

FOURTH DIALOGUE MEETING
BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE ESCB STATISTICS COMMITTEE AND
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BANKING INDUSTRY

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Minutes

1. Welcome and adoption of the agenda

The Chair of the European System of Central Banks (ESCB) Statistics Committee (STC) welcomed the participants to the fourth Dialogue meeting between the STC and the banking industry on statistical reporting. The Chair called attention to the progress made in the field of integrated reporting since the last meeting in November 2020.

The Chair also explained that it was not feasible to have an agenda item on payment statistics as the first production round under the amended Payment Statistics Regulation was ongoing. The Chair thanked the national central banks (NCBs) and the banking industry for their continuous support in implementing the new requirements and expects to give feedback regarding the data collected under the amended Regulation at the next Dialogue meeting.

On behalf of the banking industry, a representative from the European Banking Federation (EBF) welcomed the continuation of the Dialogue meeting and highlighted the fruitful and strengthened cooperation achieved between the ESCB and the banking industry on reporting matters.

2. Progress towards European integrated reporting

Summary of the presentations

2.1 Towards European integrated reporting

The ECB presented an overview of the major achievements in the context of integrated reporting (integrating statistical and prudential reporting requirements) since the last meeting. The ECB described its strategy towards a common data dictionary, which includes an assessment of whether the refitted data point model (DPM) could also fulfil the needs of the Integrated Reporting Framework (IReF). A tentative governance set-up and related timelines were also defined. It is expected that the industry will be involved in the work of the Joint Reporting Committee. In the meantime, the industry will be involved via a dedicated workshop on the follow-up of the European Banking Authority (EBA) feasibility study towards the end of the year, to discuss the involvement of the industry and the best

way to achieve it. This should help clarify resource needs and timelines. The industry will also continue to be involved through the Banks' Integrated Reporting Dictionary (BIRD). That should also ensure its preparedness for the implementation of the IReF.

The industry welcomed this open-minded approach of the authorities towards fostering the integration of statistical and prudential reporting.

2.2 The ESCB's Integrated Reporting Framework

The ECB provided a status update regarding IReF activities in the light of the launch of the IReF Programme by the ECB's Governing Council in December 2021. The IReF Programme consists of several activities that will have an impact not only on what statistical data are collected from euro area banks but also on how the data collection is organised.

The publication of the outcome of the cost-benefit assessment (CBA) is expected in September 2022, possibly followed by a complementary CBA to address additional topics of relevance to the IReF. The matching of benefits and costs, which includes, among other things, the definition of the IReF reporting scheme, will start in the last quarter of 2022. The public consultation on the draft IReF Regulation is expected to take place in 2024 and reporting is expected to start in 2027. The ECB envisages extensive industry involvement in the implementation of the IReF.

It was highlighted that the industry very much supports the IReF, but it is seen as a first step towards integrated reporting. Therefore, it should be ensured that the IReF is developed in a scalable way, so as to be able to integrate other frameworks over time, and that the first building blocks will be fit for purpose without a need to respecify them. The collaborative development of the IReF and BIRD, as well as the work of the ECB and the EBA on the data dictionary, should ensure such scalability.

2.3 Way forward for a more Integrated Reporting (post-feasibility study)

The EBA presented its views on the way forward for more integrated reporting in Europe. The Feasibility Study on the integrated reporting of statistical, prudential and resolution data was published at the end of 2021. The follow-up is being discussed with competent authorities in the Task Force on Integrated Reporting (TFIR) and with European authorities, including the ECB, in the Informal Coordination Group (ICG), as explained in the first presentation. Furthermore, together with the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA), the EBA is developing the DPM refit and the related Digital Regulatory Reporting (DRR) tool. The latter will manage all data in the DPM refit data dictionary (e.g. glossary, data definition, data quality criteria and transformation rules).

The industry highlighted the need for a clear roadmap, especially when resources are needed from the industry. The workshops planned towards the end of 2022 should discuss the governance of the project, particularly the involvement of the industry and the best way to achieve it, to help clarify resource needs and timelines.

