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ABS Asset-Backed Securities

ATTF Agence de transfert de technologie financière (Luxembourg Agency for the Transfer of Financial Technology)

BCL Banque centrale du Luxembourg
BIS Bank for International Settlement
CCBM Correspondent central banking model

CETREL Centre des transferts électroniques Luxembourg (Center for Electronic Transfers Luxembourg)

CLS Continuous linked settlement

CPMI Committee on Payments and Market Infrastructure

CPSS Committee on Payment and Settlement

CRD Capital Requirement Directive
CRR Capital Requirement Regulation
CSD Central Securities Depositories

CSSF Commission de surveillance du secteur financier

EBA European Banking Authority

ECAF Eurosystem Credit Assessment Framework

ECB European Central Bank

EFC Economic and Financial Committee
EFSF European Financial Stability Facility

EIB European Investment Bank
EMU Economic and Monetary Union
EPC European Payments Council
ESCB European System of Central Banks
ESM European Stability Mechanism

ESMA European Securities and Markets Authority

ESRB European Systemic Risk Board

EU European Union

EUR Euro

EUROSTAT Statistical office of the European communities

FSB Financial Stability Board
GDP Gross Domestic Product
IMF International Monetary Fund
IML Institut Monétaire Luxembourgeois

IOSCO International Organization of Securities Commissions

LCR Liquidity Coverage Ratio
LFF Luxembourg for Finance
LSF Luxembourg School of Finance
LTRO Longer Term Refinancing Operations

LU Luxembourg

MRA Maximum Risk Allowance
MRO Main Refinancing Operations
NCB National Central Banks
NSFR Net Stable Funding Ratio

OECD Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

PBC People's Bank of China
SDR Special Drawing Rights
SEPA Single European Payment Area
SSM Single Supervisory Mechanism
SSS Securities settlement system

STATEC Institut national de la statistique et des études économiques (National Institute for Statistics

and Economic Studies)

TARGET Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer system

TFEU Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union

UCI Undertaking for Collective Investments

UCITS Undertaking for Collective Investments in Transferable Securities

USD US Dollar

3.7 GLOSSARY

Balance of payments (b.o.p.): a statistical statement that summarises, for a specific period of time, the economic transactions of an economy with the rest of the world. The transactions considered are those involving goods, services and incomes; those involving financial claims on, and liabilities to, the rest of the world; and those (such as debt forgiveness) that are classified as transfers.

<u>Central securities depository (CSD)</u>: an entity that (i) enables securities transactions to be processed and settled by book entry, and (ii) provides custodial services (e.g. the administration of corporate actions and redemptions), and (iii) plays an active role in ensuring the integrity of securities issues. Securities can be held in physical (but immobilised) form or in dematerialized form (whereby they exist only as electronic records).

<u>Collateral</u>: assets pledged or otherwise transferred (e.g. by credit institutions to central banks) as a guarantee for the repayment of loans, as well as assets sold (e.g. by credit institutions to central banks) under repurchase agreements.

<u>Correspondent Central Banking Model (CCBM)</u>: a mechanism established by the European System of Central Banks with the aim of enabling counterparties to use eligible collateral on a cross-border basis. In the CCBM, NCBs act as custodians for one another. Each NCB has a securities account in its securities administration for each of the other NCBs (and for the European Central Bank).

<u>Council of the European Union</u>: the institution of the EU made up of representatives of the governments of the EU Member States, normally ministers responsible for the matters under consideration and the relevant European Commissioner (see also ECOFIN Council).

Counterparty: the opposite party in a financial transaction (e.g. any party transacting with a central bank).

Covered bond purchase programmes (CBPP, CBPP2 and CBPP3): an ECB programme, based on the decision of the Governing Council of 7 May 2009 to purchase euro-denominated covered bonds issued in the euro area in support of a specific financial market segment that is important for the funding of banks and was particularly affected by the financial crisis. The purchases under the programme were for a nominal value of 60 billion euro and they were fully implemented by 30 June 2010. On 6 October 2011 the Governing Council decided to launch a second covered bond purchase programme, the CBPP2. Between November 2011 and October 2012, a nominal amount of € 16.4 billion was purchased on the primary and secondary markets. The CBBP2 ended in November 2012. On 4 September 2014, the Governing Council decided to launch a new euro-denominated covered bonds purchase programme (CBPP3) in the primary and secondary markets.

As at 31 December 2015, the outstanding CBPP was € 20.6 billion; the outstanding CBPP2 was € 9.7 billion; the CBPP3 holdings reached € 143.34 billion.

