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NEWS

EBA consults on revised guidelines on money laundering and terrorist financing risk factors

On 5 February 2020, the EBA issued a public consultation on revised money laundering and terrorist financing risk factors guidelines. Contributions can be sent to the EBA until 6 July 2020. For further details, please refer to the EBA website at:

https://eba.europa.eu/eba-consults-revised-guidelines-money-laundering-and-terrorist-financing-risk-factors

WARNINGS

CSSF Warnings

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

- Warning concerning the website www.luxstaram.com
- Warning concerning the website www.365gcc.io
- Warning regarding the activities of an entity named SOLYS Luxembourg
- Warning regarding the activities of an entity named RushBang
- Warning concerning the website https://power-spot.eu
- Warning concerning the website www.crypto-bull.io
- Warning concerning the website www.abakus-group-sa.com
- Warning concerning the website www.lacompagniefinancieredebelmont.lu
- Warning concerning the website www.clbrm-private.com (GW Investments)
- Warning concerning the website www.conceptone-invest.com
- Warnings concerning power-spot.eu and actio-prevoyance.com
- Warning regarding the activities of an entity named Mutuelle Credit
- Warning concerning the website www.qualion.co.uk
- Warning regarding the activities of an entity named Asset Trade International (Europe) S.A.
- Warning concerning the website www.luxstargroup.com
- Warning concerning the website www.bsglobalinvest.com

Given the significant number of fraudulent websites recently identified, the CSSF recommends you to verify whether the entity with which you would like to do business is supervised by the CSSF by using the application "Supervised Entities". In case of doubt, please contact the CSSF.

Warnings published by IOSCO

Several warnings have been published on the IOSCO website at:

http://www.iosco.org/investor_protection/?subsection=investor_alerts_portal.

NATIONAL REGULATION

Circular letter - AML/CFT survey

The circular letter provides details on the collection of standardised key information on money laundering and terrorist financing risks for certain entities supervised by the CSSF.

Circular CSSF 20/734 - New reporting obligations for money market fund managers

The purpose of this circular is to clarify the technical details that money market fund managers need in order to fulfil their reporting obligations.



The purpose of the circular is to implement the "Guidelines on stress test scenarios under Article 28 of the MMF Regulation" as published on 19 July 2019 by ESMA into Luxembourg regulation applicable to the money market funds (MMFs) under the supervision of the CSSF and to the Luxembourg managers of MMFs.

Circular CSSF 20/736 - ESMA Guidelines on the reporting to competent authorities under Article 37 of the MMF Regulation

The purpose of the circular is to implement the "Guidelines on the reporting to competent authorities under Article 37 of the MMF Regulation" published on 19 July 2019 by ESMA into Luxembourg regulation applicable to the money market funds (MMFs) under the supervision of the CSSF and to the Luxembourg managers of MMFs.

Circular CSSF 20/737 - Semi-annual reporting of borrower-based residential real estate indicators

The circular modifies Circular CSSF 18/703 on the introduction of a semi-annual reporting of borrower-based residential real estate indicators and informs on an update of the dedicated data collection template.

COMMUNIQUÉS

Date	Publications
27.01.2020	Communication regarding the ESMA Q&A on KIID benchmark disclosures for UCITS
31.01.2020	Communication in the context of Brexit
03.02.2020	Publication of CSSF Circulars on reporting and stress tests for money market funds
03.02.2020	Global situation of undertakings for collective investment at the end of December 2019
12.02.2020	Monitoring the quality of transaction reports received under Article 26 of MiFIR
13.02.2020	Launch of the ESMA Common Supervisory Action on the supervision of UCITS' managers liquidity risk management
17.02.2020	Examination of non-financial information published by certain issuers for 2018 financial year
17.02.2020	Results of the enforcement of the 2018 financial information published by issuers subject to the Transparency Law
18.02.2020	Call for expression of interest for the ESMA Securities and Markets Stakeholder Group
21.02.2020	The European Commission launches consultation on MiFID and MiFIR



25.02.2020	Communication in the context of the ESMA common supervisory action on UCITS liquidity risk management
25.02.2020	The CSSF warns against false claims taken up in the press

WITHDRAWALS DECIDED BY THE CSSF

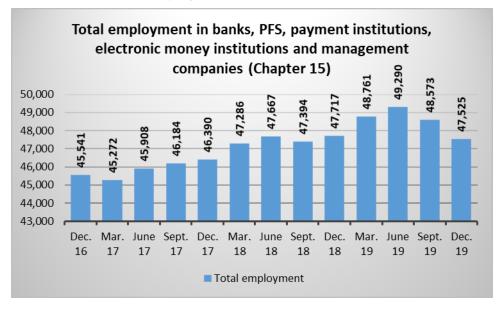
A decision to withdraw the undertaking for collective investment WORLD INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES FUNDS from the official list of undertakings for collective investment was taken by the CSSF on 6 January 2020.

A decision to withdraw the specialised investment fund BAXKET FUND S.A. SICAV-SIF from the official list of specialised investment funds was taken by the CSSF on 6 January 2020.