2.4 Banks' Integrated Reporting Dictionary: report from the BIRD Steering Group

The co-Chairs of the BIRD Steering Group informed the Dialogue meeting about the BIRD relaunch, which was decided upon in the BIRD Steering Group in November 2021, and gave an update on the status of activities. The BIRD relaunch includes a new BIRD process and components to make BIRD fit for the future, enhanced collaboration, and improved communication and promotion of the project.

It was also clarified that the development and maintenance of BIRD will be challenging and demanding. The timeliness and quality of the implementation of new requirements will be key for the usability and credibility of BIRD. Therefore, continued and increased collaboration between the industry and authorities is needed.

2.5 The view by the banking industry

The EBF presented a recap of developments and the progress made in various aspects in the field of reporting, in which one of the first major steps was the setting up of the Dialogue meetings in 2018. The EBF gave the industry's views on the direction of and crucial requirements (e.g. clear roadmaps, open and regular dialogue, involvement of the industry) for progress in the three main projects that are currently ongoing: IReF, BIRD and the integrated reporting system. It was also highlighted that close cooperation between the relevant authorities and the industry is essential and the only way to guarantee a system that works for both the industry and authorities.

2.6 Exchange of views

Summary of the discussion

An exchange of views on the state of play in European integrated reporting took place after all the presentations under agenda item 2 had been given. It was widely acknowledged that integrated reporting requires substantial investments from all parties concerned. Therefore, the industry stressed the need for timely and regular communication with authorities, public commitment from all relevant authorities to further integration across data domains, and clear roadmaps, especially for the activities where support is needed from the industry, towards the end of the year. That should help the industry to plan the investments it will need to make. In that respect, the authorities intend to organise a workshop towards the end of 2022 at which a clearer vision would be shared with all stakeholders.

The industry called for regular updates and involvement well before the foreseen workshops and highlighted that a balanced and relevant industry representation is needed. The industry also stressed again that, in their view, the IReF is a first step towards integrated reporting. Integrating statistical requirements alone will not provide sufficient benefits. In that regard, it was confirmed by the ESCB that a staged approach is envisaged. The BIRD logical data model could support future integration of other frameworks.

3. State of play in (other) important ESCB projects

Summary of the presentations

3.1 Data quality assurance of granular reporting – the SHSG DQ metrics

The ECB presented the results of the first production rounds after implementing the data quality (DQ) metrics for securities holdings statistics by banking groups (SHSG). The methodological concept for the DQ metrics was presented at the previous Dialogue meeting. The approach was subsequently implemented by the ECB's Securities Holdings Statistics Database (SHSDB) team together with NCBs and the industry. It was also highlighted that the excellent cooperation between central banks and the industry contributed significantly to the substantial progress made.

3.2 Developments around AnaCredit

The ECB informed the Dialogue meeting about the high relevance and usage of the AnaCredit dataset in recent crisis situations and for climate-related questions. In addition, following up on the discussion at the previous Dialogue meeting, developments regarding the data quality work on AnaCredit were presented. Data quality has considerably improved for the main benchmark comparison with the individual Balance Sheet Items (iBSI) dataset, also thanks to the close cooperation with NCBs and the industry. However, work also remains to be done to get the details right.

3.3. Exchange of views

Summary of the discussion

During the exchange of views on agenda item 3, some industry participants pointed out that granular datasets will not fully reconcile with existing aggregated datasets, for example due to waivers and methodological differences. This was well understood, although for some countries very small differences are seen in practice. In addition, it was acknowledged that limitations still exist in the more granular data.

Overall, the improved data quality and experiences gained in the DQ exercises, along with the good collaboration between authorities and the industry, will support the credibility of data production as well as future work on data quality for the IReF.

4. Conclusions

The Chair thanked the participants for their interventions during the meeting and invited the EBF representative to conclude. The EBF representative also thanked all participants for the fruitful meeting and emphasised the need to have continued, open-minded collaboration and to avoid silo thinking. The ECB echoed the need for collaboration and took note of the industry's request to be involved at an early stage of the different initiatives. Finally, the industry participants were thanked for their continued contribution to the IReF and BIRD.

List of participants

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