

# Risk Assessment Questionnaire – Summary of Results

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# Introduction

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The EBA conducts **semi-annual Risk Assessment Questionnaires (RAQs) among banks and market analysts**. Previous results were regularly published in the EBA's Risk Assessment Report. For the first time, overall findings are now being provided as an Annex to the Risk Dashboard. This booklet presents a summary of these results of the RAQs **conducted between April and May 2016**. 38 banks or their respective supervisory bodies and 20 market analysts submitted the answers.

The results are presented in an aggregated graphical form. The charts are numbered, with numbers corresponding to the questions in the distributed questionnaire, which can be found in the Appendix. In case the questions have been asked previously in a comparable form, results for the same question from former questionnaires may be presented. For questions for which only one answer was permitted, any potential difference between the sum of shown responses and 100% results from respondents answering with "n/a" or "no opinion".

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# Summary of the main results

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Although the immediate outlook is constrained by market volatility post the UK's referendum, the results of the EBA's RAQs conducted among banks and market analysts between April and May 2016 show that targeted growth is expected to return, nonetheless profitability remains a significant challenge and litigation costs may increase again.

## Business model / strategy / profitability

- Banks were asked about their long-term profitability targets. Half of them replied that they can operate on a longer-term basis with a **Return on Equity (RoE)** in a range between 10% and 12% (agreement of 53%, down from 57% in December 2015). Nearly 20% of the banks consider a RoE below 10% as a level at which they can operate on longer-term basis (December 2015: about 10%). This goes in parallel with a slightly increasing number of banks estimating their **Cost of Equity (CoE)** in a range between 8% and 10% (55%, December 2015: 49%). *(Questions 2 and 7 for banks)*
- Whereas 70% of the banks expect (agree and somewhat agree) that their **profitability** will increase in the next six to twelve months, more than 70% (disagree and somewhat disagree) of the market analysts assume that overall profitability will not improve. Banks still consider cost reduction as the main driver for this trend (about 40% agreement, nearly unchanged compared to December 2015), and more banks than in December last year argue that reduced impairments will be a main driver (increase from about 30% to 37%). *(Questions 3 and 4 for banks and Question 1 for market analysts)*
- Significantly less banks than last year consider losses from **emerging markets** as a risk within the next six months (less than 20% agreement, down from more than 30% in December 2015 and more than 45% in June 2015 and December 2014). More than 40% of the banks expect increasing losses linked to their **commodity and energy related exposures** (new question, no comparison). *(Questions 8 and 9 for banks)*
- Market analysts consider **political** as well as **regulatory uncertainty around Pillar 2 and Maximum Distributable Amounts (MDA)** as drivers for negative market sentiment (agreement of 60% and 55%, respectively). **Commodity and energy prices & markets, emerging market related risks and monetary policy trends in the EU** also both rank high in their opinion (agreement of 50% and 45%, respectively). *(Question 3 for market analysts)*
- Significantly more market analysts expect **technological advances** as a main trend that will affect banks in the next six to twelve months than in December last year (about 70% vs. about 25% in December 2015), whereas less market analysts consider growing **shadow banking** as a trend which will affect European banks most (about 25% in June 2016 vs. about 50% in December 2015). *(Question 5 for market analysts)*

## Funding / liquidity

- More than 40% of the banks intend to issue **AT1 instruments** in the next 12 months, whereas more than 60% intend to issue **T2 instruments** (both less than in December 2015, with nearly 60% agreement

for AT1 instruments and slightly more agreement than now for T2 instruments). Banks consider the pricing of these instruments as the main constraint to issue them (agreement of 55%). Between about 70% and 90% (agree and somewhat agree) of the market analysts assume that banks will be able to issue such instruments, and nearly 100% (agree and somewhat agree) of them expect that banks will be able to issue **MREL/TLAC eligible debt instruments**. *(Questions 11 and 12 for banks and Question 6 for market analysts)*

- In contrast to December 2015, when none of the banks intended to attain more **central bank funding**, nearly 20% of the banks in June 2016 plan to do so (roughly evenly split among banks in financially distressed and banks in core countries). A big majority of banks continue to show their reliance on **retail deposits** funding (agreement slightly increasing to nearly 60% when compared to results in December 2015), and about 45% of them intend to increase their **senior unsecured funding** (up from about 40% in December 2015). Answers from market analysts show similar although more pronounced trends, with a substantial increase in the proportion of them expecting a growth in central bank based funding (about 45% agreement, up from 0% in December last year), while significantly less analysts than in December last year expect an increase in **subordinated debt** (from about 80% in December 2015 down to about 55%). *(Question 14 for banks and Question 7 for market analysts)*
- Whereas 40% of the market analysts are concerned about the **level of asset encumbrance** – a significant increase compared to December last year (20%) – only about 5% of the banks consider it as a reason for concerns. *(Question 10 for banks and Question 8 for market analysts)*
- Market analysts' view on an expected decrease in **market liquidity** within the next twelve months is unchanged (agreement of 50%). *(Question 9 for market analysts)*

### Asset volume trends and asset quality

- Fewer banks than in December last year consider asset **deleveraging** as an element of their strategy (agreement of about 42% now and 49% in December 2015). **Disposal of business units and asset sales** remain the main drivers for deleveraging (agreement of about 30% vs. nearly 80% in December 2015). Slightly more banks than in December last year plan an **increase in balance sheet volumes** (about 50% agreement). About 35% of market analysts agree with this expectation (30% in December 2015). *(Questions 20 and 21 for banks and Question 11 for market analysts)*
- More or less in line with December 2015, more than 50% of the banks plan to **increase their volumes** of **corporate** and **SME** financing portfolios (both about 75%) as well as **residential mortgage** and **consumer loans** (both about 55% agreement). Except in the case of corporate loans, market analysts show a similar opinion on the portfolios for which an increase is expected (agreement of 55% for SME loans, 80% for residential mortgage loans and 70% for consumer credit). Market analysts consider an asset increase mostly as the consequence of **growing credit demand** and **cheap available funding** (agreement of 65% for both arguments). *(Question 22 for banks and Questions 12 and 13 for market analysts)*
- Portfolios for which banks plan a **decrease in volumes** are **Commercial Real Estate** (CRE; incl. all types of real estate developments) as well as **sovereign and institutions financing** (agreement of more than 30% for both, nearly unchanged compared to December 2015 for the former, and for the latter up from about 25% per year end 2015). Also market analysts consider CRE (agreement of 60%, up from 45% in December 2015) as a portfolio which will decrease in volume, although it is **asset finance** (shipping,

aircraft etc.) for which the largest portion of analysts (80% agreement, up from 65% in December 2015) expect a decrease in volume. Nearly 100% (agree and somewhat agree) of the market analysts expect more **asset sales** in specific loan portfolios (e.g. CRE) and in specific geographies. (*Question 23 for banks and Questions 14 and 16 for market analysts*)

