# Compliance Institute July Newsletter

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## 1. Executive Summary

In Ireland, at the first National Financial Literacy Strategy Stakeholder Forum the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance, Simon Harris TD, launched the National Financial Literacy Strategy Annual Review and Action Plan 2026–2027. In addition, the Government have approved the publication of the Regulation of Artificial Intelligence Bill 2026 which, once enacted, will give effect in Ireland to the EU Artificial Intelligence Act.

The Central Bank of Ireland have published a report confirming the successful implementation of all twelve recommendations from the Fitness and Probity Gatekeeping Review and are hosting a practical information session on July 23rd on the PCF assessment process. The Central Bank have also published the 3rd edition of their Authorisations and Gatekeeping Report and their Innovation Hub report for 2025. They held an Insurance Industry event focusing on the changes to the Solvency II Directive and the new EU Insurance Recovery and Resolution Directive and launched a Training Directory of learning resources for financial professionals seeking to develop skills in Climate Change and related areas. Finally, the Central Bank has published a new cash access map showing the location of every ATM and cash service points in the country. The public can now also notify the Central Bank if they believe there is insufficient access to cash in their community.

In Europe, the Simplification Agenda continues with the European Banking Authority publishing its final revised Guidelines on common procedures and methodologies for the supervisory review and evaluation process (SREP) and supervisory stress testing, in addition to publishing a comprehensive review of the EU bank microprudential, macroprudential and resolution capital framework including proposals to simplify it. The European Council have given final green light to a new regulation aiming to streamline and simplify certain rules regarding artificial intelligence and the Council has also agreed it's negotiating position on simpler transparency rules for sustainable financial products ('SFDR 2.0'). Furthermore, the European Supervisory Authorities have published their first annual overview of major ICT-related incidents under DORA

AMLA, the European Anti Money Laundering Authority, held their first conference under the theme "Building Trust, Enhancing Integrity: A New Chapter in the EU's Fight Against Financial Crime". The programme included keynote speeches and three thematic panels with discussions focusing on key topics shaping the AML/CFT agenda with recordings of these are now available. AMLA has also published the full set of materials from its webinar on the identification of obliged entities eligible for direct supervision.

There have been a number of notable consultations opened this month - the Central Bank of Ireland has issued a Consultation on its approach to Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) and on its approach to consultation with stakeholders, a Consultation on the Proposed Regulatory Framework for Credit Union Investment in Credit Union Service Organisations (CUSOs) and a Consultation Paper proposing new Guidance on Money Market Fund (MMF) Weekly Liquid Asset levels.

AMLA is consulting on draft Guidelines on ongoing monitoring of business relationships, the EDPB have launched a consultation on their template for personal data breach notification, and the FSB have launched a consultation on “Sound Practices for Responsible Adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI)”.

## 2. June Regulatory Updates *(notable)*

Ireland

Central Bank of Ireland

Publications *(Cash Access, F & P Assessment Webinar, Innovation Hub Update, Insurance Industry Event, Authorisations and Gatekeeping Report, F&P Review Implementation Update, Climate-related Financial Disclosures, Climate Change Training Directory, Investment Firm & Intermediary Newsletter)*

**Cash Access:** The Central Bank of Ireland has launched a new map showing the location of every ATM and cash service points in the country. The public can now also notify the Central Bank (via process linked below) if they believe there is insufficient access to cash in their community.

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| Cash Access Map: Cash Access Map \| Central Bank of Ireland<br><br>Local Deficiency Assessment Process: Access to Cash Assessment Process & Guidelines \| Central Bank of Ireland |

**F & P Assessment Webinar:** The Central Bank of Ireland will host a practical information session on the pre-approval controlled function (PCF) assessment process on Thursday 23rd of July 2026 11:00 AM. The webinar is for anyone who will be assessed for a PCF role and for employees at financial institutions, advisors and/or law firms who are involved in such applications.

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| Read further here: Webinar: Information Session – Fitness & Probity Assessments<br><br>Registration is open here until Wednesday 22nd July here: Overview \| Central Bank of Ireland: Fitness and Probity Industry Information Webinar |

**Innovation Hub Update:** The Central Bank of Ireland have published their Innovation Hub report for 2025. The Innovation Hub collaborates with industry, academia, policymakers, and other regulators to understand and analyse the potential opportunities and potential risks that technologies can pose to consumers and markets, with the Central Bank noting that "*Since its launch in 2018, the Innovation Hub has supported a diverse range of firms, from incumbents to FinTech start-ups, and this early engagement has helped firms better understand our regulatory expectations and helped us to better understand innovation as it happens in the financial system.*"

The key highlights from the report are:

- 78 new enquiries, a 10% increase from 2024
- 1 in 3 firms who engaged through the Hub in 2025 are using AI as their enabling technology
- 36% of enquiries from Regtech firms
- Payments features strongly with 16% of enquiries, consistent with previous years
- 14% of firms from the broader Capital Markets and Funds sectors, with a focus on asset tokenisation
- 54% of firms enquiring about the authorisation process

Read the report in full here: Innovation Hub Update Report 2025

**Insurance Industry Event:** The Central Bank of Ireland held an Insurance industry event for insurance and reinsurance firms and industry bodies on the changes to the Solvency II Directive and the new EU Insurance Recovery and Resolution Directive (IRRD). Firms will now be managing these through their regulatory change process as the implementation date is 30th of January 2027. The Central Bank have published both the presentation from the event and Guidance on the Pre-application Process for the use of Proportionality Measures by Non Small and Non-Complex Undertakings.

Presentation: industry-event-solvency-ii-review-and-irrd-presentation-slides.pdf

Guidance - Pre-application Process for the use of Proportionality Measures by Non Small and Non-Complex Undertakings: pre-application-process---proportionality-measures.pdf

**Authorisations and Gatekeeping Report:** The Central Bank of Ireland have published the 3rd edition of the Authorisations and Gatekeeping Report which provides a summary of the authorisation and gatekeeping activity across all sectors in 2025. The Central Bank have noted that they "hope that readers find this report informative and helpful in terms of preparing them for applications and understanding how we measure our activity with regards to our gatekeeping and authorisations mandate."

