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EU policy and regulatory challenges over the next decade

A view from the financial sector

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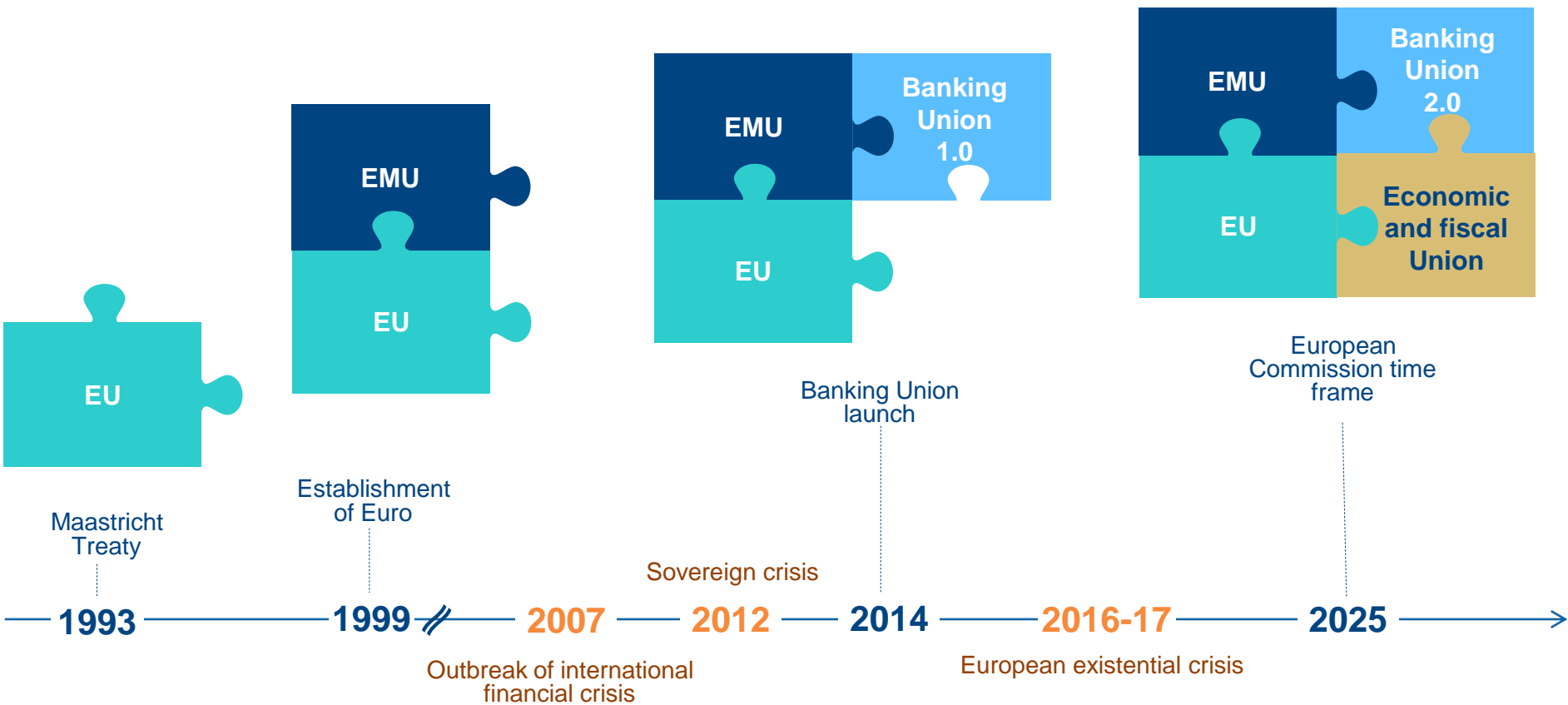
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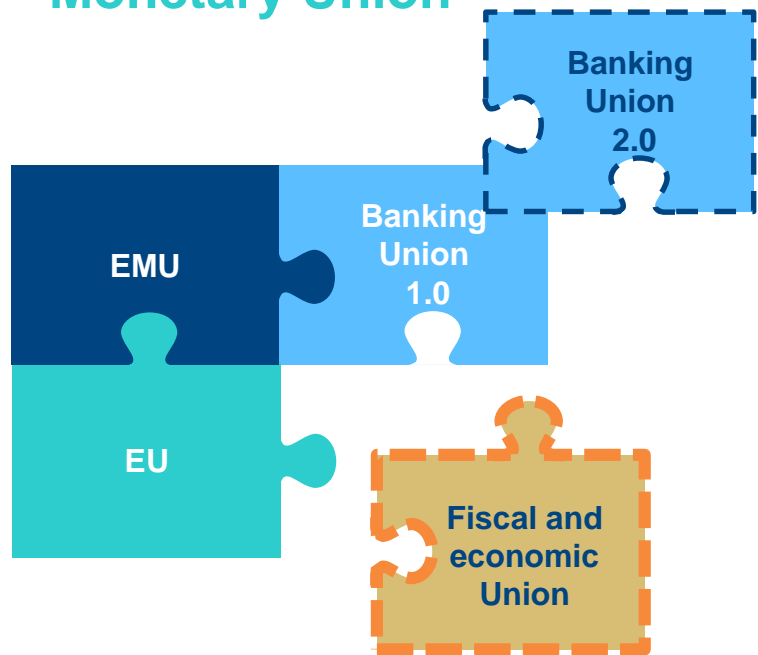
European challenge:
**Fostering Banking Union
and Capital Market Union**
will enhance the
robustness of the EU
financial sector and the
European economy



The European architecture has evolved since Maastricht in the light of **political momentum and crises**



The solution is to move towards a genuine **Economic and Monetary Union**



Complete the Banking Union

Finalize the Capital Markets Union

Move towards a Fiscal Union

Achieve Economic Union

Propel the single and common institutional framework in the EU

This approach requires a balance between *risk sharing* and *risk reduction*

Global challenges:

Digital disruption and **climate change** will
shape the world as we know it



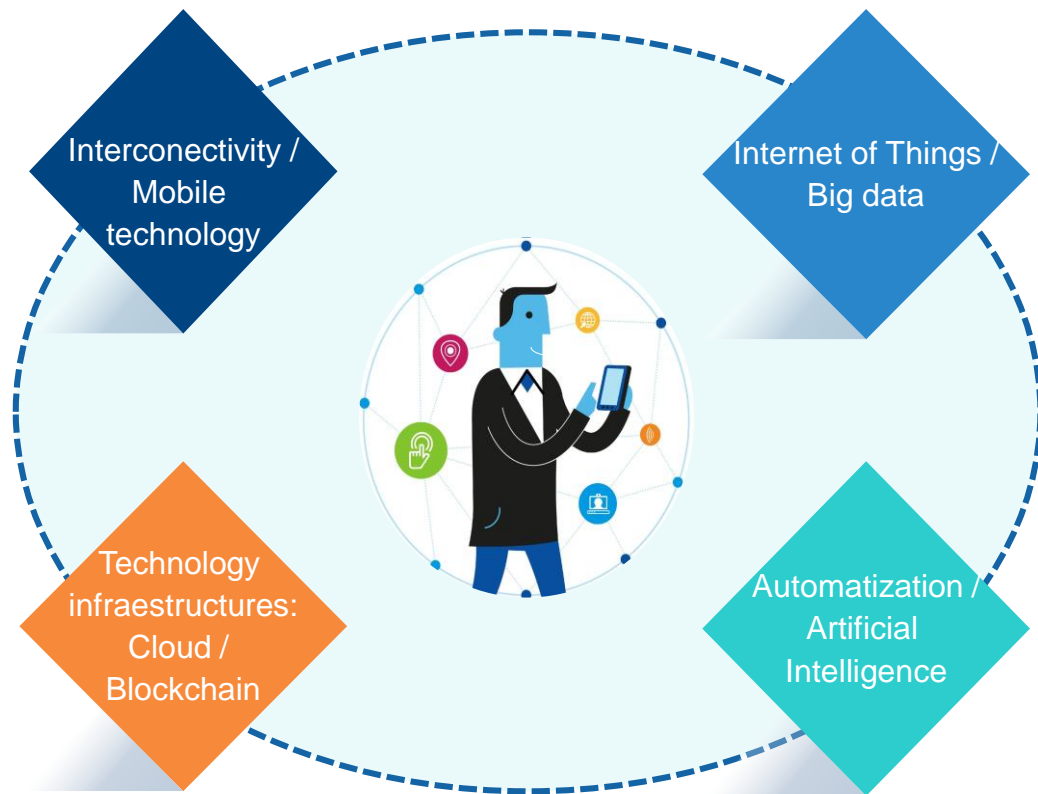
Convergence of sectors in the 4th Industrial Revolution

