

Toronto Centre Publications Monitoring Report

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A synopsis of recently issued supervisory guidance, news releases, working papers and related documents from over 50 global and regional standard setting bodies, national regulators, international organizations and industry groups as well as the latest TC Notes. This report is prepared monthly for the TC Community. With the exception of the TC Notes, the summaries are taken from the organizations' web sites. Toronto Centre does not hold the copyright to these abstracts.

TC Podcasts/Webcasts/Videos

Date	Organization	Title & Abstract
February 2021	Toronto Centre	<u>How to Build a Regulatory Sandbox</u> TC podcast discusses the objectives of a regulatory sandbox and how to design and implement a sandbox.
February 2021	Toronto Centre	<u>Utilizing Blended Finance to Help Developing Countries Build Back Better</u> TC executive panel for International Development Week.

Standard Setting Bodies

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February 24, 2021	EBA	<u>EBA Consults on Draft Technical Standards to Improve Supervisory Cooperation for Investment Firms</u> The EBA launched two public consultations on regulatory technical standards (RTS) and Implementing Technical Standards (ITS) on cooperation and information exchange between competent authorities involved in prudential supervision of investment firms. These draft standards provide a solid framework for: i) cooperation in the supervision of investment firm groups through colleges of supervisors; and ii) for information exchange for investment firms operating through branches or the free provision of services.

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February 22, 2021	EBA	<p><u>EBA Calls on National Authorities to Take Supervisory Actions for the Removal of Obstacles to Account Access Under the Payment Services Directive</u></p> <p>The EBA published an opinion on supervisory actions national competent authorities (NCAs) should take to ensure banks remove any remaining obstacles that prevent third party providers from accessing payment accounts, which restrict EU consumers' choice of payment services.</p>
February 19, 2021	EBA	<p><u>EBA Publishes Final Draft Technical Standards on Indirect Exposures arising from Derivatives Underlying a Debt or Equity Instrument</u></p> <p>The EBA published final draft regulatory technical standards (RTS) specifying how institutions should determine exposures arising from derivative and credit derivative contracts not entered directly into with a client but whose underlying debt or equity instrument was issued by a client. These draft RTS will ensure appropriate levels of consistency through different pieces of the regulatory framework for the calculation of large exposures.</p>
February 17, 2021	EBA	<p><u>EBA Consults on Guidance to Assess Breaches of the Large Exposure Limits</u></p> <p>The EBA launched a consultation on the criteria that competent authorities should use to assess a breach of the large exposure limits. The consultation paper also details the criteria to determine the period of time and the measures for institutions to return to compliance with those limits.</p>
February 11, 2021	EBA	<p><u>EBA Launches Public Consultation on the Draft Technical Standards on Supervisory Disclosure Under the Investment Firms Directive</u></p> <p>The EBA launched a public consultation on its draft Implementing Technical Standards (ITS) on the information concerning the new prudential requirements that competent authorities will be required to disclose publicly for all types of investment firms authorized under the <i>Markets in Financial Instruments Directive</i> (MiFID).</p>
February 26, 2021	ESMA	<p><u>ESMA Consults on Regulating Crowdfunding</u></p> <p>ESMA has launched a consultation on draft technical standards on crowdfunding under the European crowdfunding service providers regulation.</p>
February 25, 2021	ESMA	<p><u>ESMA Consults on Methodology to Calculate a Benchmark in Exceptional Circumstances</u></p> <p>ESMA has launched a consultation on draft guidelines detailing the obligations applicable to administrators that use a methodology to calculate a benchmark in exceptional circumstances under the <i>Benchmarks Regulation</i>.</p>
February 25, 2021	EBA EIOPA ESMA	<p><u>ESAs Issue Recommendations on the Application of the Regulation on Sustainability-related Disclosures</u></p> <p>The three European Supervisory Authorities have published a joint supervisory statement on the effective and consistent application and national supervision of the regulation on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector (SFDR). The statement aims to achieve an effective and consistent application and national supervision of the SFDR, promoting a level playing field and protecting investors.</p>
February 4, 2021	EBA EIOPA ESMA	<p><u>The Three European Supervisory Authorities Publish Final Report and Draft RTS on Disclosures Under SFDR</u></p> <p>The Joint Committee of the three European Supervisory Authorities has delivered to the EC the Final Report, including the draft Regulatory Technical Standards (RTS), on the content, methodologies and presentation of disclosures under the EU Regulation on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector (SFDR).</p>

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February 2021	IAIS	<p><u>IAIS Publishes 2021-2022 Public Roadmap</u> The Roadmap sets out the IAIS's work program for the next two years. It focuses on assessing and mitigating risks to the stability of the global insurance sector while helping members to address accelerating risks and opportunities.</p>

National Regulators

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February 23, 2021	FCA	<p><u>FCA Launches Guidance for Firms on the Fair Treatment of Vulnerable Customers</u> The FCA has published final guidance clarifying its expectations of firms on the fair treatment of vulnerable customers.</p>
February 5, 2021	FCA	<p><u>FCA Report Outlines Practices Firms Can Consider to Reduce Consumer Harm Caused by Failed Technology Changes</u> A new FCA multi-firm review looks at how firms implement technology change, the challenges caused when changes fail, and steps firms can take to protect consumers from harm and disruption in the market.</p>
February 1, 2021	APRA	<p><u>APRA's 2021 Supervision and Policy Priorities</u> APRA has released its policy and supervision priorities for the coming year. A key focus is to further enhance the resilience and crisis readiness of Australia's financial system.</p>
February 19, 2021	MAS	<p><u>Consultation Paper on Proposed Revisions to Enterprise Risk Management, Investment and Public Disclosure Requirements for Insurers</u> This consultation paper sets out MAS' proposals to enhance the current requirements relating to enterprise risk management, investment risk management and public disclosure practices for insurers.</p>

International Organizations

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January 2021	CGAP	<p><u>Consumer Protection for Digital Financial Services</u> This survey report examines the state of regulation of consumer protection for digital financial services (CP4DFS) in AFI member countries and provides practical insights for policymakers on how to use the related policy model.</p>

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February 2021	CGAP	<p><u>Crisis Roadmap for Microfinance Institutions: COVID-19 and Beyond</u> This crisis response roadmap is designed to help MFIs navigate the COVID-19 health pandemic and its economic impact, and to provide guidance on recommended practices that are relevant today and for future crises. Drawing from the industry’s experiences with previous crises, this roadmap guides MFIs through a series of practical steps to build institutional resilience and includes checklists and milestones to help users measure their progress.</p>
February 2021	FSI	<p><u>Fintech Regulation: How to Achieve a Level Playing Field</u> This paper discusses how level playing field considerations should affect the definition of the regulatory framework following the emergence of fintechs and big techs. It also analyses the extent to which activity-based and entity-based regulations could help achieve socially desirable objectives.</p>

Industry

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February 25, 2021	Geneva Association	<p><u>Climate Change Risk Assessment for the Insurance Industry</u> This first report by the Geneva Association Task Force on Climate Change Risk Assessment for the Insurance Industry offers a decision-making framework for climate risk assessment and scenario analysis for P&C and life re/insurers. The analysis considers all physical and transition climate change risks for the liability and asset sides of the balance sheet, by line of business and over distinct time horizons and serves as a foundation for the Task Force’s work to drive future developments in this space.</p>

Other

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January 2021	FinEquity	<p><u>Measuring Women’s Economic Empowerment in Financial Inclusion</u> This FinEquity publication serves as a reference guide for financial inclusion practitioners, researchers, and other stakeholders interested in applying Women’s Economic Empowerment (WEE) measurements to their work.</p>