Read the report here: Authorisations and Gatekeeping Report 2025

**F&P Review Implementation Update:** The Central Bank of Ireland have published a report on the implementation of recommendations from the Fitness and Probity Gatekeeping Review conducted by Andrea Enria in 2024. Further to the April 2025 update, this report confirms the successful implementation of all twelve recommendations from the Review. This 2026 Implementation Report details how these recommendations have been embedded into the Central Bank's processes and approach and, they have noted, "confirms our commitment to continuous improvement".

Read the report here: Fitness and Probity Review - 2026 Report on Recommendations

**Climate-related Financial Disclosures**: The Central Bank of Ireland have published their fourth Climate-related Financial Disclosures for their Investment Assets noting that: "*The Central Bank's climate-related financial disclosures form part of a concerted effort by all Eurosystem central banks to publish climate-related information on our respective non-monetary policy portfolios ("Investment Assets"). All disclosures are prepared in line with a Eurosystem common minimum disclosure framework based on the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) and the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF). The disclosures mark an important step towards increased transparency on the climate-related risks and the environmental footprint related to our Investment Assets. By improving transparency on our own activities, the Bank aims to strengthen awareness and understanding of climate-related risks and play a catalyst role in terms of promoting climate-related disclosures*"

Read further here: Climate-related Financial Disclosures 2026

**Climate Change Training Directory:** The Central Bank of Ireland have launched a Training Directory of learning resources for financial professionals who would like to develop skills in Climate Change and related areas. This directory of educational resources for financial professionals was developed in support of the work of the Central Bank Climate Risk and Sustainable Finance Forum by the Capacity Building Working Group who compiled this comprehensive list of courses to aid financial sector professionals in understanding climate-related financial risks and sustainable finance practices. Compliance Institute courses feature in the directory.

| Find it here: Training Directory \| Central Bank of Ireland |
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**Investment Firm and Intermediary Newsletter:** The Central Bank of Ireland have published their first newsletter of 2026 for the Investment Firm and Retail Intermediaries sectors with a number of updates including:

- Intermediary Insights
- Crowdfunding Insights
- MiFID Insights
- Central Bank Insights

| Read it here: Investment Firm and Intermediary Newsletter - June 2026 |
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Speeches *(Irish Funds sector, Role of Financial Intermediaries, Opportunities & responsibilities, Financial Literacy)*

**Irish funds sector:** In a speech at the IOB Funds and Asset Management Forum, Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Ireland Mary-Elizabeth McMunn set out some reflections on the Irish funds sector - its significance, the environment in which it operates, and what the Central Bank see as some of the key priorities for the period ahead – “a period likely to continue to be characterised by rapid structural change”.

The remarks addressed three themes:

1. the broader context of geopolitical and technological change and what it means for the funds sector;
2. the increasing importance of resilience in the face of this change;

3. how regulation must adapt to continue to ensure we are harnessing the benefits, for investors and the economy, while appropriately managing the risks.

Read the remarks in full here: “Navigating and responding to change – resilience, innovation and regulation in the Funds Sector” – Speech by Deputy Governor McMunn

**Further Speeches:**

- “Harnessing Opportunity – the Role of Financial Intermediaries in Europe” – Speech by Deputy Governor Colm Kincaid
- Opportunities and responsibilities – international financial services in fragmenting times - Speech by Deputy Governor McMunn
- "Financial Literacy – a regulator’s perspective" – Speech by Deputy Governor Colm Kincaid

### Department of Enterprise Tourism and Employment *(AI Bill published)*

**AI Bill Published:** Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment, Peter Burke and Minister of State for Trade Promotion, Artificial Intelligence and Digital Transformation, Niamh Smyth have welcomed the Government’s approval to publish the Regulation of Artificial Intelligence Bill 2026. The Bill, once enacted, will give effect in Ireland to the EU Artificial Intelligence Act — Regulation (EU) 2024/1689, establishing the domestic enforcement architecture necessary to ensure the world's first comprehensive AI regulatory framework operates fully and effectively in this State. The Bill establishes Oifig IS na hÉireann (AI Office of Ireland) as an independent statutory body which will act as Ireland's central coordinating authority for the implementation of the AI Act.

Read further here: Publication of the Regulation of Artificial Intelligence Bill 2026 - DETE

### Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration (*AML/CFT Discussion)*

**AML/CFT Discussion:** Minister of State, Catherine Ardagh, with responsibility for International Law, Law Reform and Youth Justice, represented Ireland at an Informal

Conference of Ministers of Justice at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg - the focus of the conference was on the fight against financial crime, money laundering and terrorist financing

Read further here: Minister of State Catherine Ardagh discusses the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing with Justice Ministers at the Council of Europe

Department of Finance *(National Financial Literacy Strategy Annual Review & Action Plan)*

**National Financial Literacy Strategy Annual Review and Action Plan for 2026–2027 launched:** The Tánaiste and Minister for Finance, Simon Harris TD, has launched the National Financial Literacy Strategy Annual Review and Action Plan 2026–2027, highlighting significant progress in helping people build the confidence, knowledge and skills needed to make informed financial decisions:

- The Strategy aims to improve financial wellbeing and resilience by ensuring people are better equipped to navigate financial challenges, seize opportunities and plan for their own and their families' future.
- The new Action Plan contains more than 100 actions designed to further enhance financial confidence and resilience across society. The Department of Finance noted that "these actions focus on key areas including saving, pensions, fraud awareness and investing, while also supporting consumers in understanding new opportunities such as the Government's planned Investment Account, will be announced as part of the upcoming Budget."
- The National Financial Literacy Strategy is being implemented by the Department of Finance in close partnership with the Central Bank of Ireland and the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission, with support from stakeholders across Government, education, financial services and civil society and the launch was made at the first National Financial Literacy Strategy Stakeholder Forum.