4th Industrial Revolution

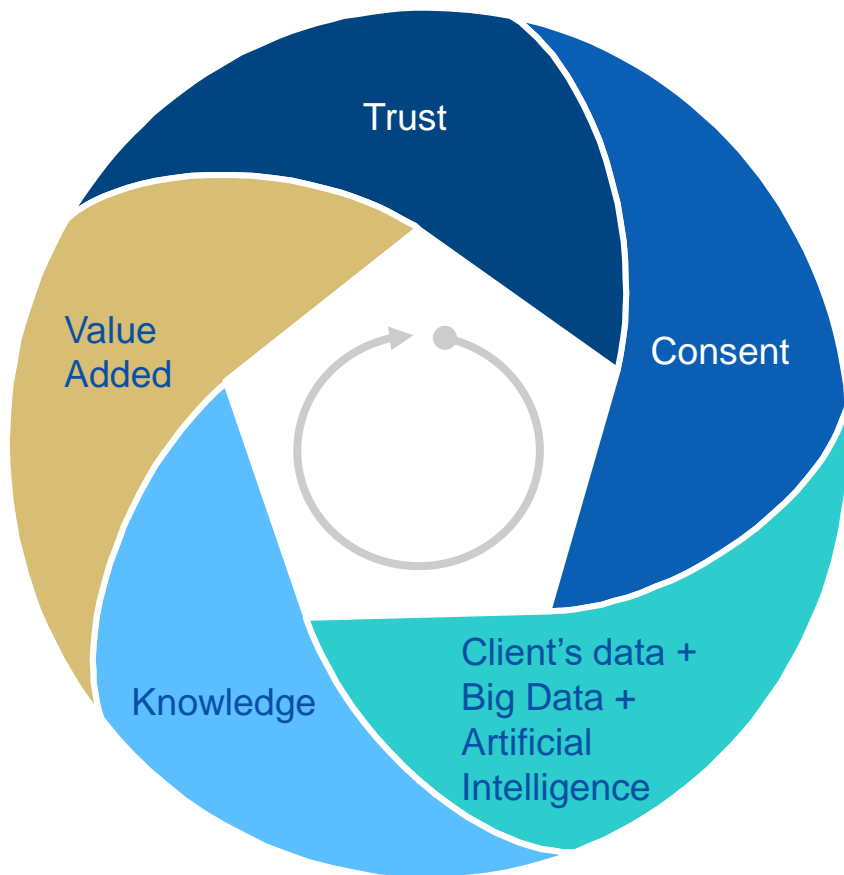
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New Technologies

—
Shifting Customers and Needs

—
New business Models



Trust is the cornerstone of the digital economy



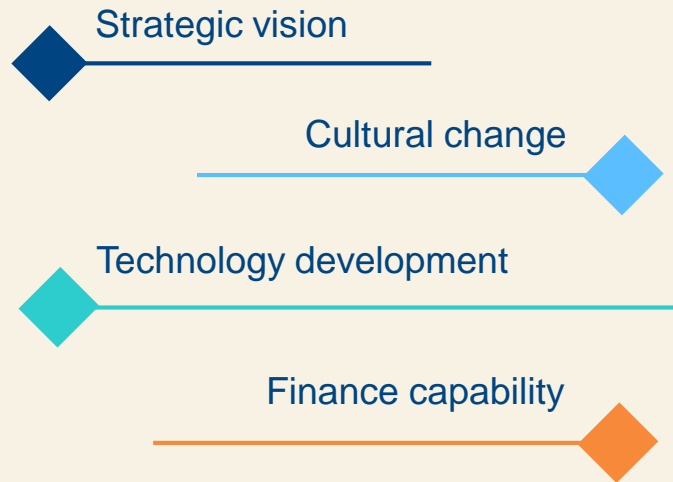
“

*Without **trust** there is no data, without **data** there is no creation of value and without **creation of value** there are no **opportunities** for people*

”

Determinants of the change and adapting to a **new environment**

Internal vision of the company



Role of the authorities

“Regulators and supervisors can act as key **drivers** or **brakers** in the industry transformation”

The transformation of companies requires a **radical change** of entities, but also a **new approach** by the authorities

Benefits and challenges from the transformation of financial services entails a **new regulatory response**

Efficiency

- + Automation of processes
- + Disintermediation (blockchain)
- + Flexible & scalable IT infrastructure
- + Increased competition
- + Lower operational cost

Financial Stability

- New operational IT risks
- New providers subject to laxer controls
- volatility & procyclicality
- + New tools to manage risks (Regtech)

Consumer protection

- New security risks
- Risks from automated tools
- access to & use of data
- New providers with laxer rules
- + Control & traceability of customer interactions

Integrity

- Anonymity crypto currencies
- Greater speed of payments
- + New tools to monitor & analyse transactions (Regtech)
- ? Digital methods of identity verification

New regulatory framework is needed:

Importance of data

The importance of user data is rising. A new EU Regulation providing comprehensive user data sharing framework.

Properly address the risks and to ensure fair competition

Same regulatory treatment for activities involving similar risks and no unnecessary barriers to fair competition.

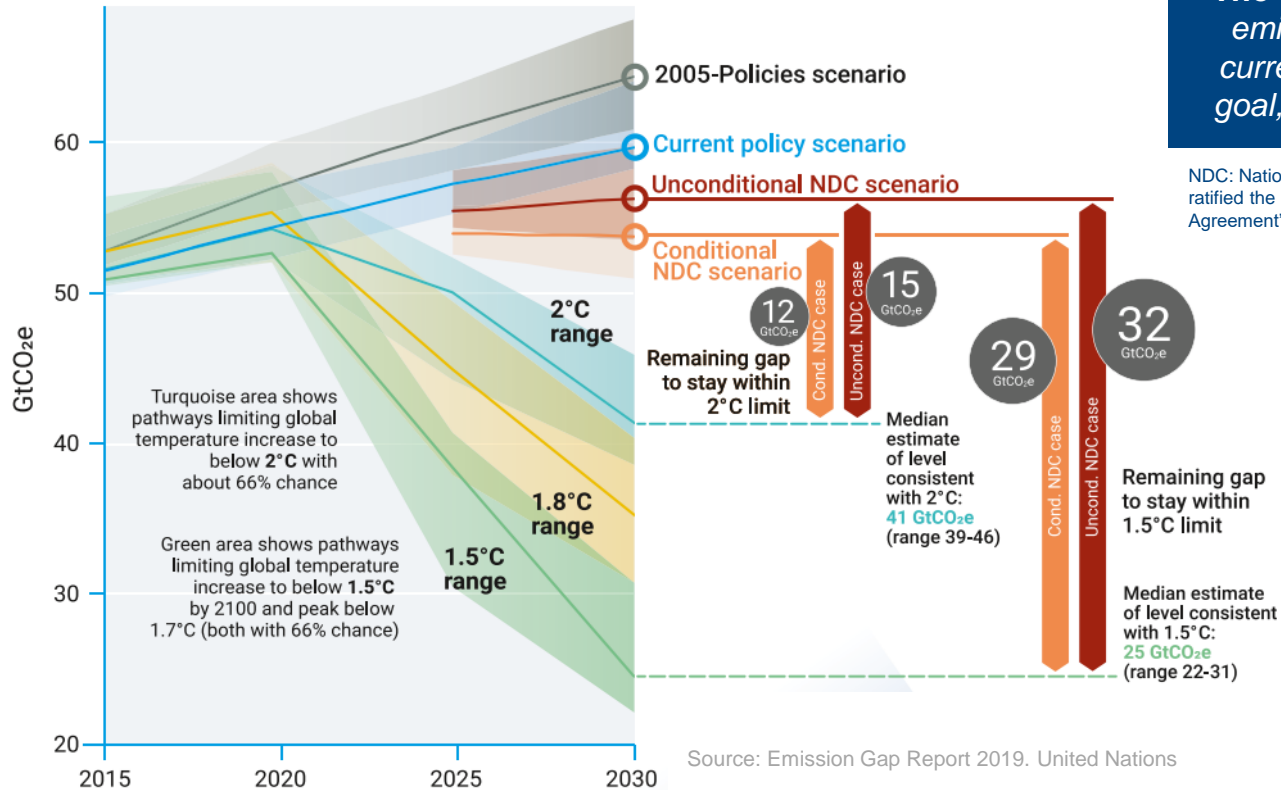
Global and cross-sectoral response

Digital technologies are blurring the boundaries that separate, not only countries, but also industries.



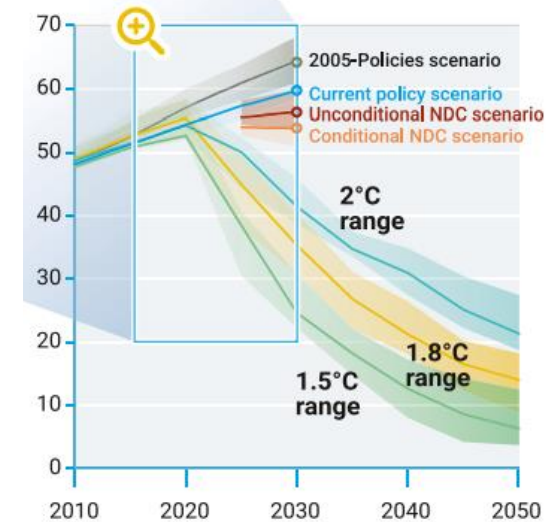
Climate change
is one of the
greatest
business
disruption
humankind has
ever faced

Global GHG emissions under different scenarios and the emissions gap by 2030



The emissions gap is large. In 2030, annual emissions need to be 15 GtCO₂e lower than current unconditional NDCs imply for the 2°C goal, and 32 GtCO₂e lower for the 1.5°C goal

NDC: Nationally Determined Contribution. Submissions by countries that have ratified the Paris Agreement which presents their national efforts to reach the Paris Agreement's long-term temperature goal of limiting warming to well below 2°C.