- Banks assume that nearly the same portfolios which they plan to increase in volumes will **improve in terms of asset quality** (namely **SME** – about 50% agreement, **residential mortgage and corporate loans** – both between 40% and 45% agreement). Also **CRE** is expected to improve in terms of asset quality in the next twelve months (about 35% agreement; in December 2015 agreement was about 25% for CRE, about 40% for SME and residential mortgage loans, 45% for corporate loans). Again, market analysts' expectations are relatively similar: improvements in asset quality are mainly expected for residential mortgage loans (70% vs. 75% in December last year), corporate loans (55% vs. 35% before) as well as consumer credit and SME financing (both 55%, unchanged for the former, down from 70% for the latter). (*Question 24 for banks and Question 17 for market analysts*)
- A **deterioration in asset quality** is mainly assumed for **asset finance** (agreement of about 30% by banks, up from about 10% in December last year; agreement of 80% by market analysts, up from 55%). Less than a third of the banks expect an increase of **impairment provisions** in the next 12 to 18 months (agreement of about 20% in December 2015), with mainly banks from financially distressed countries expecting a decline in provisions, and mainly banks from core countries expecting their increase. (*Questions 25 and 26 for banks and Questions 17 for market analysts*)
- Banks consider **lengthy and expensive judiciary processes to resolve insolvency** and to **enforce the repossession of collaterals** as one of the main impediments to resolve non-performing loans (NPL) (agreement of about 65%, about 45% in December 2015). The **lack of a market for transactions in NPLs and / or collaterals** is considered as the second most important impediment (agreement of about 50% vs. about 35% last time). (*Question 27 for banks*)

### Conduct / reputation / operational risk

- Nearly 40% of the banks assume **litigation costs** to be heightened in the next six to twelve months (almost similar to December 2015), and 45% of market analysts have a similar expectation for the EU banking sector (up from 35% in December 2015). Also nearly 40% of the banks envisage an increase in **operational risks** in their institution (about 35% agreement in December last year). (*Questions 29 and 31 for banks and Question 4 for market analysts*)

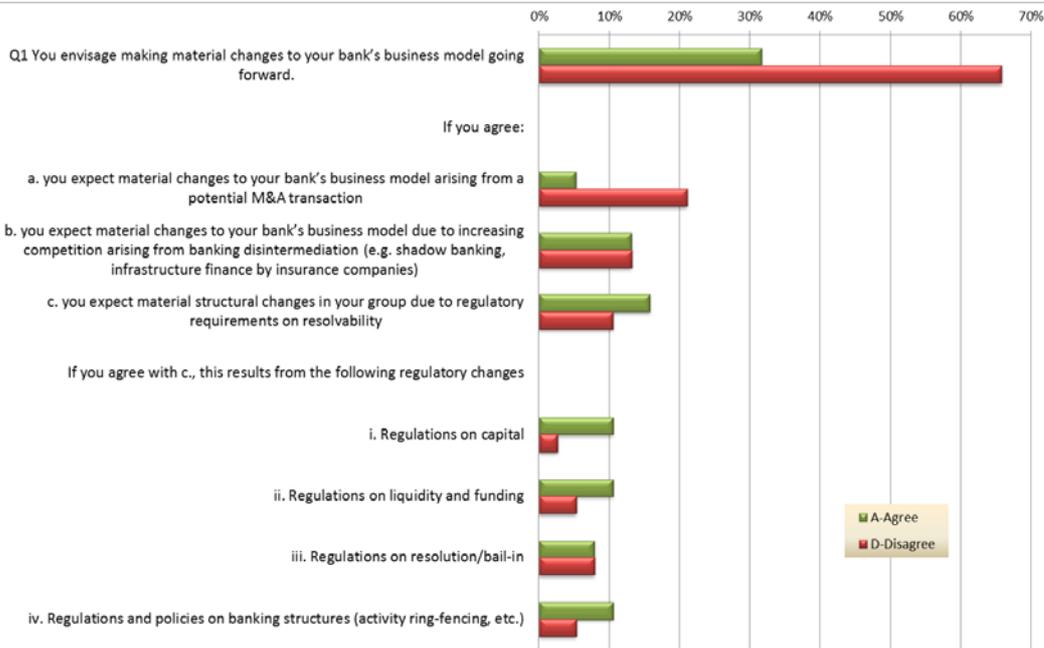
### General open questions

- In the open question about sources of risks and vulnerabilities which are expected to increase further in the next six to twelve months, banks mainly refer to central bank policies / the low interest rate environment, regulatory risks as well as the economic environment. Market analysts mainly refer to political and regulatory risks.