Read the National Financial Literacy Strategy 2025 Annual Review and Action Plan for 2026-2027 here: NFLS - Annual Review Action Plan - proof 12 - full doc digital.pdf

Read the related Central Bank of Ireland speech from the Forum here "Financial Literacy – a regulator's perspective" – Speech by Deputy Governor Colm Kincaid

## Data Protection Commission *(2025 Annual report, key findings and case studies)*

**Annual Report 2025:** The Data Protection Commission (DPC) has published its Annual Report for 2025. There is a dedicated webpage for the key findings of the report.

Their case studies 2025 booklet is also now available which Compliance Professionals can use for Data Protection training and compliance monitoring.

The report can be read here: Data Protection Commission Annual Report 2025

Key Findings can be found here: Data Protection Commission - Annual Report 2025

2025 Case Studies can be found here: DPC-Case-Studies-Booklet-2025-Final.pdf

# Europe

## European Council (*AI Regulation adopted, Sanctions Updates, Updated sustainability transparency framework*)

**Artificial Intelligence Regulation adopted:** The European Council has given the final green light to a new regulation aiming to streamline and simplify certain rules regarding artificial intelligence (AI). The new law forms part of the so-called 'Omnibus VII' legislative package in the EU's simplification agenda. The package includes proposals for two regulations aiming to simplify the EU's digital legislative framework and the implementation of harmonised rules on AI. Provisions on high-risk AI systems which were due to enter into force on 2nd August 2026 have been changed with co-legislators agreeing on a fixed timeline for the delayed application of high-risk rules: the new application dates would be 2nd December 2027 for stand-alone high-risk AI systems and 2nd August 2028 for high-risk AI systems embedded in products.

Read full details here: Artificial Intelligence: Council gives final green light to simplify and streamline rules - Consilium

**Sanctions Updates:** There have been a number of Sanctions Updates throughout June from the European Council:

- On June 15th the Council decided that 15 natural persons and one entity should be added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies set out in the Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2024/1484: Statement by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union on the alignment of certain countries concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Russia - Consilium
- On June 15th the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2026/1351: the Council added 10 natural persons and one entity to the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies set out in Annex I to Decision (CFSP) 2024/2643: Statement by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union on the alignment of certain countries concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's destabilising activities - Consilium
- On June 25th the Council renewed the EU restrictive measures in view of the Russian Federation's continuing actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine for a further 12 months, until 31 July 2027. The decision follows the European Council on 18-19 June 2026, where EU leaders agreed to extend the economic sanctions against Russia for twelve months: Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine: Council extends economic sanctions for another year - Consilium
- On June 15th Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2026/13571: that Decision added six persons to the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies set out in the Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2023/891: Statement by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union on the alignment of certain countries concerning restrictive measures in view of actions destabilising the Republic of Moldova - Consilium
- On June 15th the Council adopted a set of restrictive measures to combat Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, its hybrid activities and its systematic disregard for international law, including human rights. The package of additional listings consists of 34 individuals and 47 entities in total. Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine: new EU sanctions target energy revenues, the military-industrial complex, propaganda and human rights violations - Consilium
- On June 15th the Council decided to impose restrictive measures against six individuals responsible for actions aimed at destabilising, undermining or threatening the sovereignty and independence of the Republic of Moldova, including actions aimed at subverting its democratic processes: Republic of Moldova: Council lists six individuals for actions destabilising the country - Consilium

**Updated sustainability transparency framework:** The Council has agreed its negotiating position on an updated sustainability transparency framework for financial products sold in the EU ('SFDR 2.0'). The objective is to ease administrative burdens and help investors better understand and compare sustainability-related financial products in order to help better deploy investments towards sustainability, competitiveness and other strategic policy goals of the Union. The review updates the already existing sustainable finance disclosure regulation (SFDR) which requires market participants to disclose how they integrate social, environmental and governance (ESG) sustainability risks and adverse impacts into their investment offers.

Read full details here: Council agrees position on simpler transparency rules for sustainable financial products - Consilium

## European Parliament *(Digital Euro position)*

**Digital Euro position:** On June 23rd the Parliament's Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee adopted its position on the single currency package, consisting of three files, including one on the establishment of the digital euro which was adopted by 43 votes to 14, with 1 abstention. The position includes:

- Secure, private and free-to-use means of payment, both online and offline
- Privacy safeguards built in
- Limits to individual holding, pilot testing and coordinated public awareness campaign

Read further here: Digital euro: MEPs want to ensure sovereignty, privacy and financial stability | News | European Parliament

## European Commission *(Basel III Market Risk Rules temporary adjustments, AMLA Conference Keynote Speech)*

**Basel III Market Risk Rules Temporary adjustments:** the European Commission has introduced targeted, time-limited amendments to the EU's implementation of the Fundamental Review of the Trading Book (FRTB) – the new market risk capital framework for banks. The Commission noted that this is *“To ensure that the EU banking sector benefits from a level playing field with international competitors”.* The measures will apply for three years from 1st January 2027.

Read further here: [Commission adopts temporary adjustments to Basel III Market Risk Rules to safeguard EU banks’ competitiveness - Finance]

**AMLA Conference Keynote Speech:** European Commissioner for Financial Services and the Savings and Investments Union, Maria Luís Albuquerque, gave a keynote speech at AMLA's first Conference: “Building Trust, Enhancing Integrity: A New Chapter in the EU's Fight Against Financial Crime”. Commissioner Albuquerque noted that *“Financial crime is not a victimless activity. It undermines trust, distorts competition, finances organised crime and threatens the integrity not just of our financial system but of our very society. The EU's AML framework gives us the tools to have a more consistent, coordinated, and stronger defence against those attempting to exploit our financial system*.” The Commissioner proceeded to focus on how AMLA can help deliver effective risk-based supervision, support the intelligent use of technology and strengthen cooperation.

