, therefore, has set out a series of follow-measures to address these deficiencies.

Date	Consultations	Description
30/05/2023	EBA consults on new RTS and ITS on supervisory colleges	The EBA launched a public consultation on draft Regulatory Technical Standards (RTS) and draft Implementing Technical Standards (ITS) on the functioning of supervisory colleges under the Capital Requirements Directive (CRD). These new technical standards aim to ensure that the Level 2 framework for the functioning of supervisory colleges is better aligned with the Level 1 regulation and able to promote a more efficient and effective supervision of cross-border banking groups. The consultation runs until 30 August 2023.
31/05/2023	EBA consults on amendments to the Guidelines on money laundering and terrorist financing risk factors to include crypto-asset service providers	The EBA launched a public consultation on amendments to its Guidelines on money laundering and terrorist financing (ML/TF) risk factors. The proposed changes extend the scope of these guidelines to crypto-asset service providers (CASPs). The consultation runs until 31 August 2023.

European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA)

Date	Publications	Description
02/05/2023	ESMA recognises four new Third-Country CCPs	<p>ESMA has recognised four additional third-country CCPs (TC-CCPs) under Article 25 of the European Market Infrastructure Regulation (EMIR), bringing the total number of TC-CCPs recognised by ESMA to 39.</p> <p>The newly recognised TC-CCPs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Clearing Berhad (Malaysia); • Taiwan Futures Exchange Corporation (Taiwan); • Cámara de Riesgo Central de Contraparte de Colombia S.A. (Colombia); and • Tel-Aviv Stock Exchange Clearing House Ltd (Israel).
10/05/2023	ESMA postpones to 2024 the annual IFRS amendment of the ESEF	<p>ESMA decided to postpone to 2024 the amendment of the European Single Electronic Format (ESEF) Regulatory Technical Standard (RTS). This decision was in part due to the limited changes in the 2023 update to the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) Taxonomy. Throughout 2023, ESMA will monitor the implementation of the ESEF requirements, assess how to improve digital reporting and develop the ESEF sustainability taxonomy and requirements.</p> <p>ESMA decided on this postponement in view of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The limited changes to the 2023 IFRS Taxonomy; • The added value of increased monitoring of the ESEF implementation; and • The impact of a system update on preparers and software vendors.
11/05/2023	ESMA publishes latest edition of its newsletter	ESMA published its latest edition of its <i>Spotlight on Markets Newsletter</i> .
12/05/2023	ESMA finds high degree of concentration in natural gas derivatives markets	ESMA published a study on the structure and functioning of EU natural gas derivatives markets, and potential risks for financial stability.
17/05/2023	ESMA calls for legislative amendments to prevent undue costs in funds	<p>ESMA published an Opinion to the European Commission with suggested clarifications of the legislative provisions under the UCITS Directive and the AIFMD relating to the notion of “undue costs”.</p> <p>Verena Ross, Chair of ESMA, said:</p> <p>“If we want to enhance retail investors’ participation in capital markets, we should ensure that the expected return of investment products isn’t impacted by undue costs. That investors get value for their money is even more important in the current market situation, with heightened inflation and tightening of financial conditions.</p> <p>With its Opinion to the European Commission on undue costs in funds, ESMA calls for legislative amendments to the UCITS Directive and the AIFMD. By further harmonising the notion of undue costs among Member States, the proposal aims at preventing investors from being charged with undue costs and ensuring appropriate compensation for investors.”</p>
24/05/2023	ESMA report points out improvements needed in supervision of asset valuation	<p>ESMA published its report on the Common Supervisory Action (CSA) with National Competent Authorities (NCAs) on the supervision of the asset valuation rules under the UCITS and AIFM Directives.</p> <p>In the final report ESMA presented its analysis and conclusions from the 2022 CSA exercise, and found room for improvement in the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the appropriateness of valuation policies and procedures; 2. valuation under stressed market conditions; 3. independence of the valuation function and use of third-party valuers; 4. early detection mechanisms for valuation errors and compensation to investors.