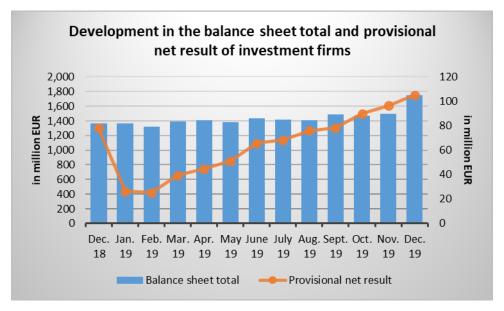
STATISTICS

Total employment in banks, PFS, management companies (Chapter 15), payment institutions and electronic money institutions

Total employment as at 31 December 2019

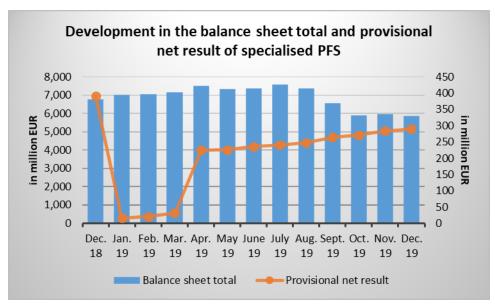


Investment firms
Increase in the balance sheet total as at 31 December 2019



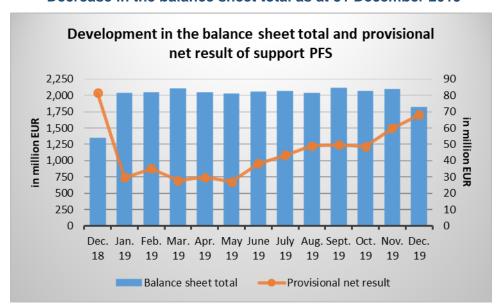
Specialised PFS

Decrease in the balance sheet total as at 31 December 2019



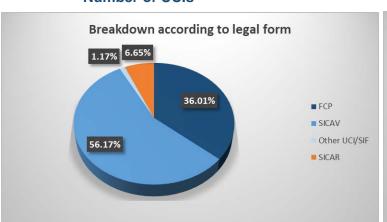
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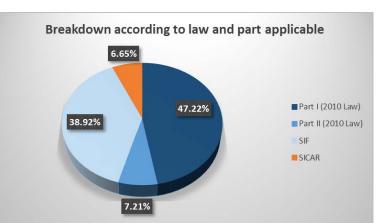
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UCIs (Situation as at 31 December 2019)

Number of UCIs

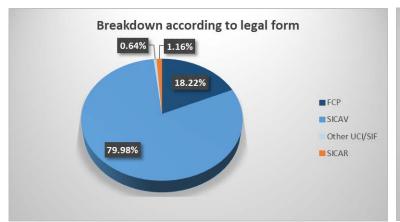


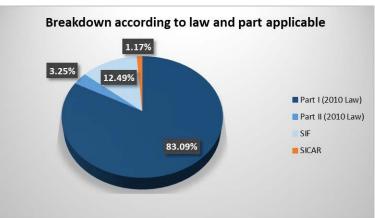


Law, part/legal form	FCPs	SICAVs	Other UCIs/SIFs	SICARs	Total
Part I (2010 Law)	916	853	0	0	1,769
Part II (2010 Law)	134	134	2	0	270
SIFs	299	1,117	42	0	1,458
SICARs	0	0	0	249	249
TOTAL	1,349	2,104	44	249	3,746



Net assets of UCIs





Law, part/legal form (in bn EUR)	FCPs	SICAVs	Other UCIs/SIFs	SICARs	Total
Part I (2010 Law)	622.484	3,298.344	0.000	0.000	3,920.828
Part II (2010 Law)	52.529	100.586	0.462	0.000	153.577
SIFs	184.629	375.135	29.726	0.000	589.490
SICARs	0.000	0.000	0.000	55.019	55.019
TOTAL	859.642	3,774.065	30.188	55.019	4,718.914

Breakdown according to investment policy

Breakdown according to investment policy	Net assets (in bn EUR)	Number of fund units ¹
Fixed-income transferable securities	1,410.915	3,207
Variable-yield transferable securities	1,428.979	4,069
Mixed transferable securities	981.272	3,846
Funds of funds	270.600	2,091
Money market instruments and other short-term securities	355.443	223
Cash	7.836	17
Private equity	42.550	225
Venture capital	2.583	30
Real estate	84.180	325
Futures and/or options	12.606	115
Other assets	66.931	283
Public-to-Private	0.129	3
Mezzanine	1.393	12
Venture Capital (SICARs)	7.784	81
Private Equity (SICARs)	45.713	281
TOTAL	4,718.914	14,808

 $^{^{1}}$ "Fund units" refers to both traditionally structured UCIs and sub-funds of umbrella funds.



Breakdown of net assets according to investment policy

Breakdown according to investment policy	NET ASSETS (in bn EUR)	NUMBER OF FUND UNITS	SUBSCRIP- TIONS (in bn EUR)	REDEMPTIONS (in bn EUR)	NET SUBSCRIP- TIONS (in bn EUR)
PART I					
Fixed-income transferable securities	1,295.627	2,674	55.005	48.063	6.942
Variable-yield transferable securities	1,350.124	3,728	54.782	46.792	7.990
Mixed transferable securities	786.239	2,806	25.822	23.087	2.735
Funds of funds	136.555	901	5.896	2.714	3.182
Money market instruments and other short-term securities	334.214	178	184.120	178.561	5.559
Cash	7.765	14	3.182	2.742	0.440
Futures and/or options	7.304	54	0.241	0.224	0.017
Other assets	3.000	9	0.034	0.104	-0.070
TOTAL PART I:	3,920.828	10,364	329.082	302.287	26.795
PART II					
Fixed-income transferable securities	19.300	92	0.839	1.161	-0.322
Variable-yield transferable securities	17.048	58	0.767	0.256	0.511
Mixed transferable securities	56.413	185	1.411	1.045	0.366
Funds of funds	27.681	235	0.714	0.784	-0.070
Money market instruments and other short-term securities	16.829	35	1.528	1.631	-0.103
Cash	0.000	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Private equity	7.886	17	0.142	0.182	-0.040
Venture capital	0.017	1	0.000	0.000	0.000
Real estate	2.594	20	0.273	0.007	0.266
Futures and/or options	1.532	19	0.015	0.025	-0.010
Other assets	4.277	16	0.187	0.054	0.133
TOTAL PART II:	153.577	678	5.876	5.145	0.731
SIFs					
Fixed-income transferable securities	95.988	441	2.805	2.769	0.036
Variable-yield transferable securities	61.807	283	0.353	0.675	-0.322
Mixed transferable securities	138.620	855	2.273	2.074	0.199
Funds of funds	106.364	955	2.335	0.746	1.589
Money market instruments and other short- term securities	4.400	10	0.758	0.932	-0.174
Cash	0.071	3	0.000	0.001	-0.001
Private equity	34.664	208	1.993	1.387	0.606
Venture capital	2.566	29	0.133	0.003	0.130
Real estate	81.586	305	1.033	0.599	0.434
Futures and/or options	3.770	42	0.051	0.052	-0.001
Other assets	59.654	258	1.912	0.500	1.412
TOTAL SIFs:	589.490	3,389	13.646	9.738	3.908
SICARs					
Public-to-Private	0.129	3	0.000	0.000	0.000
Mezzanine	1.393	12	0.000	0.000	0.000
Venture capital	7.784	81	0.000	0.195	-0.195
Private equity	45.713	281	0.019	4.046	-4.027
TOTAL SICARs	55.019	377	0.019	4.241	-4.222
TOTAL LUXEMBOURG UCIS	4,718.914	14,808	348.623	321.411	27.212