The world is increasingly concerned about climate change

Consumers

- WEF Global Shapers Community—WEF's younger community—ranks **environmental issues as the top risks**
- Spaniards are **willing to pay more** for greener products (*)

(*) "Los españoles ante el cambio climático". Real Instituto Elcano (Julio 2019)

Companies



TCFD | TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE-RELATED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES

Investors

- €260bn** annual investment gap in Europe (*)
- The size of the **ESG bond market has reached \$694 billion** (only 0.7 % of all bonds in circulation on a global scale)
- In 2019, **\$250bn of bonds were issued** (47% growth over 2018)

(*): EU Green Deal - Dec'19 and BBVA

Public Institutions



COP21- CMP11
PARIS 2015
UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE



Climate change entails significant risks

Physical Risks

Transition risks

Economic impacts

Business
disruption

Stranded assets

Reconstruction/
Replacement

Migration

Energy prices

Change value
chain

Transmission channel to financial sector

Lower property
and corporate
value

Lower household
wealth

Lower corporate
profits

Lower growth
and productivity

Market losses
(equities, bond)

Credit losses

Liability risks

Operational
risks

There are some recent examples of this happening already (although other reasons also at play in each example):

- **Repsol:** €5 Bn write-off on gas related assets in 2019. €240 Bn investments in 10 years to finance transition.
- **Endesa:** €1.3 Bn write-off on carbon related assets in 2019. €14 Bn on investments on renewables in the coming years.
- **Naturgy:** €4 Bn write-off on carbon related assets in 2018.
- **Pacific G&E:** Its bankruptcy could partially allocated to due to the impact of catastrophic wildfires that occurred in California.

Sustainability **timeline**

2019

Taxonomy

The creation of an effective and flexible taxonomy is a fundamental first step. The key to its success will be achieving the right balance in providing clarity and meaningful guidance to the market, while avoiding undue rigidity and prescriptiveness

Phase 1

Disclosure

Essential to provide a clearer picture to investors of climate related risks and opportunities facing companies

Phase 2

Stress test

Assessment of the resilience to the physical and transition risks associated with different possible climate scenarios

If needed

Capital requirement

Green factor vs Brown factor

Conclusions



Creando Oportunidades

1 **Digital disruption and climate change** will shape the world as we know it

2 **Trust and cultural transformation** in organizations and workers are critical factors to benefit from the new digital area

3 Climate change entails significant risks, so **consumers, enterprises, investor and public institutions need to be getting ready**

EUROPEAN LENDING AT THE TURN OF THE DECADE

11 FEBRUARY 2020



A UNIQUE ORGANISATION

ED was created in 2012 as part of the implementation of the European Central Bank ABS Loan Level Initiative. ED became fully operational in January 2013 and is funded and owned by a mix of market participants. ED operates as a utility to respond to the need for improved transparency to investors and other market participants in ABS.

SUPERVISORY BOARD: Consists of currently 13 representatives and is responsible for the strategy and monitoring ED's operations as a market initiative.

PRICING COMMITTEE: Consists of currently 8 members from the ABS industry and is responsible for setting the fee structure for ED clients. The fees are set in line with ED's utility approach



17 SHAREHOLDERS



KEY FIGURES

Basic statistics of European DataWarehouse database of Public deals by asset class

Asset Class	Active	Redeemed or Amortised ¹	Total	Number of loans ²
RMB	406	313	719	15.67
AUT	101	141	242	15.22
SME	55	137	192	1.85
CMR	66	44	110	24.27
LES	16	31	47	0.60
CRE	10	2	12	17.69
CMB	0	5	5	12
TOTAL	654	673	1327	75.31

¹ Upload of loan level data has discontinued, typically due to bond redemptions

² based on only the latest LLD submissions (numbers in Millions)

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⁴ Number of loan sponsors in whole numbers

EUROPEAN LENDING AT THE TURN OF THE DECADE

STATE OF THE EUROPEAN BANKING INDUSTRY VS. ITS PEERS



Europe

Many banks is still rationalising their business

ROC at 10.21%

Market fragmentation limits profitability

Oversaturation in key economies

Zero/negative interest environment did not contribute to profits



US

US banking industry remains strong

ROC at 18%

Tax cuts and higher Fed rates contributed profits

Consumer borrowing exceeded pre-crisis levels



Asia

Chinese banks continue to get bigger

ROC at 14.4%

US/China trade dispute slowed asset growth

Japanese banks suffer from low growth and aging population

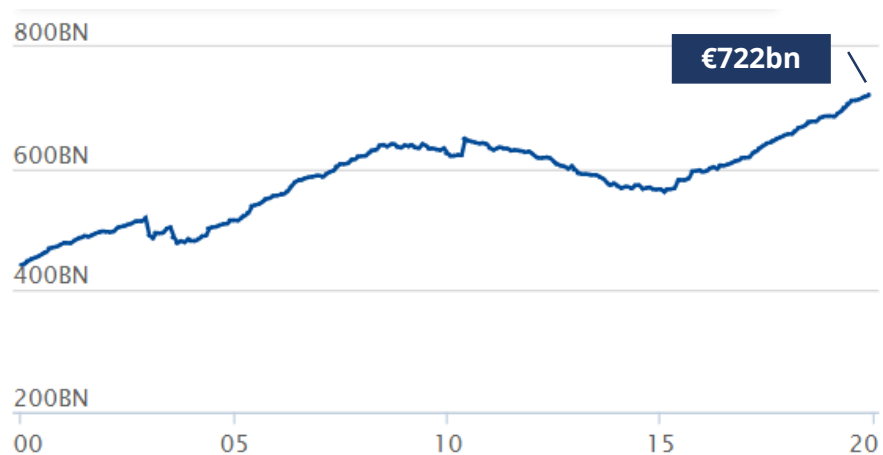
ROC at 5.8%

Source: Deloitte - 2020 banking and capital markets outlook

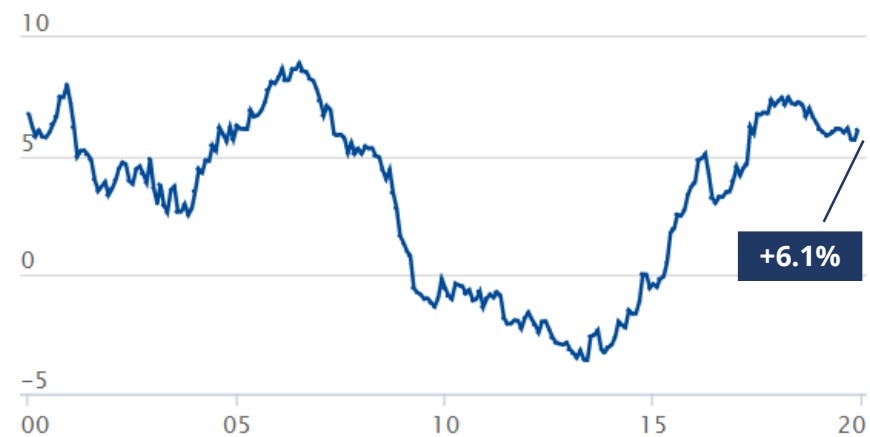
CONSUMER LOANS TO HOUSEHOLDS IN EUROPE

Stocks and growth rates from 2000 until 2019

Stocks of loans to households



Growth rates of loans to households



Source: Euro Area Statistics, Banks balance sheets - Loans

CONSUMER LENDING – CHALLENGES & OUTLOOK

Today's challenges

- High cost of short-term consumer credit
- Credit granting through mobile applications
- Poor creditworthiness assessment
- Over-indebtedness and arrears situations
- Customers accept dismal user experience as the norm
- Legacy IT system present a huge impediment to transformation