24/05/2023	ESMA publishes Opinion on Market Outages	ESMA published its final report including an Opinion on market outages, highlighting the importance for trading venues of having an appropriate outage plan to communicate to their members, participants, and the public.
25/05/2023	ESMA highlights risks arising from investment firms providing unregulated products and services	ESMA issued a public statement to warn investors of risks that arise when investment firms offer both regulated and unregulated products and/or services.
26/05/2023	New Q&As available	ESMA updated the Questions and Answers on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Application of the AIFMD • the European crowdfunding service providers for business Regulation
31/05/2023	ESMA launches Fifth Stress Test Exercise for Central Counterparties	ESMA launched its fifth Stress Test Exercise for Central Counterparties (CCPs) under the European Markets Infrastructure Regulation (EMIR). The CCP Stress Test framework was complemented by an adverse market scenario provided by the European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB).

Date	Consultation	Description
23/05/2023	ESMA seeks input on rules for long term investment funds	ESMA launched a consultation on draft regulatory technical standards (RTS) under the revised ELTIF Regulation . Interested stakeholders were invited to provide input by 24 August 2023.

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

Date	Publications	Description
10/05/2023	ECB publishes supervisory banking statistics on less significant institutions	The ECB released a new set of aggregated banking statistics covering less significant institutions (LSIs). The LSI statistics complement the existing supervisory banking statistics on significant institutions (SIs) that have been published by the ECB since 2016. The LSI statistics offer a unique supervisory perspective and enhance transparency under the Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM).
15/05/2023	Written overview ahead of the exchange of views of the Chair of the Supervisory Board of the ECB with the Eurogroup on 15 May 2023	Publication of an overview of ECB Banking Supervision's activities in the light of recent financial market developments and the macroeconomic outlook ahead of the exchange of views with the Eurogroup on 15 May 2023.
16/05/2023	Asset Quality Review - Phase 2 Manual, 2023	Publication of the Asset Quality Review (AQR) phase 2 manual which provides the parties involved with the information necessary to execute Phase 2 of the AQR.
16/05/2023	FAQs on the revised asset quality review manual	The ECB published responses on frequently asked questions on the revised asset quality review manual.
17/05/2023	ECB seeks candidates for Chair of Supervisory Board	Publication of the vacancy notice for the five-year non-renewable position of Chair of the Supervisory Board, to start 1 January 2024. The term of the current Chair of the Supervisory Board, Andrea Enria, expires at the end of 2023.
23/05/2023	ECB finalises guide of how to assess buyers of qualifying stakes in banks	The ECB published its final Guide to qualifying holding procedures, following a public consultation which ended in November 2022.
30/05/2023	Annual Report on Sanctioning Activities in the SSM in 2022	The ECB published a report that has been prepared by the SSM Network of Enforcement and Sanctions Experts to present comprehensive statistics on sanctioning activities in relation to breaches of prudential requirements carried out in 2022 by the ECB and the national competent authorities (NCAs) of Member States participating in the Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM).

31/05/2023	Credit Risk Level SREP methodology	Publication of the Credit risk SREP methodology.
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Date	Interviews and speeches	Description
05/05/2023	Closing gaps to bend the trend: embedding the flow of finance in the transition	Speech by Frank Elderson, Member of the Executive Board of the ECB and Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Board of the ECB, State of the Union conference organised by the European University Institute.
13/05/2023	Interview with Večernji list	Interview with Andrea Enria, Chair of the Supervisory Board of the ECB, conducted by Ljubica Gatarić.
16/05/2023	Skilfully sailing through stormy waters	Keynote speech by Anneli Tuominen, Member of the Supervisory Board of the ECB, at the 18th Banking Sector Industry Meeting "Banking: Navigating the Wave of Inflation".
22/05/2023	Interview with Expansión	Interview with Anneli Tuominen, Member of the Supervisory Board of the ECB, conducted by Andrés Stumpf.
24/05/2023	Interview with AFME-OMFIF	Transcript of a conversation between Andrea Enria, Chair of the Supervisory Board of the ECB, and Adam Farkas, at an AFME-OMFIF event on 23 May 2023.

Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS)

Date	Publication	Description
24/05/2023	BCBS-CPMI-IOSCO publish analysis of margining dynamics in centrally cleared commodities markets during 2022 stress events	<p>The BCBS, the Bank for International Settlements' Committee on Payments and Market Infrastructures (CPMI) and the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) (the standard setters) published the report "Margin dynamics in centrally cleared commodities markets in 2022".</p> <p>Among its key findings are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCPs are sensitive to the impact of margin calls on market participants and many either maintain or have introduced measures to help limit the speed and size of initial margin requirement increases; - the market turmoil of 2022 exceeded some of the biggest shocks foreseen in the scenarios CCPs used to size their default funds and consequently some are adjusting their approach to stress testing for commodity derivatives.

Macroprudential topics and fora European Central Bank (ECB)

Date	Publications	Description
19/05/2023	Economic Bulletin Issue 3, 2023	The Economic Bulletin presents information which forms the basis for the ECB's monetary policy decisions. It features insights into the economy and its outlook and provides an update on the economic and monetary developments in the euro area and global economies.
25/05/2023	Annual Report 2022	The Annual Report relates to the ECB's activities in 2022. The year 2022 was a turning point for the ECB's monetary policy. The inflation outlook changed abruptly as two types of shock hit the economy at the same time. First, the euro area underwent an unprecedented series of negative supply shocks caused by pandemic-induced supply chain disruptions, Russia's unjustifiable invasion of Ukraine and the ensuing energy crisis. This significantly increased input costs for all sectors of the economy. Second, there was a positive demand shock triggered by the reopening of the economy after the pandemic. That allowed firms to pass their rising costs through to prices much faster and more strongly than in the past.

26/05/2023	Report on card fraud in 2020 and 2021	In its role as overseer of card payment schemes operating in the euro area, the Eurosystem closely monitors developments in card fraud. Statistical information on the volumes and values of card transactions and corresponding fraud is collected on these schemes for all countries in the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA) and in aggregate for all countries outside SEPA. This report presents some general developments relating to card fraud in 2020 and 2021, in aggregated form without mentioning specific countries.
31/05/2023	Financial Stability Review, May 2023	This spring saw considerable financial turbulence, with the spotlight increasingly turning on systemic risk concerns following a series of bank failures outside the euro area. While the fallout experienced by euro area banks was limited, these events have served as a powerful reminder of the importance of ensuring that banking system fundamentals are sound, in an environment where financial conditions are being tightened to tackle elevated inflation around the world.

European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB)

Date	Publications	Description
25/05/2023	Crypto-assets and decentralised finance	In June 2022 the High-Level Exploratory Group on Crypto-Assets and Decentralised Finance (HLEG) established by the European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB) delivered a report outlining its findings on the scope and priorities for the analysis of crypto-assets and decentralised finance (DeFi) from a financial stability perspective. The report concluded that while potential systemic implications stemming from crypto-assets, service providers and DeFi applications appeared limited, systemic risks could arise quickly and suddenly. If the rapid growth trends observed in recent years were to continue, crypto-assets could pose risks to financial stability.

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	Application since	CCyB rate
Bulgaria	01.01.2023	1.5%
	01.10.2023	2%*
Croatia	31.03.2023	0.5%
	31.12.2023	1%*
Cyprus	30.11.2023	0.5%*
Czech Republic	01.01.2023	2%
	01.04.2023	2.5%
Denmark	31.12.2022	2%
	31.03.2023	2.5%
Estonia	07.12.2022	1%
	01.12.2023	1.5%*
France	07.04.2023	0.5%
	02.01.2024	1%*
Germany	01.02.2023	0.75%
Hungary	01.07.2023	0.5%*
Iceland	29.09.2022	2%
	15.03.2024	2.5%*
Ireland	15.06.2023	0.5%*
	24.11.2023	1%*
Lithuania	01.10.2023	1%*
Luxembourg	01.01.2021	0.5%
Netherlands	25.05.2023	1%
Norway	31.12.2022	2%
	31.03.2023	2.5%
Romania	17.10.2022	0.5%
	23.10.2023	1%*
Slovakia	01.08.2020	1%
	01.08.2023	1.5%*
Slovenia	31.12.2023	0.5%*
Sweden	29.09.2022	1%
	22.06.2023	2%*