Origin of the initiators of Luxembourg UCIs

Country	Net assets (in bn EUR)	in %	Number of UCIs	in %	Number of fund units	in %
United States	966.867	20.5%	166	4.5%	1,107	7.5%
United Kingdom	869.166	18.4%	261	7.0%	1,662	11.2%
Germany	659.047	14.0%	1,256	33.5%	2,587	17.5%
Switzerland	655.676	13.9%	555	14.8%	2,755	18.6%
France	457.362	9.7%	296	7.9%	1,574	10.6%
Italy	328.530	7.0%	135	3.6%	1,247	8.4%
Belgium	201.132	4.3%	159	4.2%	898	6.1%
Luxembourg	121.081	2.6%	245	6.5%	691	4.7%
Netherlands	106.366	2.2%	44	1.2%	260	1.8%
Denmark	96.052	2.0%	23	0.6%	226	1.5%
Others	257.635	5.4%	606	16.2%	1,801	12.1%
TOTAL	4,718.914	100.0%	3,746	100.0%	14,808	100.0%

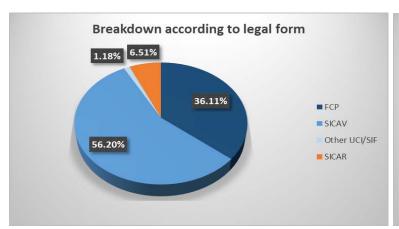
Breakdown of UCI fund units registered in Luxembourg by reference currency

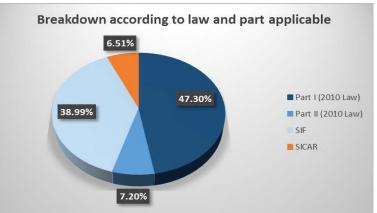
Currency	Net assets (in bn EUR)	in %	Number of fund units	in %
AUD	6.412	0.136%	26	0.176%
CAD	3.540	0.075%	22	0.148%
CHF	47.411	1.005%	264	1.783%
CNH	2.598	0.055%	24	0.162%
CNY	0.682	0.014%	3	0.020%
CZK	1.383	0.029%	72	0.486%
DKK	1.761	0.037%	16	0.108%
EUR	2,502.668	53.035%	9,357	63.189%
GBP	152.748	3.237%	320	2.161%
HKD	4.859	0.103%	10	0.067%
HUF	0.390	0.008%	31	0.209%
JPY	62.249	1.319%	192	1.297%
NOK	5.756	0.122%	36	0.243%
NZD	0.784	0.017%	4	0.027%
PLN	0.257	0.005%	11	0.074%
RON	0.507	0.011%	4	0.027%
SEK	44.323	0.939%	143	0.966%
SGD	0.978	0.021%	6	0.041%
TRY	0.004	0.000%	1	0.007%
USD	1,879.579	39.831%	4,265	28.802%
ZAR	0.025	0.001%	1	0.007%
TOTAL	4,718.914	100.000%	14,808	100.000%



UCIs (Situation as at 1 January 2020)

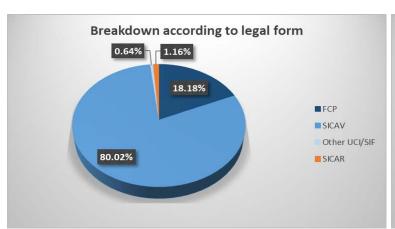
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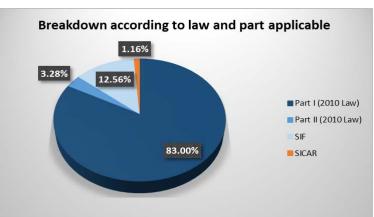




Law, part/legal form	FCPs	SICAVs	Other UCIs/SIFs	SICARs	Total
Part I (2010 Law)	910	849	0	0	1,759
Part II (2010 Law)	133	133	2	0	268
SIFs	300	1,108	42	0	1,450
SICARs	0	0	0	242	242
TOTAL	1,343	2,090	44	242	3,719

Net assets of UCIs





Law, part/legal form (in bn EUR)	FCPs	SICAVs	Other UCIs/SIFs	SICARs	Total
Part I (2010 Law)	625.952	3,349.391	0.000	0.000	3,975.343
Part II (2010 Law)	53.738	103.093	0.462	0.000	157.293
SIFs	191.004	380.164	30.447	0.000	601.615
SICARs	0.000	0.000	0.000	55.546	55.546
TOTAL	870.694	3,832.648	30.909	55.546	4,789.797