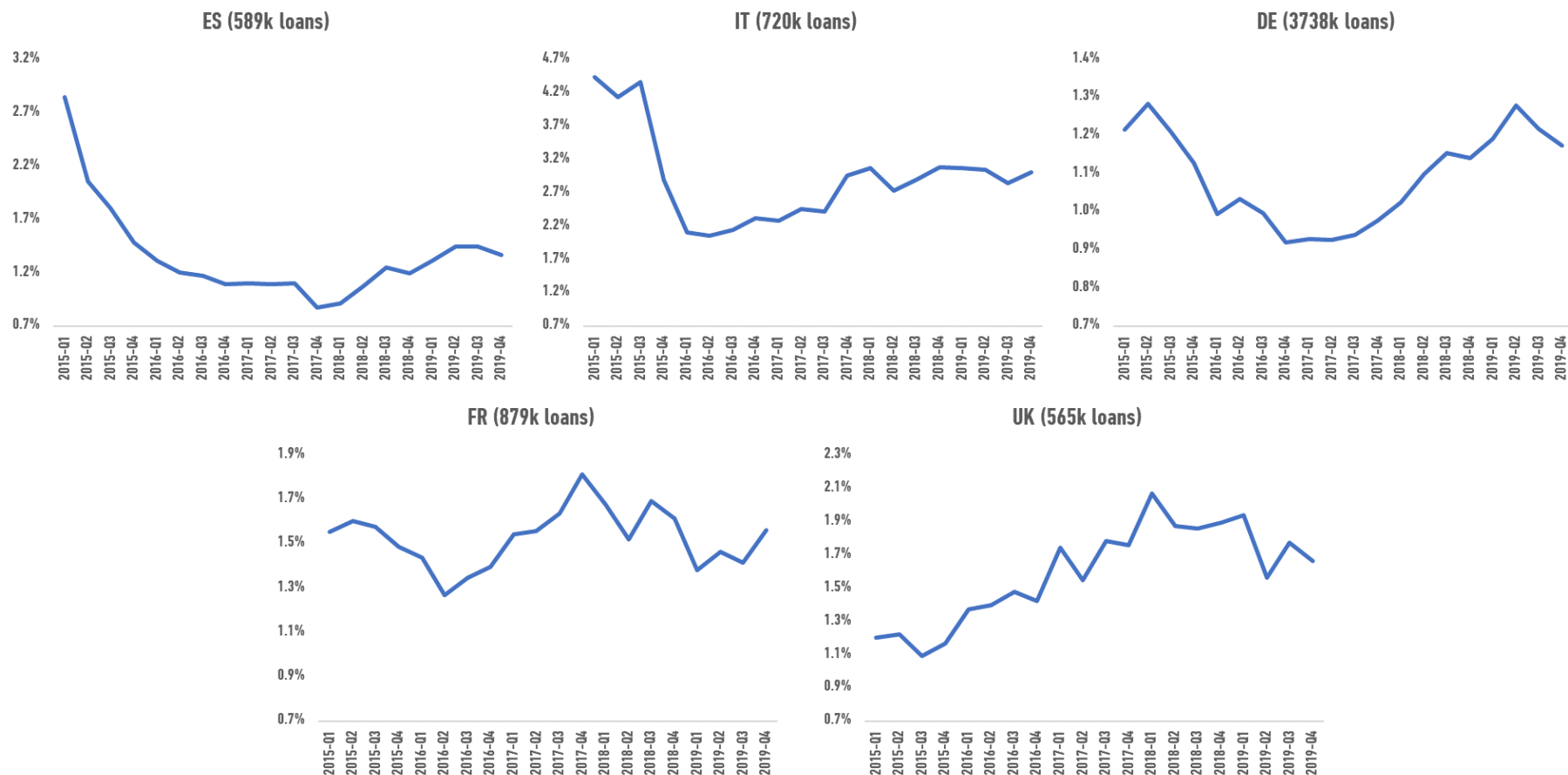
Outlook 2020 and beyond

- Consumer lending market in Europe is expected continue to grow
- The high levels of indebtedness pose a problem in a downturn
- Policymakers aiming at financial stability could tighten the limits in household indebtedness
- Technology, analytics, data and efficiency will decide about the success
- Big technology companies and large merchants will challenge incumbent market players
- Incumbents need to build a digital offering and leverage their low-cost funding

Sources: EBA Consumer Trends Report 2018/19 (Feb 2019); Deloitte, The Future of Credit | A European perspective (Apr 2019); PwC | European Economic Outlook 2020

AUTO LOANS

Percentage of Active loans that are either in Arrears or Default



Source: European DataWarehouse

AUTO LOANS - GERMANY

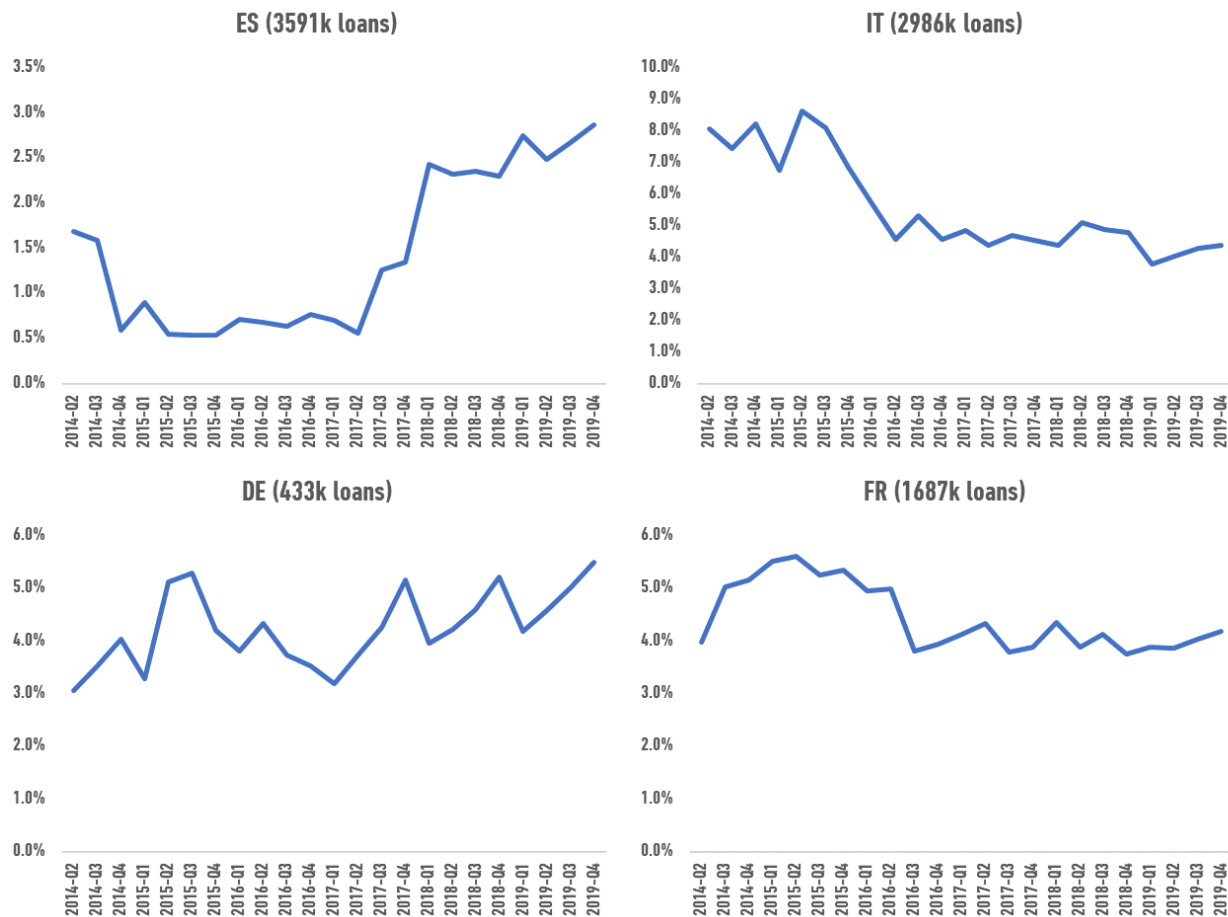
Percentage of Active loans that are either in Arrears or Default by Federal State

	2015-Q1	2015-Q2	2015-Q3	2015-Q4	2016-Q1	2016-Q2	2016-Q3	2016-Q4	2017-Q1	2017-Q2	2017-Q3	2017-Q4	2018-Q1	2018-Q2	2018-Q3	2018-Q4	2019-Q1	2019-Q2	2019-Q3	2019-Q4
Baden-Württemberg	1.22%	1.32%	1.21%	1.13%	1.02%	1.03%	1.04%	0.98%	0.95%	0.97%	0.95%	1.08%	1.04%	1.17%	1.20%	1.25%	1.20%	1.29%	1.20%	1.24%
Bavaria	1.36%	1.46%	1.23%	1.12%	0.96%	1.08%	1.00%	0.98%	0.97%	0.94%	0.95%	1.02%	1.03%	1.16%	1.14%	1.19%	1.20%	1.32%	1.16%	1.22%
Berlin	1.66%	1.95%	1.64%	1.54%	1.38%	1.45%	1.49%	1.39%	1.40%	1.35%	1.35%	1.49%	1.46%	1.53%	1.57%	1.74%	1.61%	1.80%	1.63%	1.77%
Brandenburg	0.75%	0.90%	0.82%	0.76%	0.68%	0.69%	0.70%	0.78%	0.74%	0.71%	0.71%	0.72%	0.78%	0.85%	0.89%	0.92%	0.87%	0.95%	0.87%	0.96%
Bremen	1.05%	1.22%	1.07%	0.87%	0.86%	0.91%	0.92%	1.01%	1.00%	0.78%	0.92%	0.95%	0.93%	1.18%	1.12%	1.22%	1.12%	1.19%	1.56%	1.37%
Hamburg	1.58%	1.57%	1.64%	1.43%	1.14%	1.24%	1.22%	1.06%	1.23%	1.14%	1.05%	1.21%	1.19%	1.37%	1.37%	1.50%	1.41%	1.51%	1.52%	1.53%
Hesse	1.25%	1.47%	1.14%	1.07%	1.03%	1.02%	1.02%	0.98%	0.95%	0.95%	0.95%	1.04%	1.05%	1.13%	1.14%	1.23%	1.25%	1.37%	1.26%	1.31%
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	0.91%	0.99%	0.90%	0.87%	0.84%	0.86%	0.79%	0.84%	0.80%	0.79%	0.77%	0.77%	0.82%	0.89%	0.91%	1.00%	0.96%	0.97%	0.94%	0.99%
Lower Saxony	1.19%	1.25%	1.05%	1.02%	0.89%	0.96%	0.97%	0.98%	0.97%	0.96%	0.90%	1.05%	1.02%	1.06%	1.07%	1.17%	1.06%	1.12%	1.06%	1.18%
North Rhine-Westphalia	1.21%	1.31%	1.19%	1.14%	0.99%	1.04%	1.08%	1.04%	1.00%	0.98%	0.95%	1.07%	1.05%	1.16%	1.12%	1.21%	1.14%	1.20%	1.13%	1.23%
Rhineland-Palatinate	1.13%	1.28%	1.18%	1.12%	1.10%	1.08%	1.10%	1.09%	1.01%	1.01%	0.99%	1.05%	1.06%	1.20%	1.20%	1.22%	1.22%	1.30%	1.17%	1.20%
Saarland	1.16%	1.31%	1.23%	1.03%	1.00%	1.06%	1.08%	1.03%	0.93%	1.03%	1.05%	1.10%	1.05%	1.10%	1.23%	1.21%	1.14%	1.30%	1.16%	1.23%
Saxony	0.77%	0.92%	0.80%	0.73%	0.71%	0.76%	0.72%	0.73%	0.65%	0.64%	0.65%	0.72%	0.68%	0.73%	0.76%	0.81%	0.76%	0.79%	0.80%	0.79%
Saxony-Anhalt	0.82%	0.92%	0.85%	0.84%	0.77%	0.78%	0.75%	0.74%	0.72%	0.72%	0.73%	0.78%	0.76%	0.84%	0.88%	0.91%	0.91%	0.95%	0.90%	0.92%
Schleswig-Holstein	1.16%	1.22%	1.04%	0.94%	0.92%	0.96%	0.90%	0.97%	0.87%	0.89%	0.87%	0.96%	0.93%	1.10%	1.03%	1.11%	1.08%	1.18%	1.09%	1.14%
Thuringia	0.82%	0.98%	0.83%	0.76%	0.68%	0.76%	0.73%	0.73%	0.65%	0.65%	0.71%	0.72%	0.72%	0.77%	0.78%	0.82%	0.80%	0.81%	0.77%	0.83%