<u>CPMI-IOSCO</u>: The Committee on Payments and Market Infrastructures (CPMI) promotes the safety and efficiency of payment, clearing and securities settlement related arrangements. The CPMI monitors and analyses developments in these arrangements and is a global standard setter in this area. It also serves as a forum for central bank cooperation in related oversight, policy and operational matters.

The International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) is a body that brings together the world's securities regulators. The organization develops among others internationally recognized standards of regulation, oversight and enforcement aiming at protecting investors and promoting integrity of securities markets.

<u>Credit institution</u>: 1) an undertaking whose business is to receive deposits or other repayable funds from the public and to grant credits for its own account; or 2) an undertaking or any other legal person, other than those under (1), which issues means of payment in the form of electronic money. The most common types of credit institutions are banks and saving banks. See also electronic money (e-money).

<u>ECOFIN Council</u>: Council of the European Union reuniting/meeting at the level of the ministers of economics and finance.

Economic and Financial Committee (EFC): a committee which contributes to the preparation of the work of the ECOFIN Council and the European Commission. Its tasks include reviewing the economic and financial situation of both Member States and the EU, and contributing to budgetary surveillance.

<u>Electronic money (e-money)</u>: An electronic store of monetary value on a technical device that may be widely used as prepaid bearer instrument for making payments to undertakings other than the issuer, without necessarily involving bank accounts in the transactions.

<u>Euro</u>: The name of the European single currency adopted by the European council at its meeting in Madrid on 15 and 16 December 1995 and used instead of the term ECU originally employed in the Treaty.

<u>EURO1</u>: Multilateral net payment system providing same-day settlement at a pan-European level. EURO1 is operated by EBA Clearing and settles large-value interbank payments in euro.

<u>Euro area</u>: the area encompassing those Member States which have adopted the euro as the single currency in accordance with the Treaty and in which a single monetary policy is conducted under the responsibility of the Governing Council of the European Central Bank. The euro area currently comprises Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Spain.

<u>Eurogroup</u>: an informal gathering of the ministers of economy and finance of the EU Member States whose currency is the euro.

European Central Bank (ECB): the ECB lies at the centre of the Eurosystem and the European System of Central Banks (ESCB) and has its own legal personality in accordance with the Treaty (ARTICLE 282(3)). It ensures that the tasks conferred upon the Eurosystem and the ESCB are implemented either through its own activities or through those of the NCBs, pursuant to the Statute of the ESCB and the ECB. The Eurosystem and the SEBC are governed by the decision-making bodies of the ECB, i.e. by the Governing Council, by the Executive Board, and, as a third decision-making body, by the General Council.

European Financial Stabilisation Mechanism (EFSM): an EU facility, based on Article 122(2) of the Treaty, that allows the European Commission to raise up to €69 billion on behalf of the EU for lending to EU Member States experiencing, or being threatened with, exceptional circumstances beyond their control. EFSM lending is subject to strong conditionality in the context of joint EU-IMF programmes.

European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF): a limited liability company established by the euro area counterparties, on an intergovernmental basis, for the purpose of providing loans to the euro area countries in financial difficulties. Such financial assistance is subject to strong conditionality in the context of joint EU-IMF programmes. The EFSF has an effective lending capacity of €440 billion, and its loans are financed through the issuance of debt securities, guaranteed by euro area countries on a pro rata basis.

European Stability Mechanism (ESM): an intergovernmental organisation established by the euro area countries on the basis of the Treaty establishing the European Stability Mechanism. It is a permanent crisis management mechanism for the euro area which issues debt instruments in order to finance loans and other forms of financial assistance to euro area countries. The ESM entered into force on 8 October 2012. It has an effective lending capacity of €500 billion and replaced both the European Financial Stability Facility and the European Financial Stabilisation Mechanism. ESM lending is subject to strict conditionality.

European System of Central Banks (ESCB): composed of the European Central Bank (ECB) and the NCBs of all 28 EU Member States, i.e. it includes, in addition to the members of the Eurosystem, the NCBs of those Member States whose currency is not the euro. The ESCB is governed by the Governing Council and the Executive Board of the ECB, and, as a third decision-making body of the ECB, by the General Council.

<u>European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB)</u>: an independent EU body responsible for the macro-prudential oversight of the financial system within the EU. It contributes to the prevention or mitigation of systemic risks to financial stability that arise from developments within the financial system, taking into account macroeconomic developments, so as to avoid periods of widespread financial distress.

<u>Eurosystem</u>: the central banking system of the euro area. It comprises the European Central Bank and the NCBs of the Member States that have adopted the euro.

<u>Executive Board</u>: one of the decision-making bodies of the ECB. It comprises the President and the Vice-President of the ECB and four other members appointed by the European Council, acting by a qualified majority, on a recommendation from the EU Council, after it has consulted the European Parliament and the ECB.