Read the remarks here: [AMLA: Building Trust, Enhancing Integrity: A New Chapter in the EU's Fight Against Financial Crime]

## European Central Bank *(Streamlining Supervisory Guidance, Supervision Blog)*

**Streamlining Supervisory Guidance**: On June 26th, the ECB announced they are conducting a comprehensive review of its publications on banking supervision to improve transparency, consistency and ease of use for banks and other stakeholders, including the wider public. They noted that this work is being carried out in the context of a broad reform to make European banking supervision more efficient, effective and risk-based, and that the review supports these objectives by streamlining guidance, clarifying the purpose of different supervisory tools and ensuring clear, consistent and accessible communication. Key points:

- Key supervisory guidance publications under review as part of a comprehensive reform agenda for European banking supervision

- All supervisory guides, reports, letters and methodologies assessed for relevance, effectiveness and clarity
- A number of publications discontinued, some to be slightly revised and some to be revised more extensively
- Classification of ECB supervisory guidance documents updated to emphasise their non-binding nature and ensure consistency across publications

Read full details here: ECB streamlines supervisory guidance to improve clarity and transparency

**Supervision Blog:** In conjunction with the previous announcement, Frank Elderson, Member of the Executive Board of the ECB and Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Board of the ECB has written the ECB's latest Supervision Blog entitled "Simpler guidance, more effective supervision". He states in the blog "*European banking supervision has reviewed over 130 publications to make them more concise and user-friendly. Around 40 will be discontinued, others have been revised in a targeted manner, and several are undergoing a more in-depth review, including the guide on governance and risk culture. We have also developed concrete initiatives as part of our supervisory culture program on the use of guides in the supervisory dialogue".*

Read it here: Simpler guidance, more effective supervision

### ESAs *(DORA major ICT-related incidents Report)*

**DORA major ICT-related incidents Report:** The European Supervisory Authorities (EBA, EIOPA and ESMA) have published their first annual overview of major ICT-related incidents in the EU financial sector based on a reporting mechanism established by the Digital Operational Resilience Act (DORA). It shows that ICT risks are increasingly borderless and interconnected. The authorities also note that the recent evolution of highly capable AI-driven tools should encourage financial entities to strengthen cybersecurity measures to maintain their resilience going forward. The report indicates that:

- Around one third of the 3,383 major incidents reported by financial entities in the EU (i.e. 0.18 per entity subject to DORA) had a cross-border impact, underscoring the growing interconnectedness through shared infrastructures and services.
- On the other hand, the direct impact on clients and transactions was generally limited.
- System failures and external events were the main drivers, highlighting the need for robust third-party risk management, effective oversight of outsourced services and close coordination with service providers during incident response and remediation.

The ESAs also noted that, while only 10% of the reported incidents were related to cybersecurity, it is key that financial entities uphold to the highest cybersecurity standards to be able to keep pace with the potential use of highly capable AI-driven tools.

Read the report here: ESAs 2025 report on major ICT-related incidents.pdf

EBA *(Revised Guidelines on POG for retail banking products, 2025 Report on supervisory convergence, Delivery of DGSD Mandates Roadmap, Revised SREP Guidelines, Review of EU bank capital framework, Updated Pillar 3 disclosures on ESG Risks, 2025 Annual Report Assessment of banks' internal approaches for capital)*

**Revised Guidelines on POG for retail banking products:** The European Banking Authority has published revised Guidelines on product oversight and governance (POG) for retail banking products. They clarify requirements for products with environmental, social and governance (ESG) features whenever offered and sold to consumers and address greenwashing risks. The Guidelines aim to ensure that financial institutions apply robust standards when designing and distributing ESG-related retail products, with a view to reducing the risk of consumers being misled or sold products that do not meet their needs. The Guidelines will apply from 11 January 2027.

Read the final report here: EBA amending GLs on POG GLs - Final report.pdf

Read the consolidated Guidelines here: Consolidated version of EBA-GL-2015-18 on product oversight and governance .pdf

**2025 Report on supervisory convergence:** The European Banking Authority has published its 2025 Report on supervisory convergence, as part of its broader efforts to contribute to a more efficient, streamlined and effective EU prudential framework. The Report highlights continued progress in aligning supervisory practices across the European Union, while identifying areas where further convergence is needed.

The EBA have noted that *"It shows how strong and consistent supervision can support the simplification of the regulatory framework, reduce unnecessary complexity, and help secure a level playing field across the Single Market."*

Read the report here: Report on Supervisory Convergence 2025.pdf

And a summary here: The EBA publishes its 2025 Report on supervisory convergence, supporting a simpler and more efficient EU prudential framework | European Banking Authority

**Delivery of DGSD Mandates Roadmap:** The European Banking Authority has published a roadmap outlining how it will deliver its mandates under the revised Deposit Guarantee Schemes Directive (DGSD3). The roadmap sets out the EBA's role in implementing DGSD3 by developing a set of regulatory products to strengthen depositor protection across the EU and it also presents the timeline for these deliverables, which will ensure depositors are better informed about their rights, better protected, and that deposit guarantee schemes are prepared to act when needed.

Find the Roadmap here: Roadmap on the delivery of the DGSD mandates.pdf

**Revised SREP Guidelines:** The European Banking Authority has published its final revised Guidelines on common procedures and methodologies for the supervisory review and evaluation process (SREP) and supervisory stress testing, noting that this marks another key milestone in its efforts to enhance the efficiency, coherence and effectiveness of EU banking supervision. The revised Guidelines are a core deliverable of the EBA's efficiency and simplification agenda, building on the EBA Report on the efficiency of the regulatory and supervisory framework (October 2025) and follow the Report on simplifying the stacking orders of the EU prudential and resolution framework (June 2026 – see next item). The EBA noted that "*the revised SREP Guidelines pave the way for a more risk-focused, efficient, proportionate and forward-looking framework for supervisors across the EU.*"

Read the Guidelines here: [Final Report on revised SREP and supervisory stress testing Guidelines.pdf]

**Review of EU bank capital framework:** The European Banking Authority has published a comprehensive review of the EU bank microprudential, macroprudential and resolution capital framework, including proposals to simplify it. The proposals aim to reduce complexity while preserving banks' resilience and resolvability as well as authorities' tools, and to ensure the framework remains focused on emerging and materially evolving risks.