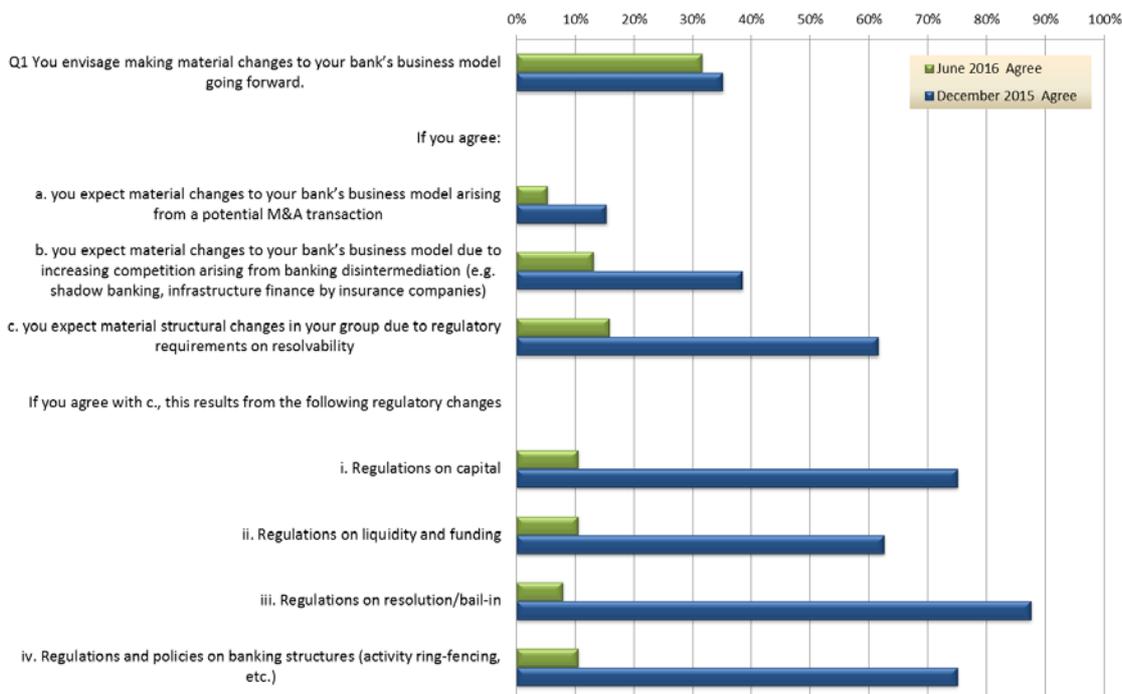
# Banks' questionnaire

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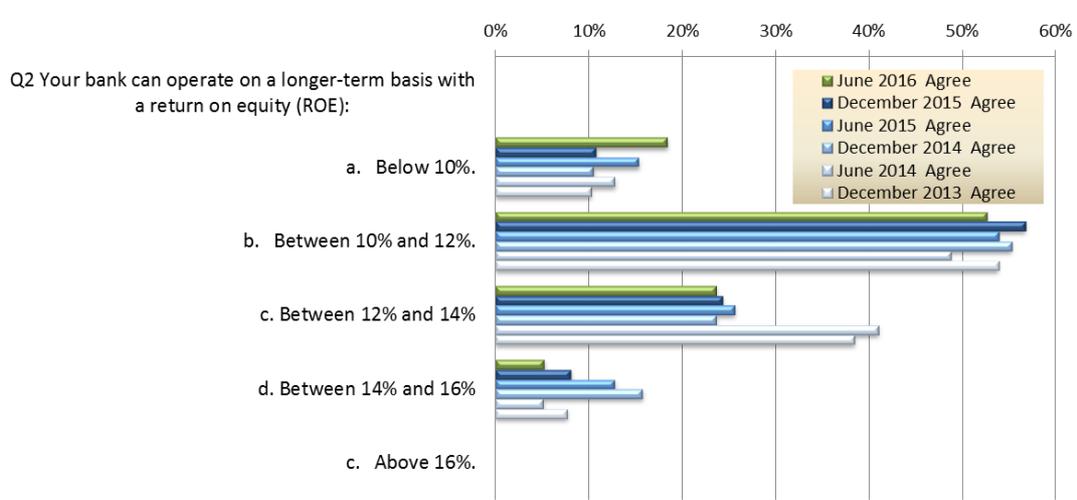
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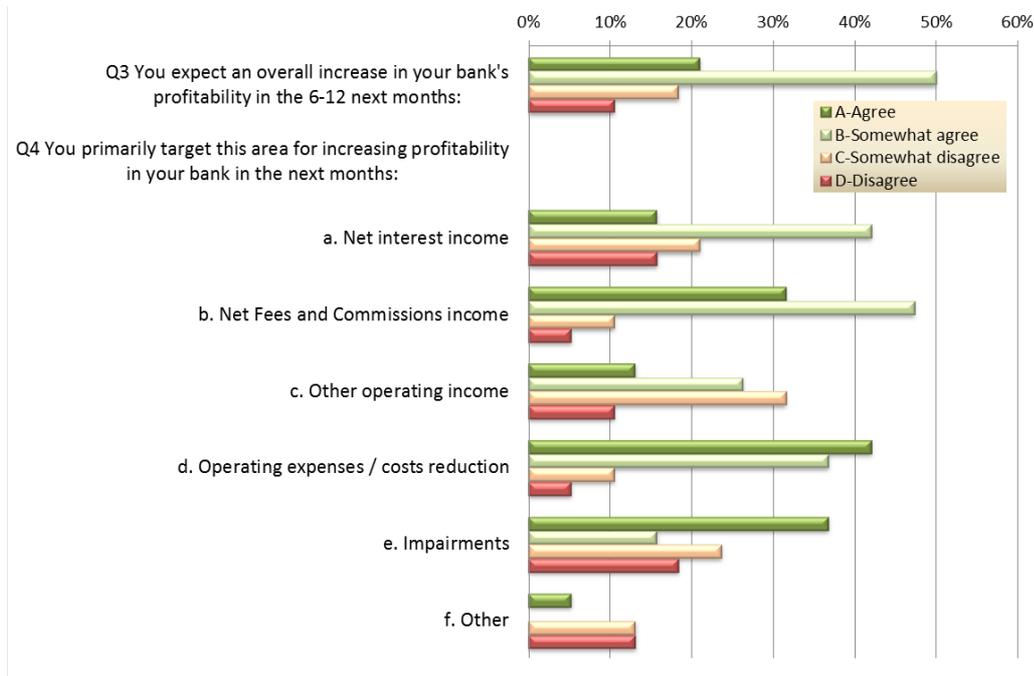
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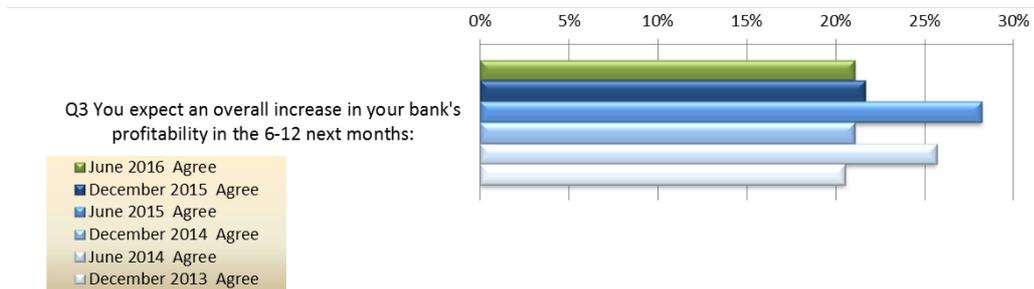
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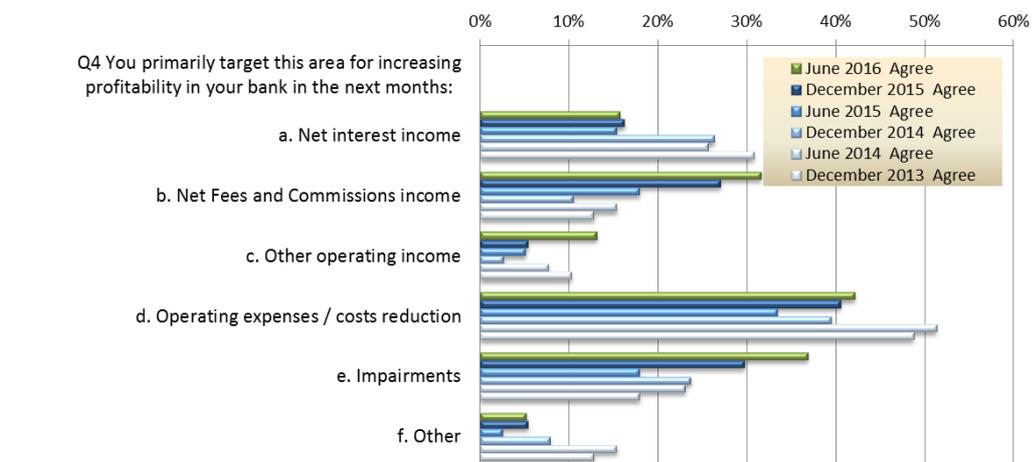
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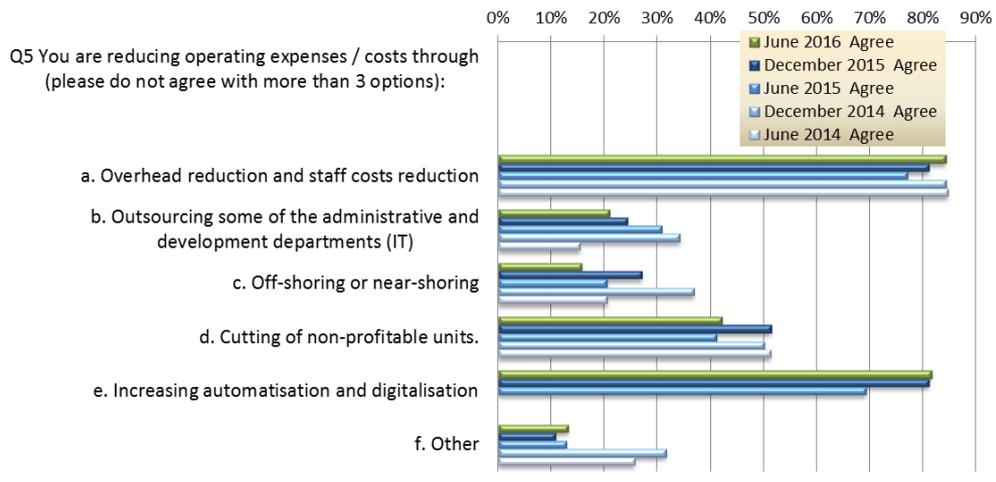
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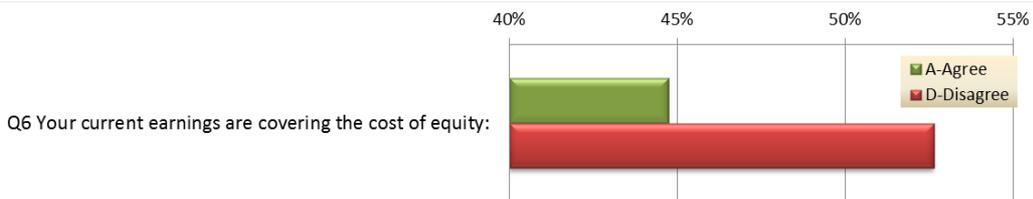