Source: European DataWarehouse

CONSUMER LOANS

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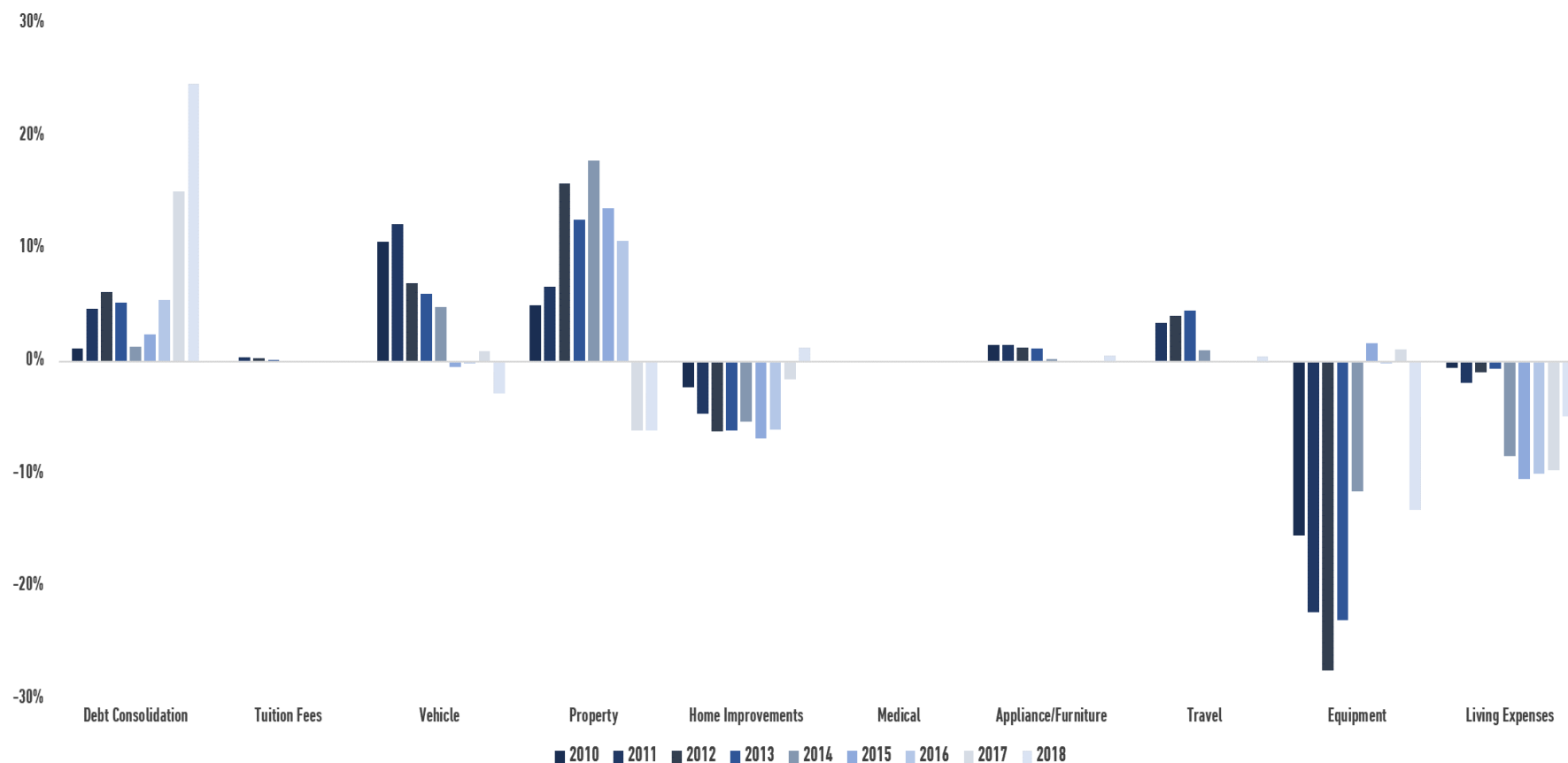


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CONSUMER LOANS

The difference in the composition of loans by their purpose in the last decade (2010-19) compared to the average in the decade before (2000-09)

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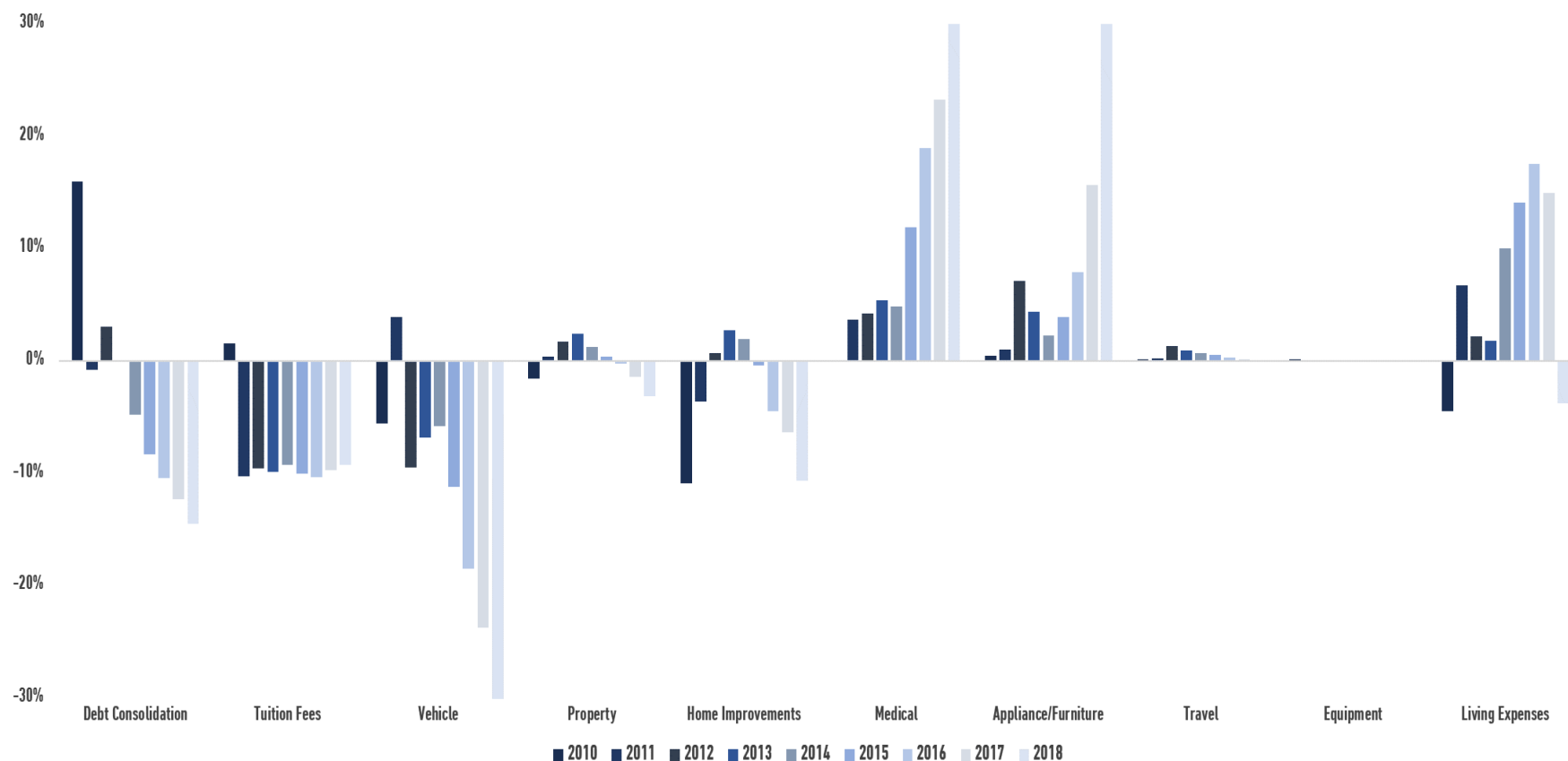