The Report recommends these simplification measures

1. **A simpler microprudential stack:**
   - To preserve the existing risk-based microprudential toolkit including Pillar 1, Pillar 2 requirements (P2R) and Pillar 2 guidance (P2G) while clarifying and strengthening their respective roles;
   - To sharpen the focus of supervisory tools on institution-specific and emerging risks;
   - To remove macroprudential considerations from the microprudential stack;
   - To simplify the leverage ratio (LR) stack, by converting the LR Pillar 2 requirement into a buffer and removing the LR guidance.
2. **A simpler macroprudential stack:**
   - To combine the current countercyclical capital buffer (CCyB) and the systemic risk buffer (SyRB) into a single releasable buffer supported by a high-level common methodology;
   - To update the O-SII framework, including enhancements to the scoring methodology and considering buffer calibration.
3. **A simpler resolution stack:**
   - To streamline the MREL framework, including the alignment of definitions of TLAC and MREL eligible resources. reducing metrics and simplifying adjustments, to reduce operational complexity.

Read it here: [Report on simplifying the stacking orders of the EU prudential and resolution framework.pdf]

**Updated Pillar 3 disclosure requirements on ESG risks, equity and shadow banking exposures:** The European Banking Authority has published its final draft Implementing Technical Standards (ITS) amending the Pillar 3 disclosure framework on environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks, and introducing disclosure requirements on equity and shadow banking exposures. The package finalises the implementation of the disclosure requirements introduced by the Capital Requirements Regulation (CRR 3). Developed in line with the EU's simplification agenda and the Omnibus package, the ITS streamline existing requirements, and enhance usability and consistency. The ITS are aligned with the European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS) and with the EBA draft ITS on ESG reporting requirements, which are currently under consultation, hence the EBA noted that the ITS should be read in conjunction with that Consultation Paper to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the overall ESG framework and to support informed feedback.

Read the final report on Draft ITS here: Final report on Draft ITS on amended disclosure requirements for ESG risks, equity exposures and aggregate exposure to shadow banking entities.pdf

And the related consultation here: Consultation module - ESG | European Banking Authority

**2025 Annual Report:** The European Banking Authority has published its 2025 Annual Report, outlining its main achievements and activities in delivering on its mandates under its Work Programme. In 2025, the EBA focused on streamlining and improving the efficiency of the EU regulatory framework while expanding its supervisory role, particularly under the Digital Operational Resilience Act and Markets in Crypto-Assets Regulation.

Read the full report here: Annual Report 2025 - Part 1.pdf

And the Executive Summary here: Executive Summary of the 2025 Annual Report.pdf

**Annual assessment of banks' internal approaches for capital requirements calculation:** The European Banking Authority has published its 2025 Reports on the annual market and credit risk benchmarking exercises, highlighting continued progress in the consistency and reliability of banks' internal models across the EU, while identifying areas for supervisory attention as key regulatory reforms approach full implementation.

The EBA have noted that:

- For market risk, results confirm stable and relatively low dispersion across key risk metrics, reflecting improved data quality and convergence in modelling practices.
- For credit risk, the variability of the estimated PD shows a gradual reduction over the longer term.

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| Market Risk benchmarking exercise – part 1 - IMA: EBA Report on Results from the 2025 Market Risk Benchmarking Exercise<br><br>Market Risk benchmarking exercise – part 2 – FRTB ASA: EBA Report results from the 2025 Market Risk Benchmarking Exercise - ASA.pdf<br><br>Credit Risk Benchmarking exercise: Microsoft Word - EBA Report results from the 2025 Credit Risk Benchmarking Exercise - v20260429 |

## ESMA *(EuGB Register of Reviewers, Spotlight on Markets Newsletter)*

**EuGB Register of Reviewers:** The European Securities and Markets Authority, the EU's financial markets regulator and supervisor, has published the register of firms authorised to act as external reviewers of European Green Bonds, noting that *"External reviewers play a key role in ensuring that the use of proceeds of European Green Bonds is allocated in line with the EU Taxonomy requirements. They are also vital in boosting investor confidence by ensuring that their capital genuinely supports the green transition."* Issuers planning to issue a European Green Bond should consult ESMA's register to select a registered external reviewer to perform their pre-issuance, post-issuance and, where applicable, impact report review. ESMA will update the register regularly to reflect any changes to the registration status of entities and to include newly approved applications.

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| Find the Register here: External Reviewers of European Green Bonds |

**Spotlight on Markets Newsletter:** The European Securities and Markets Authority has published the latest edition of its Spotlight on Markets newsletter, covering ESMA's key activities and publications from April and May 2026. This edition opens with key takeaways from ESMA's conference *"A New Era for EU Capital Markets"*.

The Newsletter also includes:

- ESMA's work to advance the simplification of EU reporting frameworks for funds and transactions,
- the launch of its sixth stress test exercise for Central Counterparties (CCPs),
- the publication of guidance on the effective use of resolution tools in CCP crisis planning.
- a call for evidence on the structure of European equity markets;
- reporting templates and instructions for the Active Account Requirement under EMIR 3;
- the Joint Committee Annual Report for 2025, highlighting digitalisation, cyber resilience and sustainable finance as key priorities.

| Read it here: Newsletter April and May 2026 |
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## EIOPA *(2025 Annual Report)*

**2025 Annual Report:** The European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority has published its Annual Report for 2025. The report details the work of EIOPA and outlines its accomplishments in the past year with EIOPA noting that a key area of work has been supporting the objectives of the Savings and Investments Union (SIU). EIOPA continued to work actively on the pension agenda, given that a closer focus on retail investment and smarter saving for retirement will not only support the SIU but will also address the pensions gap in the EU. EIOPA further noted that, in line with the European Commission's priorities, it has defined its approach on regulatory simplification and burden reduction, advocating for smarter, more harmonised regulation, alongside more effective supervision at EU level, and embedded this approach across many areas of work.

| Read the report here: Annual Report 2025 |
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EFRAG *(Assessment Report, SME Sustainability Reporting Tools)*

**Assessment Report - voluntary information template for SMEs & startups on ESAP:** EFRAG has published its Assessment Report on the voluntary information template for SMEs and startups at the European Single Access Point (ESAP) to facilitate financing, concluding that stakeholder interest is insufficient for the template to be a meaningful and impactful tool. The assessment is based on outreach activities conducted with more than 100 stakeholders and on feedback received in response to EFRAG's draft Assessment Report, which was issued for public consultation on 2 April 2026.