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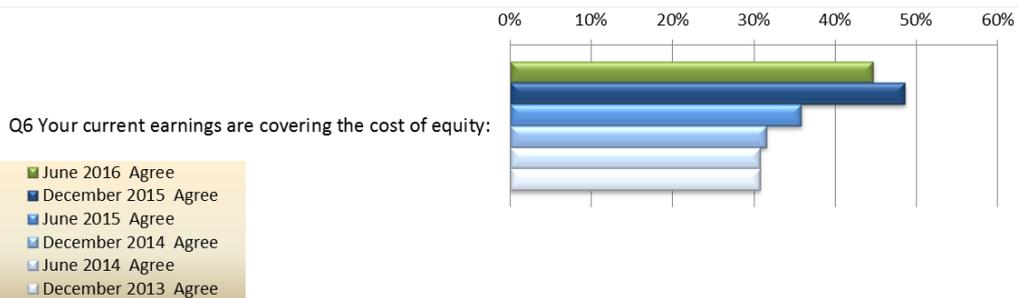
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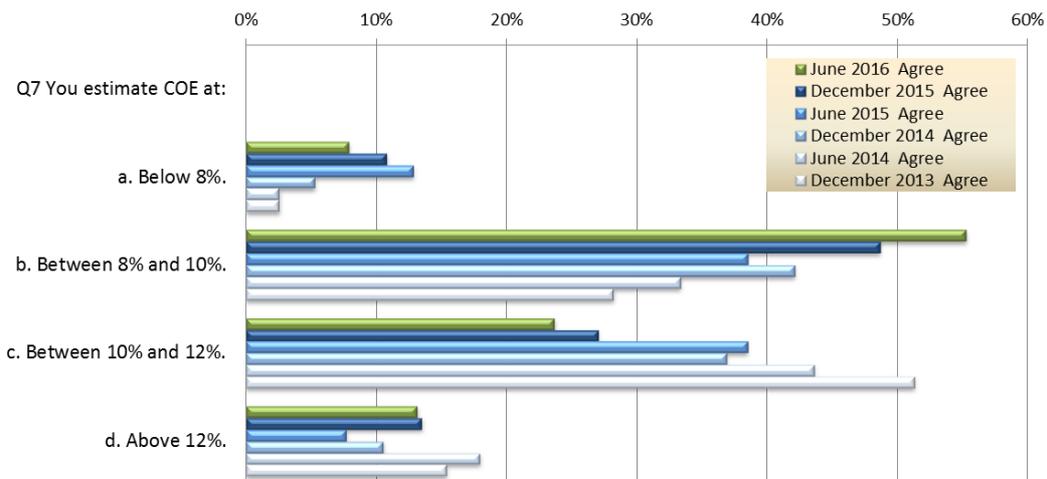
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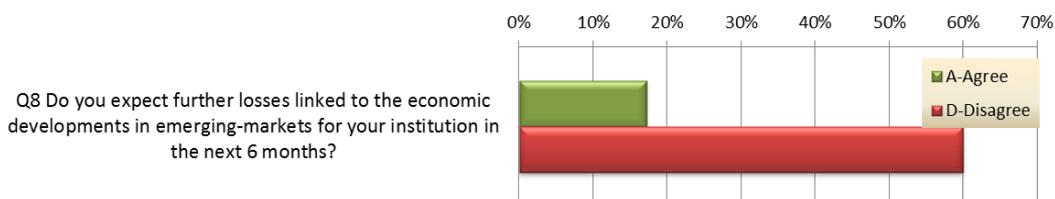
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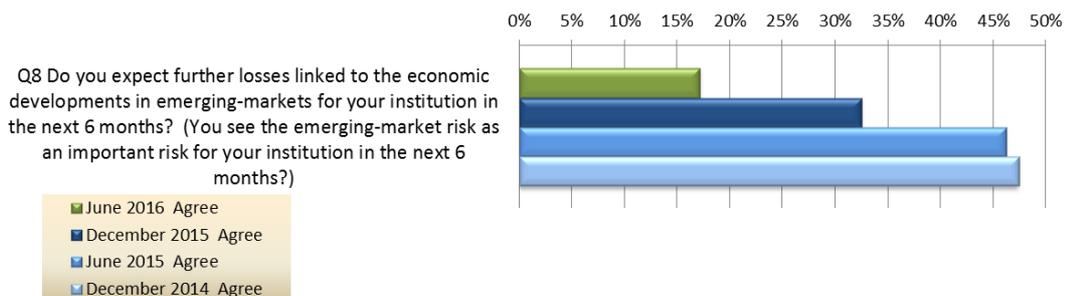
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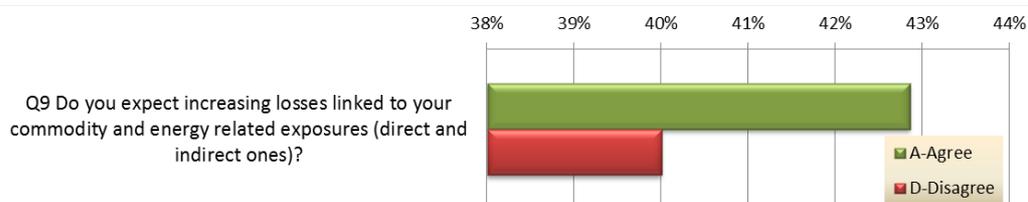
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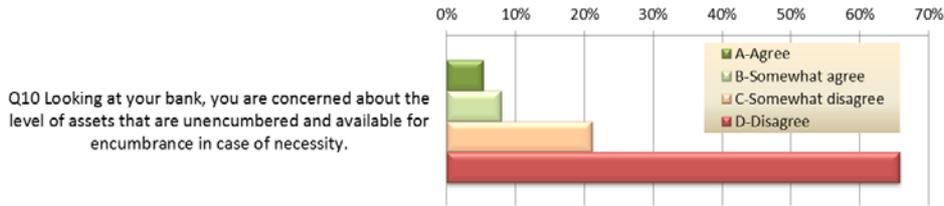