Expanded Asset Purchase Programme (APP): Following the first and second covered bond purchase programmes (CBPP and CBPP2) conducted respectively in 2009-10 and 2011-12, the expanded asset purchase programme (APP) includes all purchase programmes under which private sector securities and public sector securities are purchased to address the risks of a too prolonged period of low inflation. It consists of the third covered bond purchase programme (CBPP3), the asset-backed securities purchase programme (ABSPP), the public sector purchase programme (PSPP).

Fiduciary money: banknotes and coins having the status of legal tender.

<u>Financial stability</u>: condition in which the financial system- comprising financial intermediaries, markets and market infrastructures- is capable of with standing shocks and the unraveling of financial imbalances, thereby mitigating the likelihood of disruptions in the financial intermediation process which are severe enough to significantly impair the allocation of savings to profitable investment opportunities.

<u>Fine-tuning operations</u>: an open market operation executed by the Eurosystem in order to deal with unexpected liquidity fluctuations in the market. The frequency and maturity of fine-tuning operations are not standardised.

<u>G10</u>: The Group of Ten (G10) refers to the group of countries that have agreed to participate in the General Arrangements to Borrow (GAB), a supplementary borrowing arrangement that can be invoked if the IMF's resources are estimated to be below member's needs. The GAB was established in 1962, when the governments of eight IMF members—Belgium, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States—and the central banks of two others, Germany and Sweden, agreed to make resources available to the IMF for drawings by participants and, under certain circumstances, for drawings by nonparticipants.

<u>G20</u>: The Group of Twenty (G20), refers to a group of key advanced and emerging market economies that was created in 1999, in response to the financial crisis in the late 1990s, to modernise the international financial architecture, strengthen policy coordination between its members, and promote financial stability. In recent years it has increasingly influenced the debate on the global economic and financial policy agenda.

The membership of the G20 comprises the G7 countries (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom and the United States), Argentina, Australia, Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey and the European Union, which is represented by the rotating Council Presidency and the European Central Bank.

Jointly G20 members represent about 85 per cent of global gross domestic product, over 75 per cent of global trade, and two-thirds of the world's population.

<u>General Council</u>: one of the decision-making bodies of the European Central Bank (ECB). It comprises the President and the Vice-President of the ECB and the governors of all the NCBs of the European System of Central Banks.

<u>Governing Council</u>: supreme decision-making body of the European Central Bank (ECB). It comprises all the members of the Executive Board of the ECB and the governors of the NCBs of the Member States that have adopted the euro.

<u>Harmonised index of the consumer prices (HICP)</u>: a measure of the development of consumer prices that is compiled by Eurostat and harmonised for all EU Member states.

<u>Key ECB interest rates</u>: the interest rates, set by the Governing Council, which reflect the monetary policy stance of the European Central Bank. They are the rates on the main refinancing operations, the marginal lending facility and the deposit facility.

Longer-term refinancing operations: a regular open market operation executed by the Eurosystem in the form of reverse transactions. Such operations are carried out through a monthly standard tender and normally have a maturity of three months. During the financial market turmoil that started in August 2007, supplementary operations with maturities ranging from one maintenance period to one year were conducted, the frequency of which varied.

<u>Main refinancing operations</u>: a regular open market operation executed by the Eurosystem in the form of reverse transactions. Such operations are carried out through a weekly standard tender and normally have a maturity of one week.

MFIs (monetary financial institutions): financial institutions which together form the money issuing sector of the euro area. These include the Eurosystem, resident credit institutions (as defined by Community law) and all other resident financial institutions whose business is to receive deposits and/or close substitutes for deposits from entities other than MFIs and, for their own account (at least in economic terms), to grant credit and/or invest in securities. The latter group consists predominantly of money market funds.

Open market operations: an operation executed on the initiative of a central bank to influence the financial market. With regard to their aims, regularity and procedures, Eurosystem open market operations can be divided into four categories: main refinancing operations; longer-term refinancing operations; fine-tuning operations; and structural operations. As for the instruments used, reverse transactions are the main open market instrument of the Eurosystem and can be employed in all four categories of operations. In addition, the issuance of debt certificates and outright transactions are available for structural operations, while outright transactions, foreign exchange swaps and the collection of fixed-term deposits are available for the conduct of fine-tuning operations.

<u>Outright Monetary Transactions (OMTs)</u>: transactions that aim to safeguard an appropriate monetary policy transmission and the singleness of the monetary policy in the euro area through purchases of euro area government bonds in the secondary market based on strict and effective conditionality.