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| Read the Assessment here: EFRAG Final Assessment Report web.pdf |

**SME Sustainability Reporting Tools:** EFRAG has released the second edition of the mappings of digital tools, platforms and initiatives for SME sustainability reporting as part of the VSME ecosystem:

1. **Mapping of Digital Tools, 2nd Edition** which maps 58 digital tools (e.g. GHG calculators, geolocation tools) providing a comparative analysis of shortlisted GHG calculators that met pre-defined criteria described in the report. The shortlist of GHG calculators offers practical support to SMEs that wish to identify tools to support reporting on their GHG emissions based on VSME and identifies a national geolocalisation and climate risk tool.
2. **Mapping of Digital Platforms and Initiatives, 2nd Edition** which provides an overview of the 108 platforms and initiatives for SMEs reporting. It focuses on the comparison of the characteristics of those shortlisted platforms and initiatives that met pre-defined criteria and completed a self-assessment grid to test VSME alignment.

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| The Mappings are available here: VSME Section of EFRAG's Knowledge Hub. |

**EFRAG Update – May Edition:** The May Edition of the EFRAG Update is now available including:

- The publication of the Annual Review 2025, highlighting EFRAG's role in strengthening Europe's reporting framework.

- The initiation of EFRAG's endorsement activities for IFRS 20 *Regulatory Assets and Regulatory Liabilities* following its issuance by the IASB.
- Ongoing consultations on the IASB's Risk Mitigation Accounting proposal, following the extension of the consultation period in line with the IASB's revised timeline, and on the Connectivity discussion paper.
- The consultation on ISSB Exposure Draft of proposed amendments to the SASB Standards.

| Read it here: EFRAG Update May 2026 |
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AMLA *(MiCAR Advisory Note, Webinar Materials, First Conference Recap, Chair Speech)*

**Advisory note on money laundering risks as the MiCAR transitional period ends:** AMLA, Europe's Anti Money Laundering Authority, has published an advisory note on the money laundering and terrorist financing risks linked to the end of the MiCAR transitional period on 1st July 2026.

| Read it here: d82f7d00-324e-4231-8ca7-94431d4e75c2_en |
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**Webinar Materials:** AMLA has published the full set of materials from its webinar on the identification of obliged entities eligible for direct supervision held on June 10th. The session gave an overview of how AMLA will select obliged entities for direct supervision from 2028, together with a practical walkthrough of the eligibility reporting package. This included live demonstrations of the templates that obliged entities will be required to submit when requested by their national financial supervisor.

The package includes the video recording, the slide deck, and pre-filled templates with worked examples for reporting different solo and group structures.

| Find it here: Webinar materials now available: identifying obliged entities eligible for direct supervision - AMLA |
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**First Conference Recap:** AMLA held its first conference on the 9th of June under the theme "Building Trust, Enhancing Integrity: A New Chapter in the EU's Fight Against Financial Crime". AMLA brought together a broad range of partners involved in Europe's response to money laundering and terrorist financing, including supervisors, financial intelligence units, the private sector, law enforcement, academia, and EU bodies and international institutions. The programme included keynote speeches and three thematic panels with discussions focusing on key topics shaping the AML/CFT agenda and recordings of these are now available.

Find them here: First AMLA Conference Recap: Key Moments and Insights - Authority for Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism

**AMLA Chair Speech:** In her opening address at AMLA's first conference, AMLA Chair Bruna Szego underlined that the fight against money laundering is closely linked to the integrity of the EU's economy and financial system, stressing that "protecting the integrity of our financial system is essential to safeguarding Europe's economic sovereignty, enforcing its sanctions, and preventing external actors from exploiting our markets."

Read the remarks in full here: bff3c018-1a46-41ec-ab98-e33bc17ad266_en

### EDPB *(Template for personal data breach notification)*

**Template for personal data breach notification:** The European Data Protection Board has adopted a common data breach notification template. The template is subject to a public consultation, providing stakeholders with the opportunity to share their comments and feedback on the content of the template. Following the public consultation, the EDPB will decide on the timeline for the practical implementation of the template by all DPAs.

Find it here: edpb_template_2026_data_breach_notification_v1.0_en.docx

## Global

### Financial Crime Compliance *(Updated Wolfsberg Risk Based Approach Guidance, FATF Plenary Outcomes)*

**Updated Wolfsberg Risk Based Approach Guidance:** The Wolfsberg Group has published its updated Guidance on the Risk-Based Approach, setting out the collective view of the twelve member banks on how financial institutions can design and maintain financial crime risk management programmes that are proportionate, prioritised and effective. Wolfsberg noted that "the guidance updates our work on the RBA dating back to 2006, providing a practical framework for embedding risk-based decision-making across policies, controls, governance and resource allocation."

Read it here: Wolfsberg Group Principles On A Risk Based Approach For Managing Money Laundering Risks

**FATF Plenary Outcomes:** The sixth and final Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Plenary meeting under the Mexican Presidency of Elisa de Anda Madrazo concluded on June 19th in Paris, with a comprehensive range of initiatives agreed to bolster the global fight against illicit finance.