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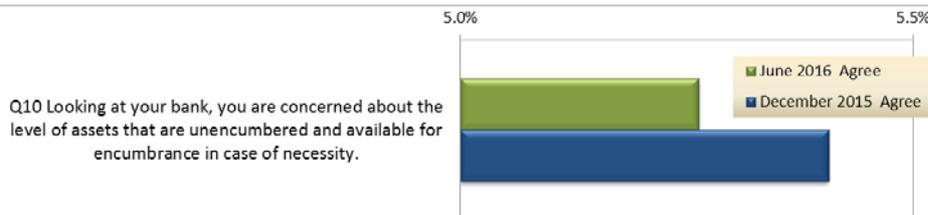


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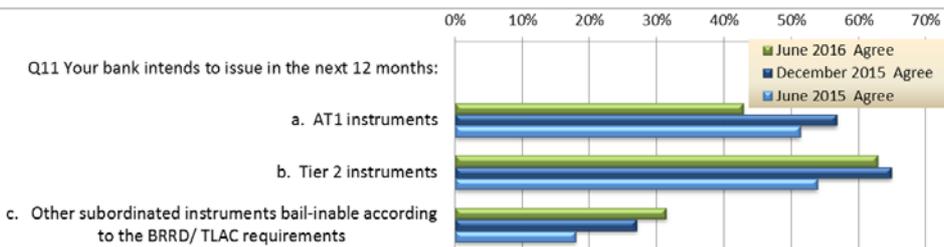
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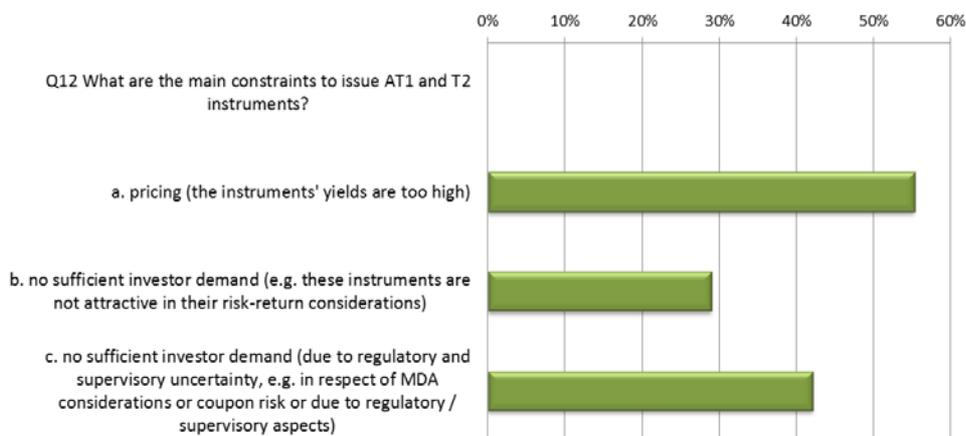
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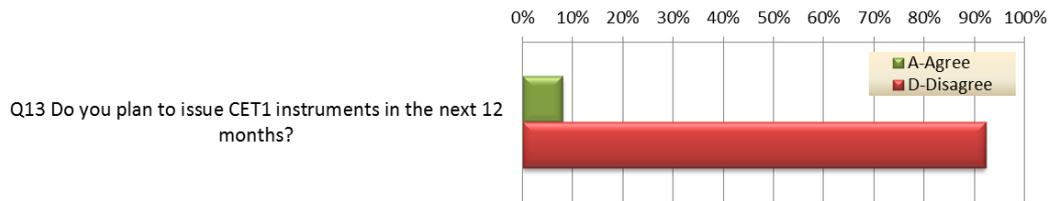
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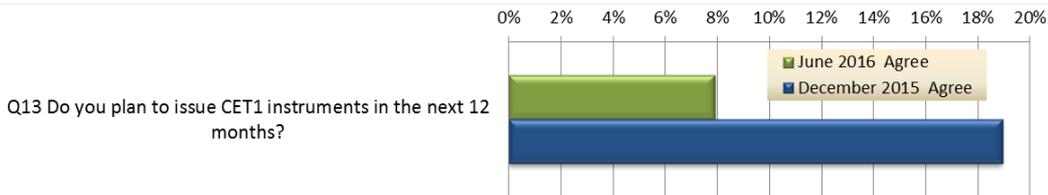
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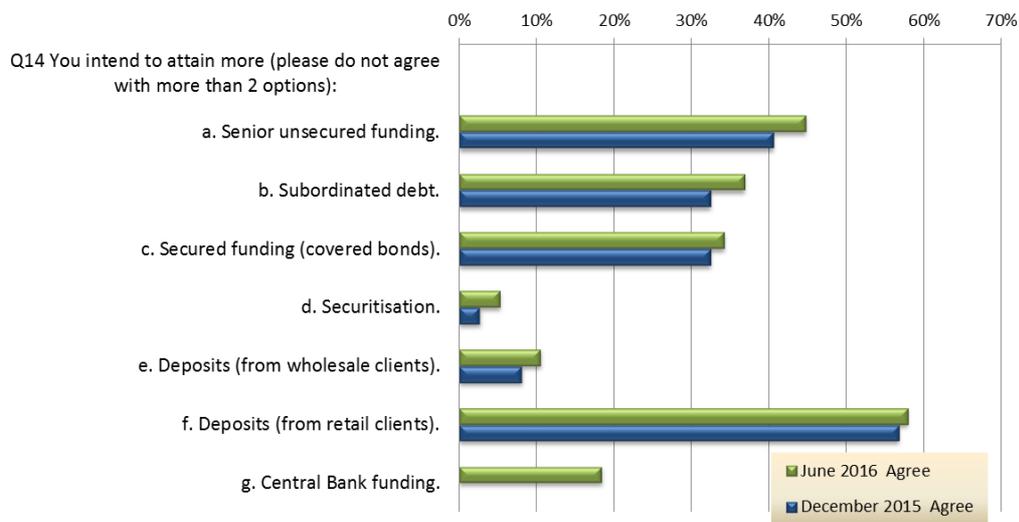