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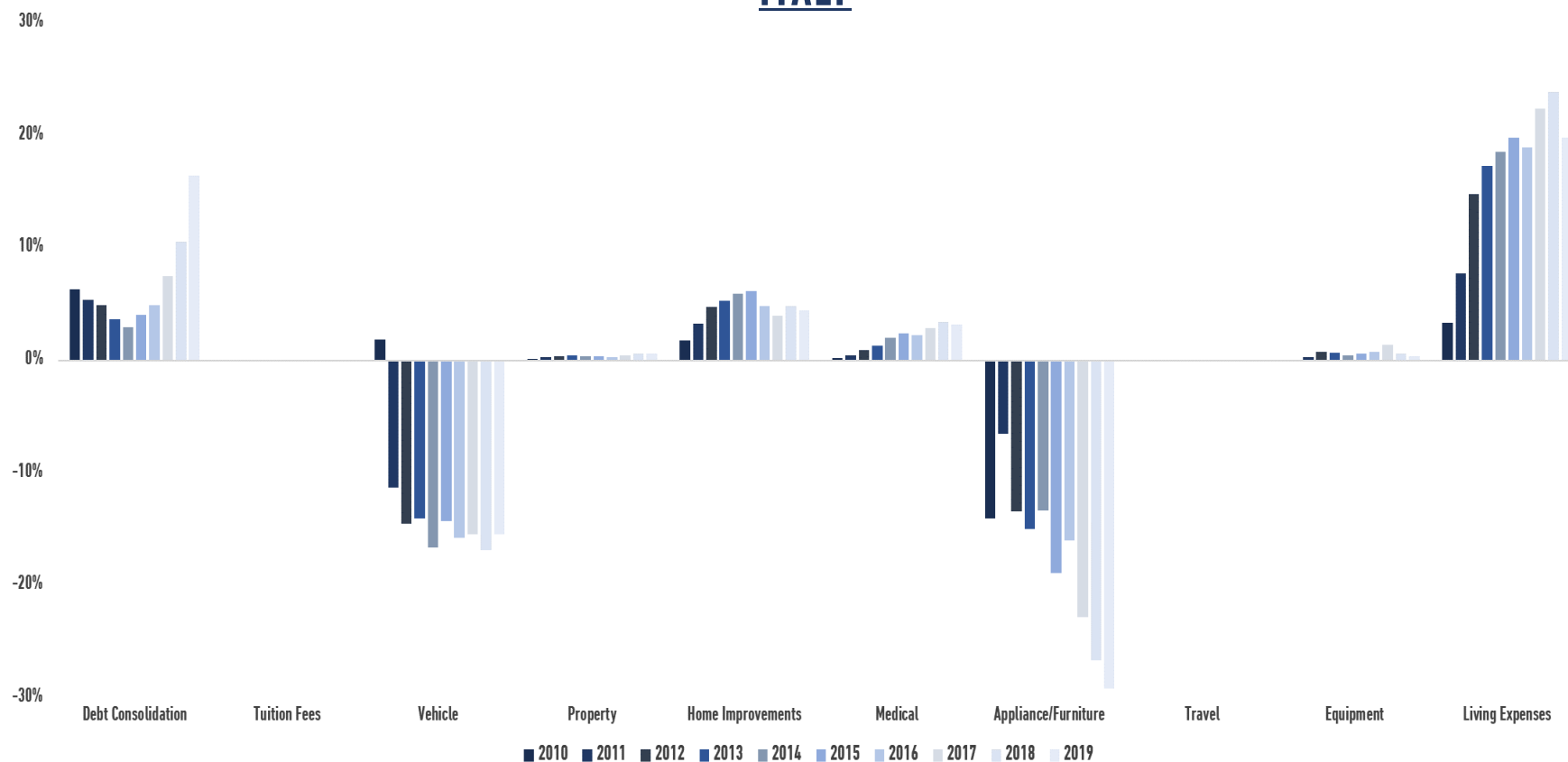


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ITALY



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Lunch & Learn

An overview of key trends and the
EU regulatory outlook for 2020

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Banking Union - what risks are on the horizon ahead?

ECB-SSM's risk prognosis for the Banking Union

The ECB-SSM identifies the key drivers of risk affecting BUSIs and the Eurozone banking system between 2020 and 2023 as (in no specific ranking):

- **Economic, political and debt sustainability challenges in the Eurozone** – Which the ECB-SSM concludes that these have increased since its 2019 outlook
- **Business model sustainability** – Specifically prolonged low interest rates, increased intense competition and rising expenses – with half of BUSIs generating a return on equity which is below the estimated cost of equity)
- **Cybercrime and IT deficiencies** – Which the ECB-SSM also highlights in the context of growing interconnectedness with non-regulated third-/fourth-party providers of services opening the door to operational resilience

These key drivers of risks are followed by (in no specific ranking):

- **Execution risks** – Attached to bank strategies for non-performing loans/exposures
- **Easing lending standards** – Which the ECB-SSM warns could lead to a renewed build-up of NPLs that have been reduced through Banking Union driven rules and principles being copied and expanded into EU-wide requirements
- **Repricing in financial markets** – Given heightened volatility and possible asset price bubbles
- **Misconduct, money laundering and terrorist financing** – An area that the ECB-SSM has begun to consider in its SSM-run SREP
- **Brexit** – With the EU-UK transition period set to last to at least December 31, 2020 this puts pressure on the SPoRs and firms compliance with these issues

Banking Union - what lies ahead?

Key ECB-SSM Supervisory Priorities besides making Single Rulebook more single

1. Continuing balance sheet repair

- **Follow up on NPL Guidance and Addendum with individual BUSIs** – but note that the EU Commission's approach to rolling out the ECB-SSM's rules to the whole of the EU will also be of importance
- **Follow-up on internal ratings-based models** – building on the ECB-SSM's Targeted Review of Internal Models (TRIM) exercise
- **Trading risk and asset valuations** – including onsite missions focusing on trading and market risk aspects notably with respect to complex products marked at fair value – Supervisors are expected to step-up the use of on-site inspections, possibly with a preceding “deep dive” to focus the onsite mission

2. Strengthening future resilience

- **Credit underwriting criteria and exposure quality** (e.g. real estate, leveraged finance)
- **Improvement of BUSI's ICAAP and ILAAP approaches** and further integration into SREP
- **Business model sustainability** – including:
 - ECB-SSM concerns on business model sustainability are primarily attributable to the risk drivers of low interest rates, higher costs and the threat of digitization, as well as NPLs. This means that firms will want to consider how to document contingency planning, optimization scenarios and testing of resilience of financing lines, given that the SSM's views on business models directly affect BUSI's SREP scores
 - As part of on-going supervisory dialogue and on-site inspections, senior management and key business area leads ought to be prepared to answer more intrusive questions on actual versus projected business model sustainability, including digitization and new entrants, as well as more general strategic steering by BUSIs

Banking Union – what else lies ahead?

2. Strengthening future resilience

- **Assess IT and cyber-risk** – Prepare for on-site work on IT risks and step up internal training and awareness, including “ownership” at governance level (through a non-executive director) as well as executive level through improved outcomes that Chief Information Security Officers are required to meet
- **EU-wide (biennial) and/or ECB stress test exercises** – But note proposed changes on methodology
- **Governance and “strategic steering”** – Review and focus on strengths and shortcomings of BUSI’s governance frameworks, from the operation of the board and executive functions to internal control functions (across each of three lines of defense) and data quality, as well as the ECB-SSM’s focus on what is being termed “non- financial risk” management and operational resilience. Historically, conduct of business issues were outside the primary prudential mandate of the SSM, but due to “governance” being a CRR and thus, in turn, a SSM consideration, they have become areas the ECB is increasingly focusing on

3. Activities comprising “other” priorities

- **Follow-up on Brexit work** – While this has been a priority area since 2017 there are activities planned for 2020 and likely beyond through 2021, which include: Monitoring and implementation of a BUSI’s “Brexit planning” and compliance with the SPoRs
- **IFRS 9** – While this has been an area that has not been carried over as a formal priority during 2020, it does:
 - mark a thematic area that carries over in the ECB-SSM’s work and therefore merits consideration
 - mean that the ECB-SSM is expected to take a further interest in benchmarking BUSI’s impairment charges against peers and in assessing whether individual firms are looking to game their results to keep their credit costs and risks comparable with peers
 - merit BUSI’s assessing whether their justifications for specific IFRS 9 calculations and assumptions are sufficiently robust and explainable.
- **Climate change** – should be read in conjunction with ECB’s Strategic Review
- **Benchmarks Regulation and IBOR transition**