The agreed initiatives included:

- The Plenary adopted reports of Canada and Türkiye under the new round of mutual evaluations.
- The FATF removed Algeria and Namibia from its list of jurisdictions under increased monitoring following successful on-site visits and updated its statements on jurisdictions under increased monitoring, as well as statements on jurisdictions subject to a call for action.
- The FATF approved a series of new publications and initiatives to help countries stay alert to emerging risks and criminal methods, including the abuse of technological innovations, and to step up mitigation measures, particularly through strong coordination with the private sector.

- Members approved the Priorities of the FATF under the incoming UK Presidency, and appointed Mr. Vivek Aggarwal of India as the incoming Vice-President of the FATF (July 2026 – June 2027).

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| Read the Outcomes in full here: Outcomes FATF Plenary, 17-19 June 2026 |

## ESG/Sustainability *(ISSB June Update & Podcast)*

**ISSB June Update and Podcast**: The ISSB Update, which summarises the June 2026 International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) meeting, is now available. You can also listen to Chair Emmanuel Faber and Vice-Chair Sue Lloyd in the latest episode of the ISSB podcast.

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| Find the ISSB Update here: IFRS - ISSB Update June 2026<br><br>And the Podcast here: IFRS - IFRS Foundation podcasts |

## Consultations

There have been a number of consultations published throughout June, notable consultations include the Central Bank of Ireland's public consultation which seeks views on its approach to Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) and on its approach to consultation with stakeholders, with the Central Bank noting that *"The consultation forms part of the Central Bank's ongoing work to deliver a more effective and efficient regulatory framework, building on our recent new supervisory approach and roadmap of regulatory initiatives. It reflects the Central Bank's commitment to ensuring that regulation remains clear, coherent and proportionate, while continuing to support the protections and resilience on which the financial system depends."* They have also issued a Consultation on the Proposed Regulatory Framework for Credit Union Investment in Credit Union Service Organisations (CUSOs) which the Central Bank is required to introduce in order to implement Section 24 of the Credit Union (Amendment) Act 2023; and a Consultation Paper proposing new Guidance on Money Market Fund (MMF) Weekly Liquid Asset levels.

AMLA is consulting on draft Guidelines on ongoing monitoring of business relationships noting that "*Ongoing monitoring of business relationships, including the monitoring of transactions and activities carried out in the context of those relationships, is a key obligation in the AML/CTF framework."*

The European Banking Authority has published a number of consultations including a Discussion Paper which proposes a simplified process for small and non-complex institutions (SNCIs) when implementing the Pillar 3 Data Hub (P3DH); an early consultation on simplified EU-wide stress test, with climate risk integration with the draft methodology, templates, and template guidance for the 2027 EU-wide stress test now published for consultation; and a consultation on a draft methodology for setting fines under the Markets in Crypto-Assets Regulation (MiCA).

The Financial Stability Board have launched a consultation on Sound Practices for Responsible Adoption of Artificial Intelligence, and the European Data Protection Board have launched a consultation on their template for personal data breach notification.

The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) have launched public consultation on guidance to increase payment transparency, that is, revisions to FATF's Recommendation 16 (which had been agreed in June 2025).

Regulatory Fines *(Failure to disclose, AML, Sanctions, Licence withdrawal)*

**FCA:** The Financial Conduct Authority in the UK has decided to fine Carlos Fuenmayor, the Chief Executive of BancTrust, £99,600 for **failing to disclose 3 separate matters** to the FCA. Mr Fuenmayor failed, until December 2021, to tell the FCA, including in application forms that he submitted on behalf of BancTrust, that he had been placed under investigation by the US Financial Industry Regulatory Authority in December 2017 and was then sanctioned by them in June 2019. He also failed to disclose that, shortly before an inspection in November 2019, the National Financial Intelligence Unit of Venezuela had frozen his local currency bank accounts, as well as those of his Venezuelan companies and their directors

- Decision Notice 2026: Carlos Ricardo Fuenmayor

**FI:** The Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority (FI) has issued Ikano Bank AB (Ikano) a remark and an administrative fine of 140 million kronor for **violations of anti–money laundering regulations.** With regard to the general risk assessment, Ikano has not conducted a separate, comprehensive and realistic assessment of how the products it offers to corporate clients could be misused for terrorist financing and the extent of the risks of this occurring. Neither has the bank considered risk factors that have a clear link to such corporate customers of the bank. Ikano also has not considered information from authorities about risks and methods of money laundering and terrorist financing in the required manner in a general risk assessment. Due to these deficiencies, Ikano has also not designed the general risk assessment so it can serve as a basis for the bank's procedures, guidelines and other measures to prevent money laundering and terrorist financing. FI furthermore notes that Ikano also has not implemented the enhanced customer due diligence measures necessary to gain adequate knowledge about customers associated with a high risk of money laundering and terrorist financing.

- Ikano Bank receives a remark and an administrative fine | Finansinspektionen

**OFSI:** The Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI), part of HM Treasury in the UK, imposed a penalty of £1,000,920.59 on the UK-registered company Sabre Global Technologies Limited (SGTL), in accordance with section 146 of the Policing and Crime Act

2017 (PACA) on May 26th. The penalty was imposed for **breaches of the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (Russia Regulations),** namely regulation 13 (making funds available for benefit of designated person), regulation 14 (making economic resources available to designated person), and regulation 19 (circumventing etc. prohibitions)

- SGTL - Public Penalty Notice.pdf

**FSC:** Whilst not a fine per se, it is notable that on 9th of June, Bulgaria's Financial Supervision Commission (FSC - Комисия за финансов надзор) decided to **withdraw the licence** of ZAD DallBogg: Life and Health AD. The decision is intended to protect the interests of policyholders.