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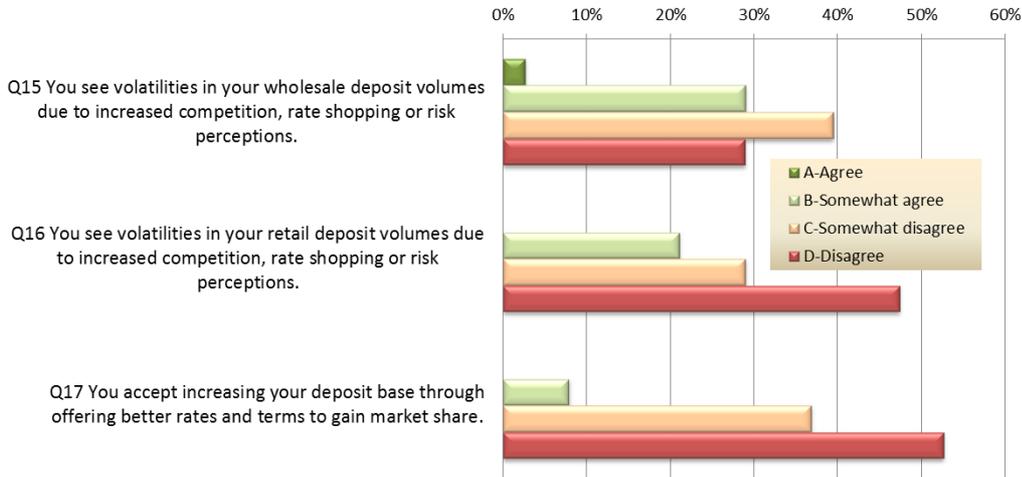
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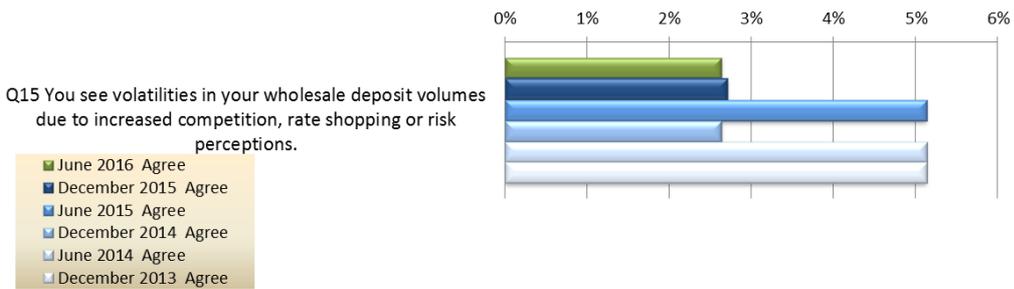
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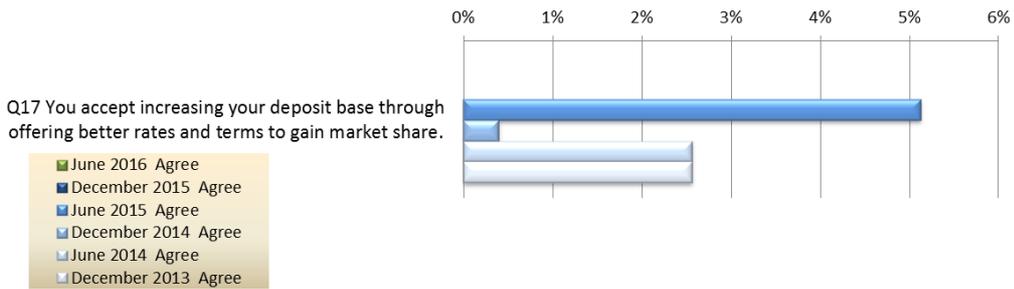
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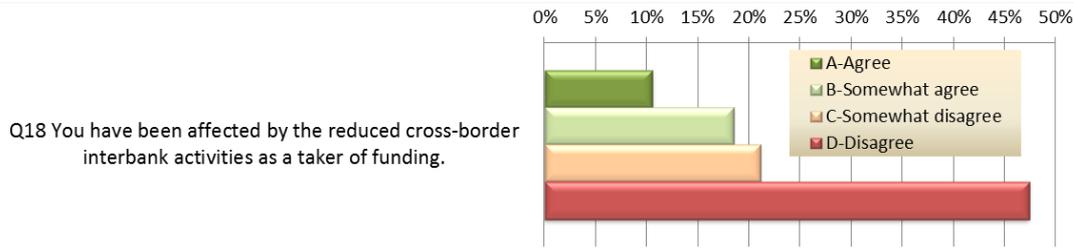


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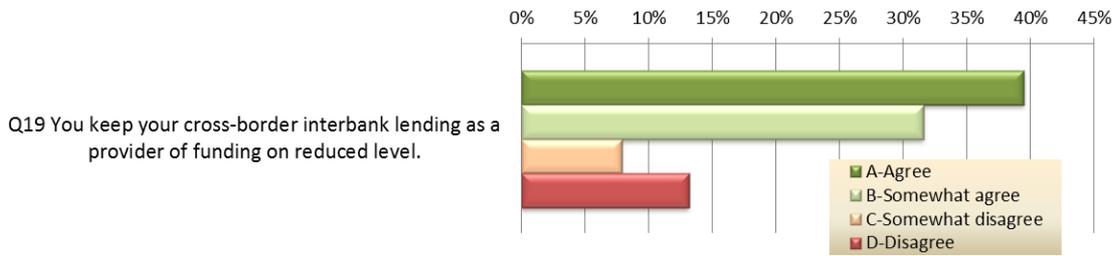