Breakdown according to investment policy	Net assets (in bn EUR)	Number of fund units ²	
Fixed-income transferable securities	1,440.158	3,228	
Variable-yield transferable securities	1,439.515	4,079	
Mixed transferable securities	993.970	3,830	
Funds of funds	276.183	2,089	
Money market instruments and other short-term securities	363.273	222	
Cash	8.409	17	
Private equity	43.307	225	
Venture capital	2.634	29	
Real estate	86.222	323	
Futures and/or options	12.642	112	
Other assets	67.938	287	
Public-to-Private	0.130	3	
Mezzanine	2.805	12	
Venture Capital (SICARs)	7.078	74	
Private Equity (SICARs)	45.533	284	
TOTAL	4,789.797	14,814	

Breakdown of net assets according to investment policy

Breakdown according to investment policy	NET ASSETS (in bn EUR)	NUMBER OF FUND UNITS	SUBSCRIP- TIONS (in bn EUR)	REDEMPTIONS (in bn EUR)	NET SUBSCRIP- TIONS (in bn EUR)
PART I					
Fixed-income transferable securities	1,322.240	2,688	62.739	50.536	12.203
Variable-yield transferable securities	1,358.800	3,735	55.213	44.994	10.219
Mixed transferable securities	795.401	2,794	27.397	21.444	5.953
Funds of funds	139.293	899	3.125	2.498	0.627
Money market instruments and other short- term securities	341.101	177	180.775	177.405	3.370
Cash	8.343	14	3.229	2.681	0.548
Futures and/or options	7.202	53	0.414	0.424	-0.010
Other assets	2.963	10	0.112	0.172	-0.060
TOTAL PART I:	3,975.343	10,370	333.004	300.154	32.850
PART II					
Fixed-income transferable securities	19.847	92	0.711	0.425	0.286
Variable-yield transferable securities	18.229	60	0.973	0.302	0.671
Mixed transferable securities	57.357	185	1.861	1.253	0.608
Funds of funds	28.033	232	0.619	0.355	0.264
Money market instruments and other short- term securities	17.170	35	1.701	1.413	0.288
Cash	0.000	0	0.000	0.000	0.000
Private equity	8.106	17	0.200	0.028	0.172
Venture capital	0.030	1	0.012	0.000	0.012
Real estate	2.594	20	0.000	0.000	0.000
Futures and/or options	1.565	19	0.060	0.022	0.038
Other assets	4.362	16	0.095	0.053	0.042

 $^{^{2}}$ "Fund units" refers to both traditionally structured UCIs and sub-funds of umbrella funds.

TOTAL PART II:	157.293	677	6.232	3.851	2.381
SIFs					
Fixed-income transferable securities	98.071	448	3.259	4.516	-1.257
Variable-yield transferable securities	62.486	284	1.327	1.015	0.312
Mixed transferable securities	141.212	851	2.580	2.121	0.459
Funds of funds	108.857	958	1.579	1.788	-0.209
Money market instruments and other short-term securities	5.002	10	1.297	0.707	0.590
Cash	0.066	3	0.001	0.000	0.001
Private equity	35.201	208	0.610	0.192	0.418
Venture capital	2.604	28	0.031	0.002	0.029
Real estate	83.628	303	2.199	0.298	1.901
Futures and/or options	3.875	40	0.304	0.056	0.248
Other assets	60.613	261	1.412	1.026	0.386
TOTAL SIFs:	601.615	3,394	14.599	11.721	2.878
SICARs					
Public-to-Private	0.130	3	0.000	0.000	0.000
Mezzanine	2.805	12	0.000	0.000	0.000
Venture capital	7.078	74	0.027	0.018	0.009
Private equity	45.533	284	0.007	0.025	-0.018
TOTAL SICARS	55.546	373	0.034	0.043	-0.009
TOTAL LUXEMBOURG UCIS	4,789.797	14,814	353.869	315.769	38.100
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Origin of the initiators of Luxembourg UCIs

Country	Net assets (in bn EUR)	in %	Number of UCIs	in %	Number of fund units	in %
United States	986.856	20.6%	168	4.5%	1,109	7.5%
United Kingdom	885.482	18.5%	257	6.9%	1,658	11.2%
Switzerland	670.378	14.0%	555	14.9%	2,764	18.7%
Germany	664.817	13.9%	1,237	33.3%	2,575	17.4%
France	462.475	9.7%	290	7.8%	1,570	10.6%
Italy	327.783	6.8%	135	3.6%	1,246	8.4%
Belgium	203.433	4.3%	159	4.3%	899	6.1%
Luxembourg	125.588	2.6%	247	6.7%	696	4.7%
Netherlands	106.855	2.2%	44	1.2%	260	1.7%
Denmark	96.370	2.0%	23	0.6%	226	1.5%
Others	259.760	5.4%	604	16.2%	1,811	12.2%
TOTAL	4,789.797	100.0%	3,719	100.0%	14,814	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	6.109	0.128%	26	0.176%
CAD	3.747	0.078%	22	0.149%
CHF	47.842	0.999%	267	1.802%
CNH	2.755	0.057%	24	0.162%
CNY	0.747	0.016%	3	0.020%
CZK	1.365	0.028%	71	0.479%

DKK	1.740	0.036%	15	0.101%
EUR	2,521.912	52.652%	9,338	63.035%
GBP	159.396	3.328%	320	2.160%
HKD	4.692	0.098%	10	0.068%
HUF	0.365	0.008%	31	0.209%
JPY	63.457	1.325%	192	1.296%
NOK	5.651	0.118%	36	0.243%
NZD	0.763	0.016%	4	0.027%
PLN	0.215	0.004%	9	0.061%
RON	0.512	0.011%	4	0.027%
SEK	44.188	0.923%	143	0.965%
SGD	0.965	0.020%	6	0.040%
TRY	0.005	0.000%	1	0.007%
USD	1,923.347	40.155%	4,291	28.966%
ZAR	0.024	0.000%	1	0.007%
TOTAL	4,789.797	100.000%	14,814	100.000%

Management companies authorised according to Chapter 15 of the 2010 Law Increase in the balance sheet total as at 31 December 2019



Pension funds

As at 17 February 2020, **12 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 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 **18**.