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 centre

Main updated figures regarding the financial centre

The data as at 31 December 2022 is provisional. The final data will be available in the CSSF Annual Report of 2022.

			Annual comparison
Banks	Number (31/05/2023)	120	↘ 2 entities
	Balance sheet total (31/03/2023)	EUR 929.342 bn	↘ EUR 42.475 bn
	Profit before provisions and taxes (31/03/2023)	EUR 2.024 bn	↗ EUR 733 m
Payment institutions	Number (31/05/2023)	18	↗ 2 entities
Electronic money institutions	Number (31/05/2023)	12	↗ 2 entities
UCIs	Number (31/05/2023)	Part I 2010 Law: 1,611	↘ 29 entities
		Part II 2010 Law: 238	↗ 3 entities
		SIFs: 1,288	↘ 64 entities
		TOTAL: 3,137	↘ 90 entities
	Number (31/05/2023)	SICARs: 204	↘ 12 entities
	Total net assets (30/04/2023)	EUR 5,139.027 bn	↘ EUR 338.077 bn
Authorised Investment Fund Managers²	Number (31/05/2023)	300	↘ 5 entities
	Balance sheet total (31/03/2023)	EUR 23.308 bn	↘ EUR 2.032 bn
Pension funds	Number (31/05/2023)	13	↗ 1 entity
Authorised securitisation undertakings	Number (31/05/2023)	28	no variation
Investment firms	Number (31/05/2023)	94 (7 branches)	↘ 4 entities
	Balance sheet total (30/04/2023)	EUR 961.475 m	↘ EUR 24.525 m
	Provisional net profit (30/04/2023)	EUR 23.10 m	↘ EUR 13.39 m
Specialised PFS	Number (31/05/2023)	99	↗ 2 entities
	Balance sheet total (30/04/2023)	EUR 6.606 bn	↗ EUR 230 m
	Provisional net profit (30/04/2023)	EUR 41.22 m	↗ EUR 33.82 m
Support PFS	Number (31/05/2023)	64	↘ 5 entities
	Balance sheet total (30/04/2023)	EUR 1.666 bn	↗ EUR 45 m
	Provisional net profit (30/04/2023)	EUR 28.2 m	↘ EUR 12.57 m
Issuers of securities whose home Member State is Luxembourg pursuant to the Transparency Law	Number (31/05/2023)	410	↘ 39 entities
Public oversight of the audit profession	Number (31/05/2023)	55 <i>cabinets de révision agréés</i>	↗ 2 entities
		366 <i>réviseurs d'entreprises agréés</i>	↗ 22 people
		24 third-country auditors and audit firms	↗ 2 entities
Employment (31/03/2023)	Banks	26,211 people	↗ 119 people
	Authorised Investment Fund Managers ²	7,238 people	↗ 500 people
	Investment firms	1,950 people	↗ 56 people
	Specialised PFS	7,034 people	↗ 901 people
	Support PFS	8,451 people	↘ 378 people
	Payment institutions/electronic money institutions	809 people	↗ 69 people
	Total	51,693 people	↗ 1,267 people³

² Authorised IFMs comprise the following types of fund managers:

- management companies subject to Chapter 15 of the Law of 17 December 2010 relating to undertakings for collective investment
- authorised alternative investment fund managers (AIFMs) subject to the Law of 12 July 2013 on alternative investment fund managers.

³ 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.