How the ECB (-SSM) makes its rules

- ECB-SSM and Central Banks plus NCA in SSM are still building a common culture
- ECB-SSM rulemaking via:
 - soft law – “Guidelines” qua Rulebooks
 - roll out of rules from direct ECB-SSM supervised BUSIs to indirect supervised entities
 - mirroring of rules to non-BUSIs
 - “conduct creep” of prudential supervision based on policy grounds
- Move from home versus host state to “on-shore” v “off-shore” capabilities
- Focus on supervisory convergence/elimination of national options and discretions
- Greater use of on-site inspections and thematic reviews + together with greater coordination with other EU authorities but also national competent authorities that are more coordinated and comfortable in powers being used
- Greater pressure on BUSIs’ remediation efforts as whole new flock set to joint ca. 120 direct ECB-supervised firms and 5,000+ firms that are indirectly ECB supervised

EU Benchmarks Regulation

- Regulation on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds ((EU) 2016/1011). In force since June 30, 2016
- Majority of provisions have applied from January 1, 2018 (i.e. contingency planning)
- Transitional provisions apply until latest 2022 regardless of whether administrators are located in the EU or a “third-country”
- Since January 1, 2018, a supervised entity may only make use of a benchmark within the EU if the reference value or the administrator of that specific benchmark is entered in an ESMA register pursuant to Article 36 of the BMR, subject to transition period relief
- Subject to transitional arrangements, third country benchmarks (that is, benchmarks provided by administrators located outside of the EEA) can only be used in the EEA if they qualify under the BMR third-country regime
- There are three ways in which a third country benchmark may qualify for use in the EEA: equivalence, recognition or endorsement
- Race to move to replacement rates as well as risk free rates (RFRs) started in earnest. €STR launched on October 2, 2019
- Questions remain on term-structures and how to model these




EU Benchmarks Regulation – who needs to comply with what and what next on timeline?

	Benchmark Administrators	Benchmark Contributors	Benchmark Users	
<p>Who is caught?</p> <p>It does not apply to central banks, public authorities providing benchmarks for public policy purposes nor media persons for “journalistic” purposes nor “innocent bystanders”</p>	<p>A natural or legal person with control over the administration of the benchmark. Which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrating arrangements for determining a benchmark Collecting, analyzing or processing input data for the purposes of determining a benchmark Determining a benchmark through the application of a formula or other method of calculation, or by an assessment of input data to that benchmark 	<p>A natural or legal person contributing input data which is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is not readily available to the administrator required in connection with the determination of a benchmark and is provided for that purpose 	<p>A natural or legal person who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> issues financial instruments which reference a benchmark is party to a contract which references a benchmark determines the amount payable under a financial instrument or financial contract by referencing the benchmark measures the performance of an investment fund through the use of an index 	<p>Legend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JPY IBOR to TONAR EURIBOR Reform & EONIA to €STR GBP IBOR to SONIA USD IBOR to SOFR Other reg milestones <p>Timeline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 2019: ECB publishes €STR End of 2020: CME/LCH discounting is expected to change from Fed funds to SOFR Q1 2021: First €STR to be published Q4 2021: Expect term publication of SOFR 31 Dec 2021: FCA no longer compels panel banks to submit LIBOR quotes 1 Jan 2022: Data collection begins on modellability criteria for FRTB implementation; Transitional provisions of the BMR expire, BMR comes into full force → EIONIA new business after this date must reference €STR → BASEL III and FRTB implementation goes live
<p>Requirements?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorization or (less onerous) registration (preferential for regulated entities) for BMR purposes plus complying with governance arrangements and controls on benchmark integrity – degree depends on type of benchmark provided Proportionate controls in light of classification of benchmark Governance and control - i.e. BMR compliant policies/procedures BMR compliant outsourcing / licensing arrangements Observance of BMR methodology and transparency obligations; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow administrator’s code of conduct (in compliance with BMR); Supervised Contributors are required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> prevent conflicts of interest co-operate in auditing and supervision of benchmarks maintain records and make these available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May only use authorized benchmarks Is required to produce robust action plans if a benchmark materially changes or ceases to be produced (to be reflected in contractual documents) – this requires fallbacks 	

EU Benchmarks Regulation – size (volume) and location matter

Critical	Significant	Non-significant	Third-country
<p>EUR 500 billion in volume of financial contracts referenced; or Supervisors' discretion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EUR 50 billion to 500 billion in volume of financial contracts referenced; or • Low impact or few substitutes. 	<p>Less than EUR 50 billion</p>	<p>Can be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Equivalent; 2. Recognized; or 3. Endorsed.
<p>Mandatory contribution from Administrators Set procedure for cessation of benchmark</p>	<p>Proportionate application of BMR's rules in the form of limited exemptions for requirements relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • governance and conflicts of interest systems and controls; • compliance oversight of input data and controls; • shorter-form of BMR-compliant "code of conduct". <p>In order to avail of these reliefs the BMR relevant administrator must adopt comply or explain approach.</p> <p>Regulator may overturn administrator's decision.</p>	<p>Further proportionate relief and exemptions for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • governance and conflicts of interest systems and controls; • compliance oversight and systems and control frameworks; • accountability framework; • input data controls; • transparency of benchmark methodology; • reporting of BMR infringements; • simplified code of conduct; and • less(er)-stringent controls for contributors. <p>Explanation as to why each requirement is inappropriate to be included in compliance statement.</p> <p>May be appropriate forum for proprietary indices (WARNING: not available for interest or commodity indices).</p>	<p>Equivalent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only applicable when the Commission has made a positive equivalence decision in respect of the relevant third country (taking into account whether the legal framework ensures compliance with the IOSCO principles) and an MoU is in place between ESMA and third-country authority • The third country administrator must be authorized or registered, and subject to supervision, in the third country • The administrator must have notified ESMA of the identify of its regulator and the administrator's consent to the use of its benchmarks in the EEA <p>Recognized – mostly when equivalence decision is pending</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition provided by the regulator in the administrator's Member State of reference (MSoR) and maintaining legal representative in MSoR • Regulator must confirm the administrator's compliance with standards equivalent to the Regulation, taking into account compliance with the IOSCO principles – subject to audit/certification <p>Endorsed</p> <p>A third country benchmark can be endorsed by an EEA regulator at the request of an EEA administrator who is authorized or registered under BMR and has verified compliance and can monitor compliance and has regulatory ownership /BMR compliance responsibility</p>

EU Benchmarks Regulation - Key factors to be aware of in each IBOR and risk-free reference rate

Jurisdiction	Benchmark IR	Admin	Reformed IBOR include waterfall approach?	Alternative RFR	Alternative RFR Administrator	Transaction based?	Overnight rate?	Secured/ Unsecured	Underlying Transactions	Rates published
 Japan	JBA TIBOR EUROYEN TIBOR	JBA TIBOR Administration	Yes			Yes				
	JPY LIBOR	ICE Benchmark Administration (IBA)	Yes	TONA	Bank of Japan	Yes	Yes	Unsecured	Money Markets	July 1985
 EU	EONIA/EURIBOR	European Money Markets Institute (EMMI)	Yes	Euro short-term rate (€STR)	European Central Bank (ECB)	Yes	Yes (€STR)	Unsecured	Money Markets	October 2019 (€STR)
				Reformed EURIBOR		Partly				
 UK	GBP LIBOR	ICA Benchmark Administration (IBA)	Yes	Reformed sterling overnight index average (SONIA)	ICE Benchmark Administration (IBA)	Yes	Yes	Unsecured	Money Markets	23 April 2018
 US	USD LIBOR	ICE Benchmark Administration (IBA)	Yes	Secured overnight financing rate (SOFR)	Federal Reserve Bank of New York (FRBNY)	Yes	Yes	Secured	Repo Transactions	3 April 2018
 Switzerland	CHF LIBOR	ICE Benchmark Administration (IBA)	Yes	Swiss average rate overnight (SARON)	Swiss National Bank (SNB) and SIX Swiss Exchange	Yes	Yes	Secured	Repo Transactions	25 August 2009

EU Benchmarks Regulation – Taking inventory

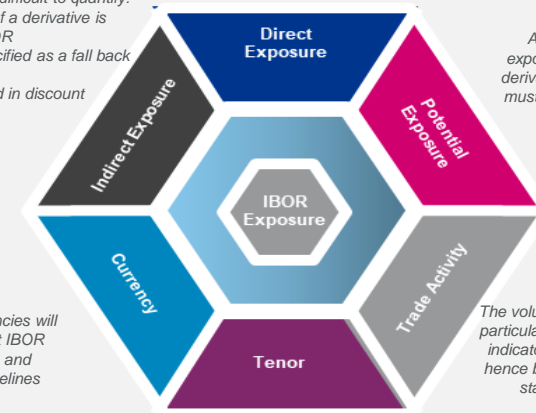
Product	Key Examples	Identifying Linked Exposures	Measures
Derivatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest rate swaps • Cross Currency swaps • Commodity swap • Credit default swap • Interest rate futures • Interest rate options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct vs. Indirect Exposure – IBOR can be directly or indirectly referenced (the latter is more difficult to quantify) • Linear vs. Non-Linear – Derivatives can have a linear and non-linear payoff. A non-linear derivative will have a payoff that changes with time and may have additional sensitives to IBOR (such as deep in and out of the money positions) • Exchange traded vs. OTC – there would be differences owing to Price Alignment Interest and OIS discounting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notional • MTM • DVO1 • Additional Greeks for Options
Cash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonds – Corporate, Floating Rate Notes, Covered bonds, Perps, Agency notes, Leases, Trade Finance • Loans – Syndicated, Securitised, Business Loans, Real Estate Mortgages • Securitised products – Collateralised bond obligation, Collateralised loan obligation, Mortgage backed security • Short term products – CPs, Money markets, Repos and Reverse repos • Retail – Loans, Mortgages, Pensions, Credit cards, Overdraft and late payments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trading vs. banking books - Cash products booked in the trading book are regularly traded while those booked in the banking book are expected to be held to maturity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notional • Committed undrawn amount • MTM • DVO1