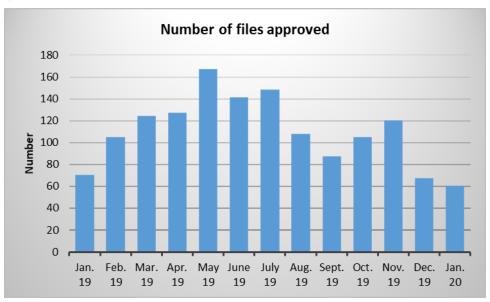
The number of securitisation undertakings authorised by the CSSF in accordance with the Law of 22 March 2004 on securitisation amounted to **33 entities** as at 10 February 2020.

Public oversight of the audit profession

The public oversight of the audit profession covered **55** *cabinets de révision agréés* (approved audit firms) and **320** *réviseurs d'entreprises agréés* (approved statutory auditors) as at 31 January 2020. 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.

Prospectuses for securities in the event of an offer to the public or admission to trading on a regulated market

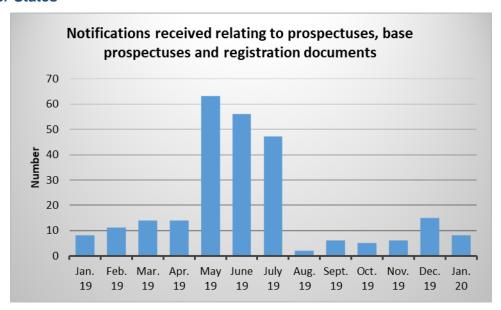
CSSF approvals



In January 2020, the CSSF approved a total of 60 documents pursuant to the Prospectus Regulations, which break down as follows:

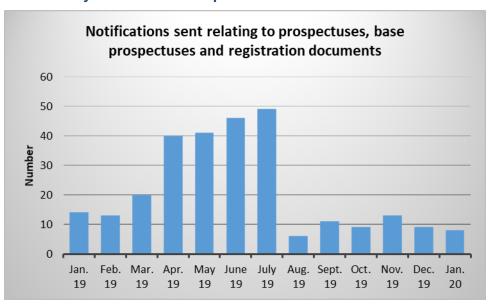
base prospectuses:	8	(13.33%)
other prospectuses:	2	(3.33%)
registration documents:	1	(1.67%)
supplements:	49	(81.67%)

Notifications received by the CSSF from the competent authorities of other EEA Member States



In January 2020, the CSSF received 5 notifications relating to prospectuses and base prospectuses and 43 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 January 2020, the CSSF sent 6 notifications relating to prospectuses and base prospectuses, 2 notifications relating to registration documents as well as 40 notifications relating to supplements³ to the competent authorities of other EEA Member States.

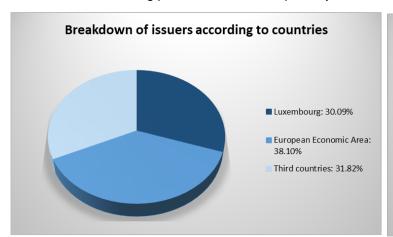
³ These figures reflect the number of prospectuses, base prospectuses, registration documents and supplements for which the CSSF sent one or several notifications. Where notifications were sent at different dates and/or in several Member States, only the first notification is included in the statistical calculation. Each document notified in one or several Member States is thus only counted once.

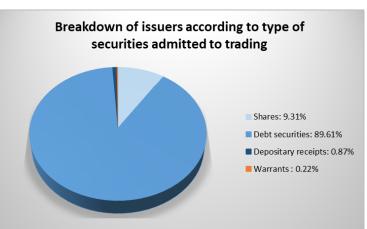


Issuers of securities whose home Member State is Luxembourg pursuant to the Law of 11 January 2008 on transparency requirements for issuers (the "Transparency Law")

Since 10 January 2020, 8 issuers have chosen Luxembourg as home Member State for the purposes of the Transparency Law. Moreover, 4 issuers were deregistered from the list due to the fact that they no longer fall within the scope of the Transparency Law.

As at 7 February 2020, **462 issuers** were included in the list of issuers whose home Member State is Luxembourg pursuant to the Transparency Law and are thus subject to the supervision of the CSSF.





HUMAN RESOURCES

In order to increase its staff, the CSSF hired seven employees on 1 February 2020 and counts, following the departure of two employees, 916 agents (490 men and 426 women). They have been assigned to the following departments:

Department Supervision of securities markets

Jordan DUHAMEL

Personnel, administration and finance

Michel DOLSCAK

Sandra HOFFMANN

Sara ZONA

Information systems of the CSSF

Sophie HOMMEL

Alexander LEAL PINHEIRO

Jean-Jacques LEQUEUX

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BANKING REGULATION AND SINGLE SUPERVISORY MECHANISM Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM) - European Central Bank (ECB)