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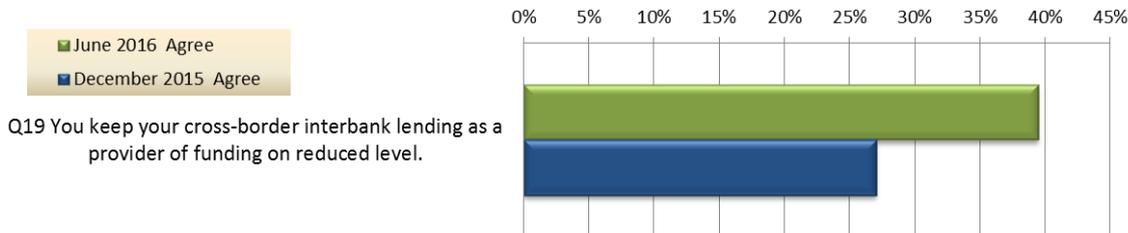
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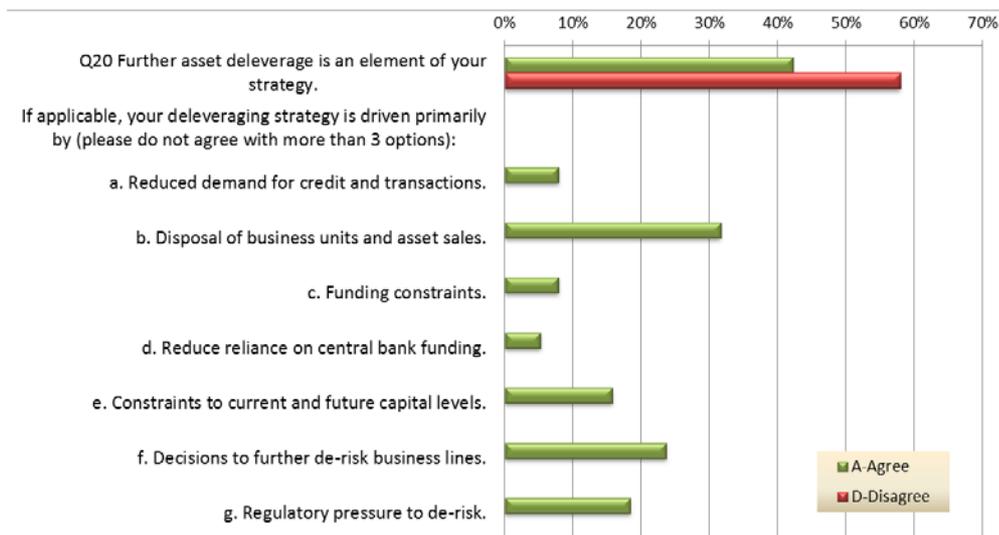


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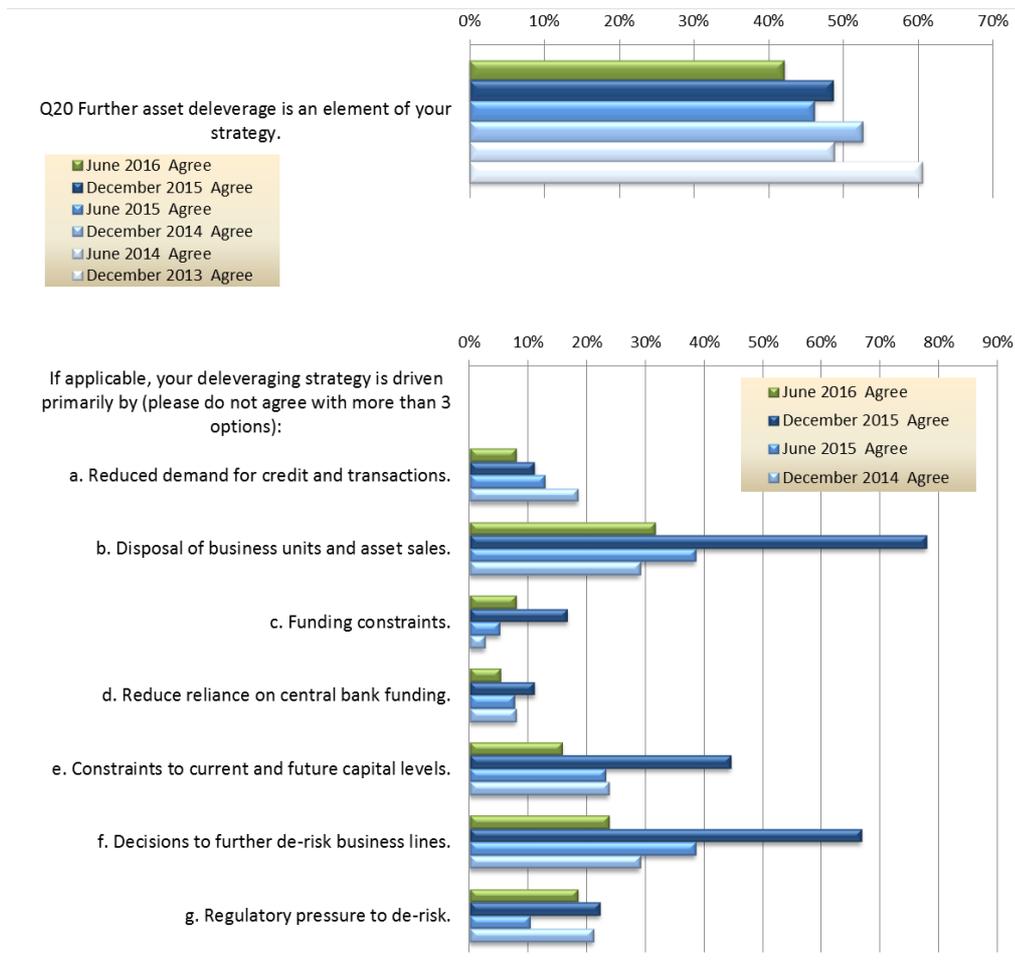