Once product inventory has been identified it is important to accurately measure the impact across products on an ongoing basis

A complete assessment of the current exposure to IBOR must be undertaken across products

Where IBOR is indirectly referenced, it becomes more difficult to quantify:

- o Underlying of a derivative is linked to IBOR
- o IBOR is specified as a fall back rate
- o IBOR is used in discount curves



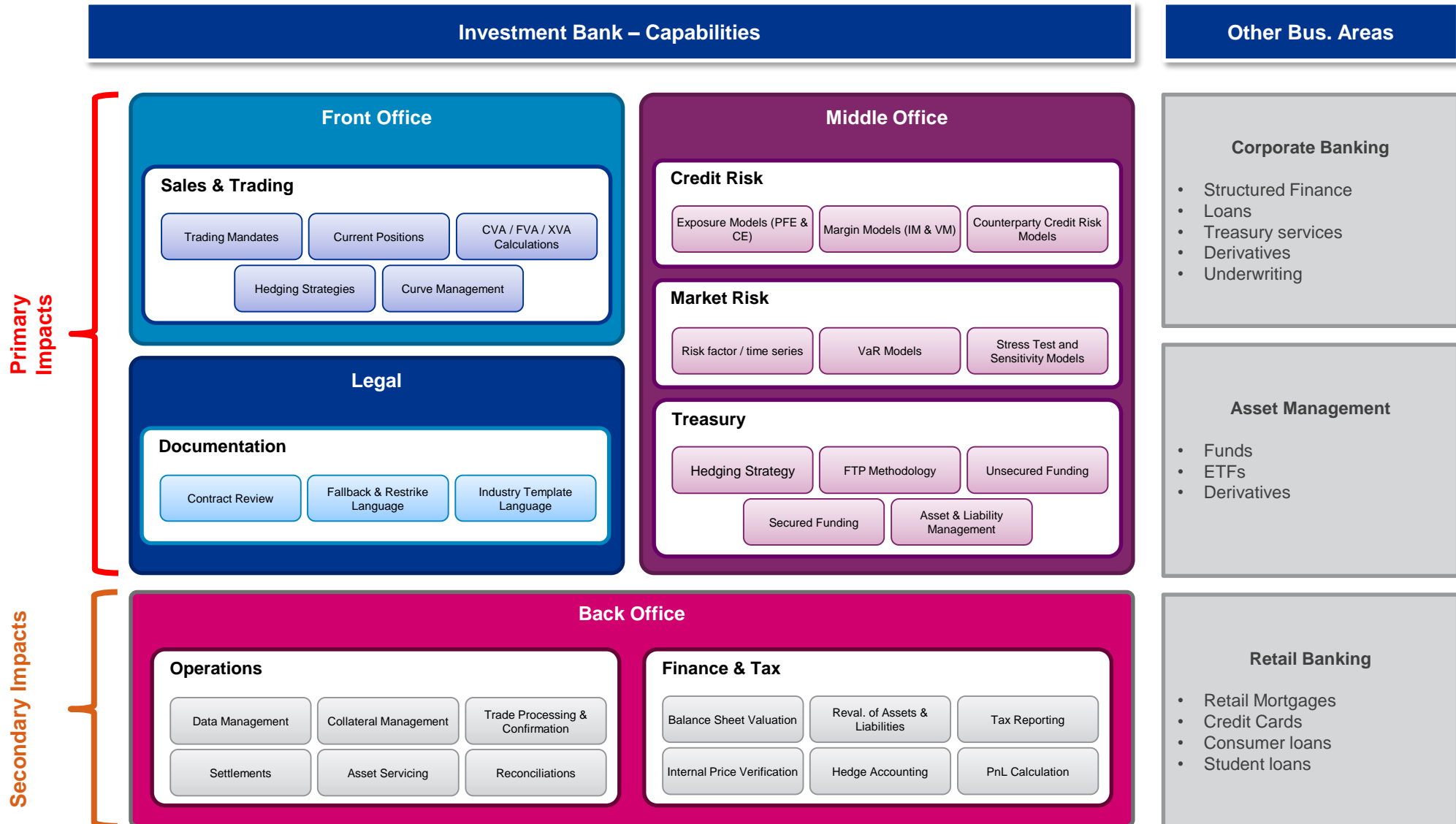
Any indirect exposure through derivative positions must be quantified too

Different currencies will have different IBOR alternatives and transition timelines

The volume of trades in a particular area is a useful indicator of activity and hence be used potential starting points

It is important to understand how far current IBOR exposures extend too – particularly those that extend past the 2021 deadline and will need to be repapered

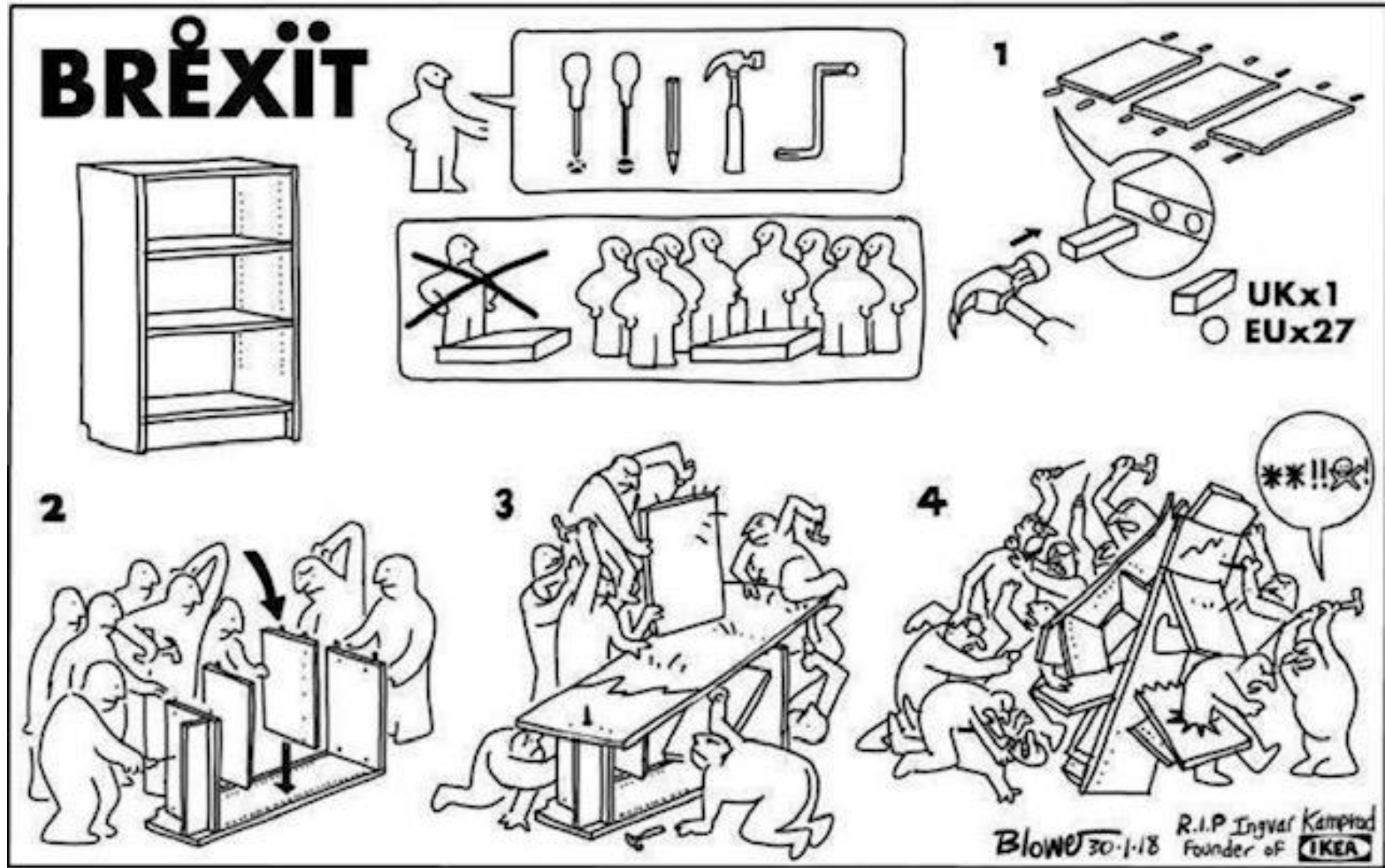
EU Benchmarks Regulation – mapping impact



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