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Take Action

CySEC

**Regulation (EU) No 2017/2402 on creating a
single framework for simple, transparent
and standardised securitisation**

02 December 2020

The Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission ("CySEC"), wishes, herein to remind the Regulated Entities the main provisions of the Securitisation Regulation (EU) No. 2017/2402 (the "Regulation").

Circular: C419

CySEC
Enhancement of procedures regarding
safeguarding of client funds held
by CIFs

27 November 2020

The CySEC wishes herein to inform the Cyprus Investment Firms ("CIFs") in relation to the enhancement of the procedures regarding safeguarding of client funds held by CIFs.

Circular: C418

Announcements

EBA
Publishes final draft technical standards on
the treatment of non-trading book positions
subject to foreign-exchange risk or
commodity risk under the FRTB framework

03 December 2020

The European Banking Authority ("EBA") published final draft Regulatory Technical Standards ("RTS") on how institutions are to calculate the own funds requirements for foreign-exchange and commodity risk stemming from banking book positions under the FRTB standardised and internal model approaches. For more information please press [here](#).

EBA

Reactivates its Guidelines on legislative and non-legislative moratoria

02 December 2020

After closely monitoring the developments of the COVID-19 pandemic and, in particular, the impact of the second COVID-19 wave and the related government restrictions taken in many EU countries, the EBA has decided to reactivate its Guidelines on legislative and non-legislative moratoria. This reactivation will ensure that loans, which had previously not benefitted from payment moratoria, can now also benefit from them. The role of banks to ensure the continued flow of lending to clients remains of utmost importance and with the reactivation of these Guidelines, the EBA recognises the exceptional circumstances of the second COVID-19 wave. The EBA revised Guidelines, which will apply until 31 March 2021, include additional safeguards against the risk of an undue increase in unrecognised losses on banks' balance sheet. For more information please press [here](#).

Other Alerts

EIOPA

Publishes monthly technical information for Solvency II Relevant Risk Free Interest Rate Term Structures – end November 2020

03 December 2020

The European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority ("EIOPA") published technical information on the relevant risk free interest rate term structures ("RFR") with reference to the end of November 2020. RFR information has been calculated applying the content of the Technical Documentation published on 20 August 2020 and based on RFR coding released on 8 October 2019. For more information please press [here](#).

Market News

Bloomberg

**Derivatives market faces challenges on
Brexit, EU Regulator says**

04 December 2020

"The European Union's top markets regulator delivered a fresh warning that big European banks will face difficulties trading derivatives when they are locked out of London's dominant trading platforms at the end of the Brexit transition this month." For more information please press [here](#).

Financial Times

**Brussels warns Poland and Hungary they
cannot stop EU recovery fund**

04 December 2020

"Bloc drawing up plans to push through €750bn project over two nations' objections." For more information please press [here](#).

Bloomberg Professional

The coming of age of China's bond market

03 December 2020

"Investors are emerging from the volatility of the COVID-19 crisis looking to capitalize on new investment opportunities and seeking superior alpha. Chief among these is the China bond market, which has steadily become a beneficiary of China's financial liberalization and remains largely untapped by international investors." For more information please press [here](#).

Cryptocurrencies

Bloomberg

Beyond bitcoin: these cryptocurrencies are doing even better

03 December 2020

"A number of cryptocurrencies are posting even gaudier numbers than the progenitor of digital money. Ethereum, a longtime favorite of tech geeks, has quintupled in value since its 12-month low on March 16, besting Bitcoin's 295% increase in the same period. And XRP, a lightning rod for crypto-critics, has doubled in value since Nov. 17." For more information please press [here](#).

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