Outright transaction: A transaction whereby assets are bought or sold up to their maturity (spot or forward).

<u>Price Stability</u>: the maintenance of price stability is the primary objective of the Eurosystem. The Governing Council defines price stability as a year-on-year increase in the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices for the euro area below 2%. The Governing Council has also made it clear that, in the pursuit of price stability, it aims to maintain inflation rates below, but close to, 2% over the medium term.

<u>Public sector purchase programme (PSPP)</u>: On 22 January 2015 the Governing Council expanded its scope of intervention by announcing a securities purchase programme in the public sector (PSPP) scheduled to start on 09 March 2015. The PSPP was the latest of a suite of asset purchase programmes (APP), which included the asset-backed securities (ABSPP) and the covered bonds (CBPP3), aimed at addressing the risk of a of a too prolonged period of low inflation.

The secondary market transactions conducted under the PSPP include high quality euro-denominated instruments issued by the euro area central governments - or by regional and local governments that meet all other eligibility criteria - or by eligible international or supranational institutions and agencies established in the euro area.

The share of purchases in a national central bank's home market is conducted in proportions reflecting the respective share of the national central bank in the ECB's capital key.

Additional eligibility criteria apply to countries subject to an EU-IMF macroeconomic adjustment programme. As at 31 December 2015, the outstanding PSPP was € 491.215 billion.

<u>Real-time gross settlement (RTGS) system</u>: a settlement system in which processing and settlement take place on a transaction-by transaction basis in real time (see also TARGET2).

SDR (Special Drawing Rights): The SDR was created by the IMF in 1969 as an international reserve asset to supplement its member countries' official reserves. Its value is currently based on a basket of four key international currencies: the euro, the Japanese yen, the pound sterling, and the US dollar. The SDR is neither a currency, nor a claim on the IMF. Rather, it is a potential claim on the freely usable currencies of IMF members.

<u>Securities Markets Programme (SMP)</u>: a programme set up in May 2010 for conducting interventions in the euro area public and private debt securities markets to ensure depth and liquidity in dysfunctional market segments with a view to restoring an appropriate monetary policy transmission mechanism. The SMP was terminated when the technical features of the Outright Monetary Transactions were announced on 6 September 2012. As at 31 December 2015, the outstanding SMP was € 122.6 billion.

<u>Securities settlement system (SSS)</u>: a system which allows the transfer of securities, either free of payment or against payment (delivery versus payment).

<u>Stability and Growth Pact (SGP):</u> intended to serve as a means of safeguarding sound government finances in the EU Member States in order to strengthen the conditions for price stability and for strong, sustainable growth conducive to employment creation. The SGP has two arms – a preventive arm and a corrective arm. The preventive arm prescribes that Member States specify medium-term budgetary objectives, while the corrective arm contains concrete specifications on the excessive deficit procedure.

Standing Facilities: Standing facilities aim to provide and absorb overnight liquidity, signal the general monetary policy stance and bound overnight market interest rates. Two standing facilities, which are administered in a decentralised manner by the NCBs, are available to eligible counterparties on their own initiative: the marginal lending facility and the deposit facility.

<u>STEP2</u>: Pan-European Automated Clearing House (PE-ACH) for retail payments in euro. The clearing house is operated by EBA Clearing.

<u>Systemic Risk</u>: the risk that the inability of one participant to meet its obligations in a system will cause other participants to be unable to meet their obligations when due, with possible spillover effects such as significant liquidity or credit problems that may threaten the stability of the financial system. Such inability may be caused by operational or financial problems.

<u>TARGET2</u>: the second-generation TARGET system. It settles payments in euro in central bank money and functions on the basis of a single shared IT platform, to which all payment orders are submitted for processing.

<u>TARGET2-Securities (T2S)</u>: the Eurosystem's single technical platform enabling central securities depositories and NCBs to provide core, borderless and neutral securities settlement services in central bank money in Europe.

Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU): Following entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon on 1 December 2009, the Treaty establishing the European Community was renamed the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU). This Treaty - referred to as the Treaty of Rome (signed in Rome on 25 March 1957) - entered into force on 1 January 1958 to establish the European Economic Community (EEC). The Treaty establishing the European Community was subsequently amended by the Treaty on European Union (often referred to as the Maastricht Treaty) which was signed on 7 February 1992 and entered into force on 1 November 1993, thereby establishing the EU. Thereafter, both the Treaty establishing the European Community and the Treaty on the European Union were amended by the Treaty of Amsterdam, signed on 1 October 1997 and in force as of 1 May 1999, the Treaty of Nice, signed on 28 February 2001 and in force as of 1 February 2003, and then by the Treaty of Lisbon.

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