- Bulgarian insurance supervisor withdraws the licence of ZAD DallBogg: Life and Health AD - European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority

## 3. Table of Open Consultation Papers *(notable)*:

| Source | Topic | Link | Closing Date |
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| **CBI** **New this month** | Consultation on Regulatory Impact Assessments, and the Central Bank's Approach to Consultation | Consultation Paper 170 | 30/09/2026 |
| CBI **New this month** | Consultation on Guidance on Money Market Fund Weekly Liquid Asset levels | CP168 Guidance on Money Market Fund Weekly Liquid Asset levels | 03/08/2026 |
| CBI **New this month** | Consultation on Proposed Regulatory Framework for Credit Union Investment in Credit Union Service Organisations | CP169 - Consultation on Proposed Regulatory Framework for Credit Union Investment in Credit Union Service Organisations | 12/08/2026 |
| **EC** **Added this month** | Targeted consultation: draft guidelines on trusted flaggers under the Digital Services Act (DSA) | Targeted consultation: draft guidelines on trusted flaggers under the Digital Services Act (DSA) \| Shaping Europe's digital future | 10/07/2026 |
| EC | Targeted consultation on the draft guidelines for the classification of high-risk artificial intelligence systems | Targeted consultation on the draft guidelines for the classification of high-risk artificial intelligence systems \| Shaping Europe's digital future | ~~23/06/2026~~ **Extended to 23/07/2026** |

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| EC | Public Consultation on the review of MiCA Regulation | Crypto asset markets – evaluation of the EU legal framework | 31/08/2026 |
| EC | Targeted Consultation on the review of MiCA Regulation | Targeted consultation on the review of MiCA Regulation - Finance | 31/08/2026 |
| **EBA** **Added this month** | Consultation Paper on Revisions to the ITS on supervisory reporting (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/3117) - Module on ESG Reporting | https://www.eba.europa.eu/publications-and-media/publications/consultation-module-esg | 10/07/2026 |
| EBA **New this month** | Consultation on simplified EU-wide stress test, with climate risk integration | The EBA launches early consultation on simplified EU-wide stress test, with climate risk integration \| European Banking Authority | TBC |
| EBA **New this month** | Discussion Paper: Consultation form on P3DH process to SNCIs<br>(Pillar 3 Data Hub for small banks) | EUSurvey - Survey | 20/07/2026 |
| EBA **New this month** | Consultation on methodology for setting fines under MiCA | Consultation Paper on methodology for setting fines under MiCA.pdf | 28/09/2026 |

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| EBA | Consultation on Regulatory technical standards on specialised lending exposures | CP on RTS on slotting.pdf | 07/08/2026 |
| EBA | Consultation on draft ITS amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/3117 regarding Credit Risk and IFRS 9 Benchmarking reporting | Microsoft Word - Draft CP amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 20243117 with regard to CR and IFRS 9 Benchmarking r | 10/07/2026 |
| EBA | Consultation on Implementing Technical Standards on supervisory reporting (simplification package) | EBA CP 2026 07 (Consultation paper on revised ITS on supervisory reporting).pdf | 10/07/2026 |
| EBA | Consultation on revised Guidelines on limits on exposures to shadow banking | Consultation Paper on updated Guidelines on SBE limits.pdf | 09/07/2026 |
| **ESMA** | Consultation on Amendments to the Guidelines on standardised procedures and messaging protocols under CSDR | ESMA74-2119945926-3513 Consultation Paper on Amendments to the Guidelines on standardised procedures and messaging protocols under CSDR | 07/07/2026 |
| ESMA | Consultation on the Guidelines on stress test scenarios under the MMF Regulation | ESMA34-1240783630-648 Consultation paper on the Guidelines on stress test scenarios under the MMF Regulation | 06/08/2026 |
| **EIOPA** | Consultation on Annex to Opinion on the use of risk mitigation techniques - Proportional reinsurance | EIOPA-BoS-24-419_CP_Annexes_Optinion_RMT | 17/07/2026 |

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| EIOPA | Consultation on the shortening of additional Guidelines under Solvency II | CP on shortening of additional GL | 08/07/2026 |
| **AMLA** | Consultation on the draft Guidelines on ongoing monitoring of a business relationship | 46b50078-08ed-4ab1-aea0-28b1a6085755_en | 03/09/2026 |
| AMLA | Consultation on the draft Guidelines on business-wide risk assessment. | f2db8372-e12a-4818-a991-6a3d45a0cd91_en | 15/07/2026 |
| AMLA | Consultation on three draft Implementing Technical Standards that introduce common formats for cooperation between Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs) and between AMLA, FIUs and the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) | AMLA holds public hearings to consult on draft ITS for FIU cooperation - AMLA | *TBC* |
| **EFRAG** **New this month** | Comments on EFRAGs preparatory draft of the Endorsement Advice on Amendments to IAS 28. | 07-03 - Preparatory DEA - Invitation to comment - IAS 28 FVO - EFRAG FRB and FR TEG 2026-06-11 | 17/07/2026 |
| EFRAG | Draft Comment Letter on the IASB's Exposure Draft Risk Mitigation Accounting-Proposed amendments to IFRS 9 & IFRS 7 | RMA - Draft Comment Letter - FINAL.pdf | ~~22/06/2026~~ **Extended to 09/10/2026** |

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| **EDPB** | Template for personal data breach notification | Template for personal data breach notification \| European Data Protection Board | 05/08/2026 |
| **FATF** **New this month* | Implementation Guidance on FATF Recommendation 16 | Public consultation explanatory memorandum.pdf.coredownload.inline.pdf (FATF launches public consultation on guidance to increase payment transparency) | 21/08/2026 |
| **FSB** **New this month** | Sound Practices for Responsible Adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI) | Sound Practices for Financial Institutions' Responsible AI Adoption: Consultation Report | 22/07/2026 |
| **IAASA** **New this month** | Consultation on proposed revisions to the Irish auditing standards on fraud and going concern | Consultation Paper Proposal to revise ISA (Ireland) 240 The Auditor's Responsibilities Relating to Fraud in an Audit of Financial Statements and ISA (Ireland) 570 | 04/09/2026 |
| IAASA | Consultation on Proposed amendment to PIE firm levy to reflect CSRD assurance oversight | Consultation Paper: Proposed amendment to PIE firm levy to reflect CSRD assurance oversight | 10/07/2026 |

*** Please note that links are accurate @ June 30th ***