Date	Publications	Description
07.01.2020	List of supervised entities (as of 1 December 2019)	The ECB has updated the list of supervised entities and supervised groups that are directly supervised by the ECB ("significant supervised entity" and "significant supervised group", as defined in Article 2, points (16) and (22) of the SSM Framework Regulation). It has also published the list of entities supervised by a national competent authority (NCA). In Luxembourg, the number of significant institutions at the highest level of consolidation that are directly supervised by the ECB has remained unchanged at 5 institutions, and the number of less significant institutions has increased by one from 62 to 63 institutions.
15.01.2020	ECB publishes supervisory banking statistics for the third quarter of 2019	The ECB has published the Supervisory Banking Statistics for the third quarter 2019.
21.01.2020	Recommendation ECB/2020/1 on dividend distribution policies	The ECB has published a recommendation on dividend distribution policies.
21.01.2020	Letter on variable remuneration policy	The ECB has sent a letter to significant banks on variable remuneration policy.
28.01.2020	ECB keeps capital requirements and guidance for banks stable and increases transparency	The ECB has published the outcomes of its 2019 Supervisory Review and Evaluation Process (SREP). For the first time the ECB is also publishing aggregate data by business model and bank-by-bank information on Pillar 2 requirements in an effort to improve transparency.
30.01.2020	Risk report on less significant institutions	The ECB has published its risk report on less significant institutions which is an annual assessment of the conditions in the LSI sector. The assessment has been conducted in coordination with national competent authorities.
31.01.2020	ECB to stress test 35 euro area banks as part of the 2020 EU-wide stress test led by EBA	The ECB informed that it will examine 35 significant euro area banks as part of the 2020 EU-wide stress test coordinated by the European Banking Authority (EBA). Results of individual banks are expected to be published by 31 July 2020.

Date	Consultation	Description
20.01.2020	ECB seeks feedback on draft ECB Guideline on materiality threshold for credit obligations past due for less significant institutions	The ECB has published a draft ECB Guideline on the definition of the materiality threshold for credit obligations past due for less significant institutions (LSIs). ECB asks for industry feedback by 17 February 2020.
Date	Speeches	Description
21.01.2020	Edouard Fernandez-Bollo: Basel III finalisation and overall impact of the reforms	Speaking points by Edouard Fernandez-Bollo, Member of the Supervisory Board of the ECB, at the Working Group Financial Services hosted by Kangaroo Group on "Is the Basel agreement compatible with strengthened financing of the European economy?"
27.01.2020	Yves Mersch: Asset price inflation and monetary policy	Keynote speech by Yves Mersch, Member of the Executive Board of the ECB and Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Board of the ECB, at the celebration of INVESTAS' 60th anniversary.
28.01.2020	Andrea Enria: Introductory statement	Introductory statement by Andrea Enria, Chair of the Supervisory Board of the ECB, at the press conference on the results of the 2019 SREP cycle.
30.01.2020	Andrea Enria: The road towards a truly European single market	Speech by Andrea Enria, Chair of the Supervisory Board of the ECB, at the 5th SSM & EBF Boardroom Dialogue.

European Parliament, European Commission and European Council

Date	Brexit	Description
31.01.2020	Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the EU and the European Atomic Energy Community	Publication of the Agreement on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the EU and the European Atomic Energy Community.

31.01.20

Notice concerning the entry into force of the Agreement on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the EU and the European Atomic Energy Community

Publication of the Notice concerning the entry into force of the Agreement on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the EU and the European Atomic Energy Community.

Date

Regulatory developments

Description

16.01.2020

Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/34 of 15 January 2020

Publication of Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/34 amending Regulation (EC) No 1126/2008 adopting certain **international accounting standards** in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards International Accounting Standard (IAS) 39, International Financial Reporting Standards 7 & 9.

24.01.2020

Corrigendum to Regulation (EU) 2019/2033 of 27 November 2019 Publication of Corrigendum to Regulation (EU) 2019/2033 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on the **prudential requirements of investment firms** and amending Regulations (EU) No 1093/2010, (EU) No 575/2013, (EU) No 600/2014 and (EU) No 806/2014.

30.01.2020

Commission Implementing
Decision (EU) 2020/125 of 29
January 2020

Publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/125 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 945/2014 laying down implementing technical standards with regard to **relevant appropriately diversified indices** in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

European Banking Authority (EBA)

Date

Publications

Description

08.01.2020

EBA publishes its Risk

Dashboard and results of the

Risk Assessment

Questionnaire

While the **capital position** of EU banks remained strong and asset quality improved further, profitability contracted in Q3 2019, with a negative outlook from both banks and analysts. The **Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) ratio** remained at 14.4% on a fully loaded basis, with the increase in capital compensated by a parallel expansion of risk exposure amounts (REA). **Return on equity (RoE)** declined in Q3 to 6.6%, down by 40bps from the quarter before.

13.01.2020

EBA reports identified key challenges in the roll out of big data and advanced analytics

The EBA report has identified recent trends and suggests key safeguards in an effort to support ongoing technological neutrality across regulatory and supervisory approaches. The growing use of

big data and advance analytics, including machine learning, across the industry will rapidly evolve in the next few years. The EBA has identified four key pillars - data management, technological infrastructure, organisation and governance and analytics methodology - necessary to support the rollout of advanced analytics, along with a set of "elements of trust".

16.01.2020

EBA finds that Competent
Authorities have properly
applied standards on identified
staff

The EBA has published its Report on the application by Competent Authorities (CAs) of the EBA regulatory technical standards (RTS) on the criteria to identify categories of staff whose professional activities have a material impact on an institution's risk profile. The conducted Peer Review exercise shows that, within the European Economic Area (EEA), CAs have applied properly the RTS during the reference period from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2017.

22.01.2020

EBA updates its guidelines on fraud reporting under PSD2

The EBA has published an amendment to its 2018 guidelines on fraud reporting under the revised Payment Services Directive (PSD2). The changes reflect some consequential amendments to the reporting templates under the guidelines as a result of clarifications provided more recently by the European Commission on the application of strong customer authentication (SCA) to certain type of transactions.

31.01.2020

EBA releases its annual assessment of the consistency of internal model outcomes

The EBA has published two Reports on the consistency of risk weighted assets (RWAs) across all EU institutions authorised to use internal approaches for the calculation of capital requirements. The reports cover credit risk for high and low default portfolios (LDPs and HDPs), as well as market risk. The results confirm that the majority of risk-weights (RWs) variability can be explained by fundamentals. These benchmarking exercises are a fundamental supervisory and convergence tool to address unwarranted inconsistencies and restoring trust in internal models.

Date

Consultations

Description

13.01.2020

EBA launches consultation on draft RTS on the treatment of non-trading book positions under the FRTB framework

The EBA has launched a consultation on draft RTS on how institutions should calculate the **own funds requirements for market risk** for their non-trading book positions that are subject to foreign-exchange risk or commodity risk under the Fundamental Review of the Trading Book (FRTB) standardised and internal model approaches.

The consultation runs until 10 April 2020.

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EBA consults on the future of the EU-wide stress test framework

The published discussion paper presents the EBA's vision of the **future of the EU-wide stress test** and aims to collect comments and feedback from the different users. The proposal envisages two components owned by supervisors and banks respectively: the supervisory leg and the bank leg.

The consultation runs until 30 April 2020.

Bank for International Settlements (BIS)

Date	Publication	Description
21.01.2020	Central bank group to assess potential cases for central bank digital currencies	The Bank of Canada, the Bank of England, the Bank of Japan, the ECB, Sveriges Riksbank and the Swiss National Bank, together with the BIS, have created a group to share experiences as they assess the potential cases for central bank digital currency (CBDC) in their home jurisdictions. The group will be co-chaired by Benoît Cœuré, Head of the BIS Innovation Hub, and Jon Cunliffe, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England and Chair of the Committee on Payments and Market Infrastructures (CPMI).

Macroprudential topics and fora

European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB)

Date	Publications	Description	
07.01.2020	The General Board of the ESRB held its 36th regular meeting on 19 December 2019	At its meeting on 19 December 2019 the Gener Board (GB) considered a number of vulnerabilities the EU financial system, including the indebtednes of non-financial corporations, the liquidity of asse in investment funds, and the misconduct cost facing financial institutions. Moreover, the GB to note of the risks to financial stability which mig result from climate change and disruptions in critic financial infrastructures.	
07.01.2020	ESRB risk dashboard, December 2019 (Issue 30)	The ESRB has published its quarterly risk dashboard.	
09.01.2020	ESRB publishes report on mitigating the procyclicality of margins and haircuts in derivatives markets and securities financing transactions	The ESRB has published a report on mitigating the procyclicality of margins and haircuts in derivatives markets and securities financing transactions. The report expands on the work of a previous ESRB report published in 2017 by providing new analysis and setting out possible policy options to address	



Countercyclical Capital buffer (CCyB)

The list of applicable CCyB rates in EU/EEA countries is available on the <u>website of the ESRB</u>. The following countries have announced a CCyB rate different from 0%:

Country	CCyB rate	Application since
Belgium	0.5%*	01/07/2020
	0.5%	01/10/2019
Bulgaria	1%*	01/04/2020
	1.5%*	01/01/2021
Czech Republic	1.75%	01/01/2020
Gzecii Kepublic	2%*	01/07/2020
	1%	30/09/2019
Denmark	1.5%*	30/06/2020
	2%*	30/12/2020
France	0.25%	01/07/2019
France	0.5%*	02/04/2020
Germany	0.25%*	01/07/2020
lceland	1.75%	15/05/2019
iceiailu	2%	01/02/2020
Ireland	1%	05/07/2019
Lithuania	1%	30/06/2019
Luvambaura	0.25%	01/01/2020
Luxembourg	0.5%*	01/01/2021
Norway	2.5%	31/12/2019
Slovakia	1.5%	01/08/2019
Siovakia	2%*	01/08/2020
Sweden	2.5%	19/09/2019
United Kinader	1%	28/11/2018
United Kingdom	2%*	16/12/2020



The list of applicable CCyB rates in non-EU/EEA countries can be consulted on the website of the Bank of International Settlements.

Financial Stability Board (FSB)

Date	Publication	Description
19.01.2020	FSB publishes annual report on non-bank financial intermediation	The report presents the results of the FSB's annual monitoring exercise to assess global trends and risks from non-bank financial intermediation (NBFI). Total global financial assets grew by 1.4% to \$378.9 trillion in 2018, driven largely by banks. The narrow measure of NBFI grew by 1.7%, to \$50.9 trillion in 2018, significantly slower than the 2012-17 average annual growth rate of 8.5%. It now represents 13.6% of total global financial assets.

NEWS OF THE EUROPEAN SECURITIES AND MARKETS AUTHORITY (ESMA)

Date	Publications	Description
06.01.2020	ESMA clarifies SFTR reporting	ESMA has published its final report, its Guidelines on reporting under the Securities Financing Transactions Regulation (SFTR), amended SFTR validation rules and a statement on Legal Entity Identifiers (LEI).
07.01.2020	ESMA assesses EU financial market impact of circuit breakers	ESMA has published a study on the market impacts of circuit breakers.
07.01.2020	ESMA clarifies rules for CCPs' membership criteria and due diligence	ESMA has issued a report on a survey it conducted into membership arrangements and due diligence by central counterparties (CCPs) towards their clearing members.
09.01.2020	ESMA announces key priorities for 2020-22	ESMA has published its Strategic Orientation for 2020-22. The Strategic Orientation sets out ESMA's future focus and objectives and reflects its expanded responsibilities and powers following the ESAs Review, and EMIR 2.2, which increases its focus on supervisory convergence, strengthens its role in building the Capital Markets Union (CMU) and gives it with more direct supervision responsibilities.

09.01.2020	MiFID II: ESMA issues latest double volume cap data	ESMA has updated its public register with the latest set of double volume cap (DVC) data under the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MiFID II).
10.01.2020	ESMA report values EU Alternative Investment Funds at €5.8 trillion	ESMA has published its second statistical report on European Union (EU) Alternative Investment Funds (AIF). The study found that the EU AIF sector in 2018, as measured by Net Asset Value (NAV), amounted to €5.8tn or nearly 40% of the total EU fund industry. The report is based on data from 30,357 AIFs, or almost 100% of the market.
10.01.2020	ESMA starts publishing questions received through its Q&A process	ESMA has started to publish a list of questions received through its Q&A process.
13.01.2020	ESMA publishes responses to its consultation on MiFID II review report on position limits	ESMA has published the responses received to its consultation on MiFID II review report on position limits and position management.
17.01.2020	ESMA consults on the use of No Data options in securitisation reporting	ESMA has published a Consultation Paper on Guidelines on securitisation repository data completeness and consistency thresholds. The consultation's objective is to help market participants and securitisation repositories to understand ESMA's expected maximum use of No Data options contained within a securitisation data submission.
21.01.2020	ESMA publishes responses to joint consultation paper on PRIIPs KID	ESMA has published the responses received to the Joint Consultation Paper concerning amendments to the PRIIPs KID.
29.01.2020	ESMA announces open hearing on its Consultation on Internal Controls for CRAs	ESMA will hold an open hearing in the context of its Consultation on Internal Controls for Credit Rating Agencies.
30.01.2020	ESMA launches a Common Supervisory Action with NCAs on UCITS liquidity risk management	ESMA is launching a Common Supervisory Action (CSA) with national competent authorities (NCAs) on the supervision of UCITS' managers liquidity risk management across the European Union (EU). The CSA will be conducted during 2020.
30.01.2020	ESMA appoints chairs to its Standing Committees	The Board of Supervisors of ESMA has appointed the individuals to serve as chairs of its standing committees.
31.01.2020	ESMA: update on governance and reporting obligations following the UK's withdrawal from the European Union	ESMA has published a statement to clarify issues relating to its governance and the reporting obligations for UK entities from 1 February 2020 following the United Kingdom's (UK) withdrawal from the European Union (EU).

31.01.2020	ESMA consults on the new MiFIR and MiFID II regimes for third-country firms	ESMA has launched a consultation on draft technical standards on the provision of investment services and activities in the European Union (EU) by third-country firms under MiFIR and MiFID II.
31.01.2020	ESMA issues opinion on accepted market practice on liquidity contracts by CONSOB	ESMA has issued an opinion supporting a revised Accepted Market Practice on liquidity contracts notified by the Italian market regulator, the Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa (Consob).
31.01.2020	MiFID II: ESMA publishes data for the systematic internaliser calculations for equity, equity-like instruments and bonds	ESMA has published data for the systematic internaliser calculations for equity, equity-like instruments and bonds under the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MiFID II) and Regulation (MiFIR).
31.01.2020	MiFID II: ESMA makes new bond liquidity data available	ESMA has started to make available new data for bonds subject to the pre- and post-trade requirements of the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MiFID II) and Regulation (MiFIR) through its data register.

FINANCIAL CENTRE

Main updated figures regarding the financial centre

			Annual compariso
Banks	Number (17/02/2020)	127	☑ 7 entities
	Balance sheet total (30/09/2019)	EUR 841.932 bn	⊅ EUR 56.828 bn
	Profit before provisions (30/09/2019)	EUR 3.765 bn	⊔ EUR 217 m
Payment institutions	Number (17/02/2020)	14 including 2 branches	→ 4 entities
Electronic money institutions	Number (17/02/2020)	9	
JCIs	Number (11/02/2020)	Part I 2010 Law: 1,758	
		Part II 2010 Law: 268	≥ 24 entities
		SIFs: 1,449	≥ 70 entities
		TOTAL: 3,475	≥ 142 entities
	Number (10/02/2020)	SICARs: 242	≥ 30 entities
	Total net assets (31/12/2020)	EUR 4,718.914 bn	⊅ EUR 654.27 bn
lanagement companies (Chapter 15)	Number (31/01/2020)	193	ע 14 entities
	Balance sheet total (31/12/2019) ⁴	EUR 16.617 bn	⊅ EUR 2.291 bn
lanagement companies (Chapter 16)	Number (31/01/2020)	156	≥ 8 entities
lIFMs	Number (11/02/2020)	256	→ 10 entities
ension funds	Number (17/02/2020)	12	no variation
authorised securitisation undertakings	Number (10/02/2020)	33	⊿ 2 entities
vestment firms	Number (17/02/2020)	100 including 5 branches	
	Balance sheet total (31/12/2019)	EUR 1.746 bn	⊅ EUR 389 m
	Provisional net profit (31/12/2019)	EUR 105.179 m	⊅ EUR 27.139 m
pecialised PFS	Number (17/02/2020)	104	☑ 6 entities
	Balance sheet total (31/12/2019)	EUR 5.863 bn	ע EUR 882 m
	Provisional net profit (31/12/2019)	EUR 290.135 m	ע EUR 101.126 m
upport PFS	Number (17/02/2020)	75	no variation
	Balance sheet total (31/12/2019)	EUR 1.820 bn	⊅ EUR 486 m
	Provisional net profit (31/12/2019)	EUR 68.18 m	ע EUR 14.55 m
ssuers of securities whose home Member state is Luxembourg pursuant to the ransparency Law	Number (07/02/2020)	462	☑ 38 entities
ublic oversight of the audit profession	Number (31/01/2020)	55 cabinets de révision agréés	4 entities
		320 réviseurs d'entreprises agréés	
		24 third-country auditors and audit firms	ש 5 entities
mployment (31/12/2019)	Banks	26,335 people	⊅ 18 people
	Management companies (Chapter 15)	4,860 people	≥ 14 people
	Investment firms	1,690 people	¥ 425 people
	Specialised PFS	5,183 people	₹ 703 people
	Support PFS	8,876 people	1,005 people لا
	Payment institutions/electronic money institutions	581 people	N/A
	Total	47,525 people	∠ 773 people ⁵

Preliminary figures
 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.