### 3. Asset volume trends

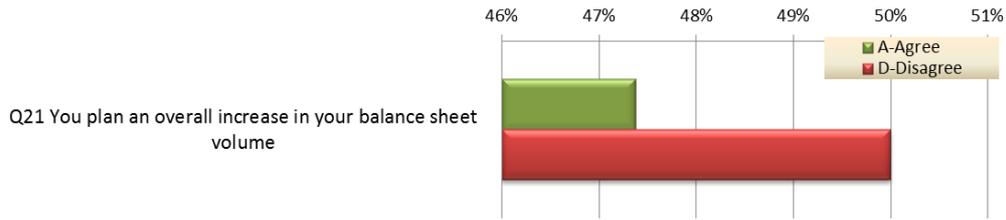
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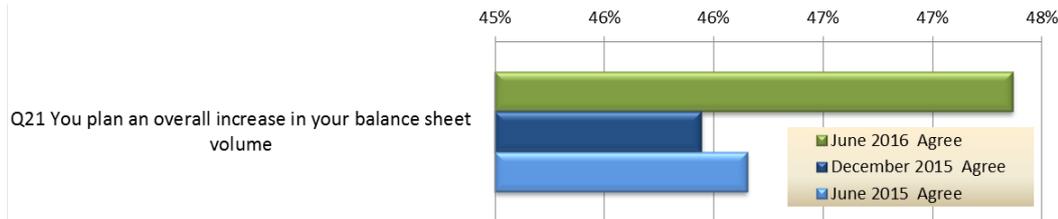
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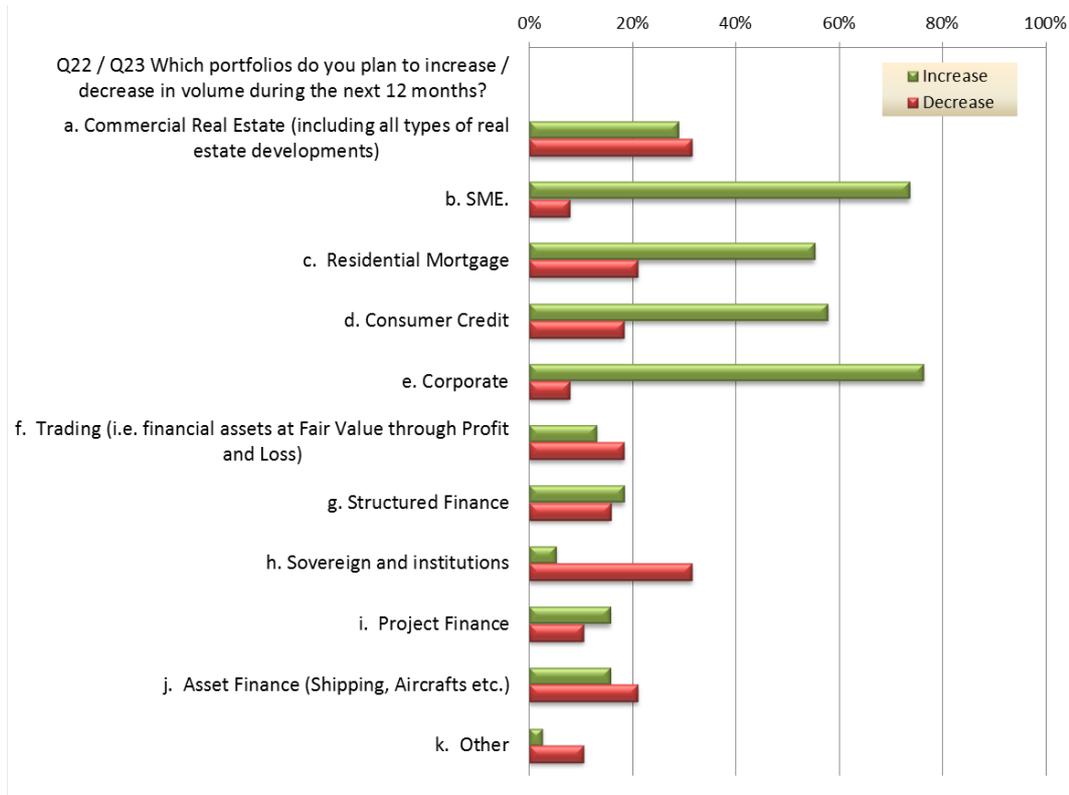
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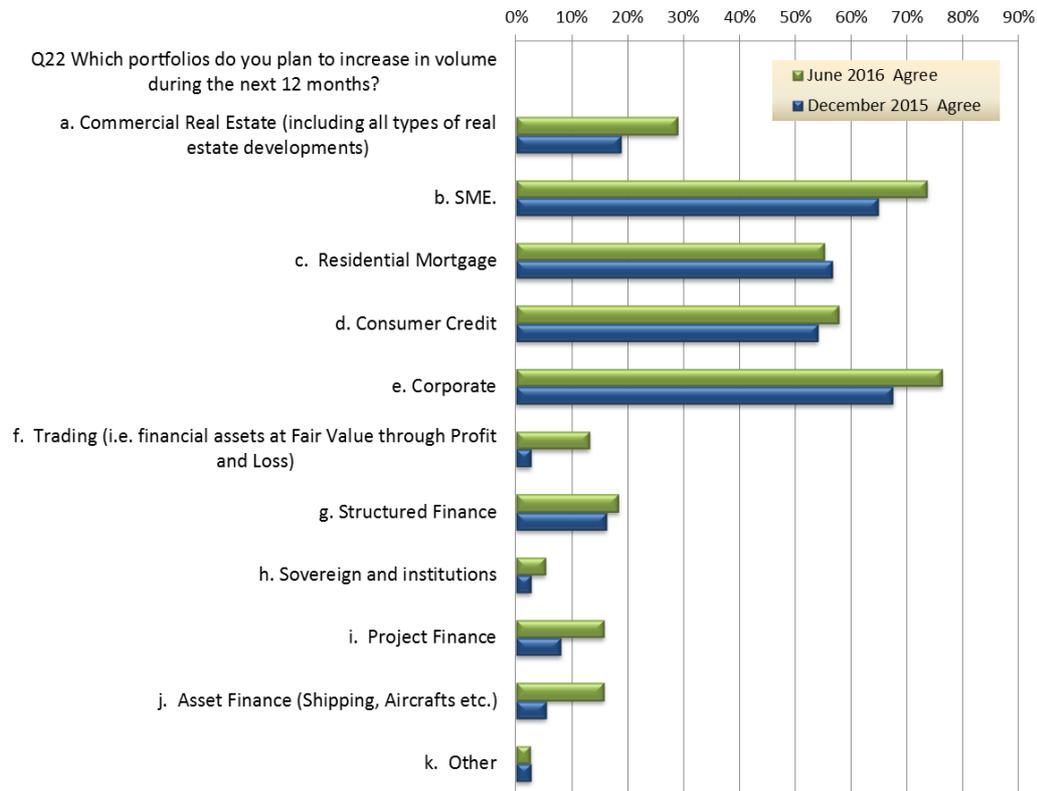
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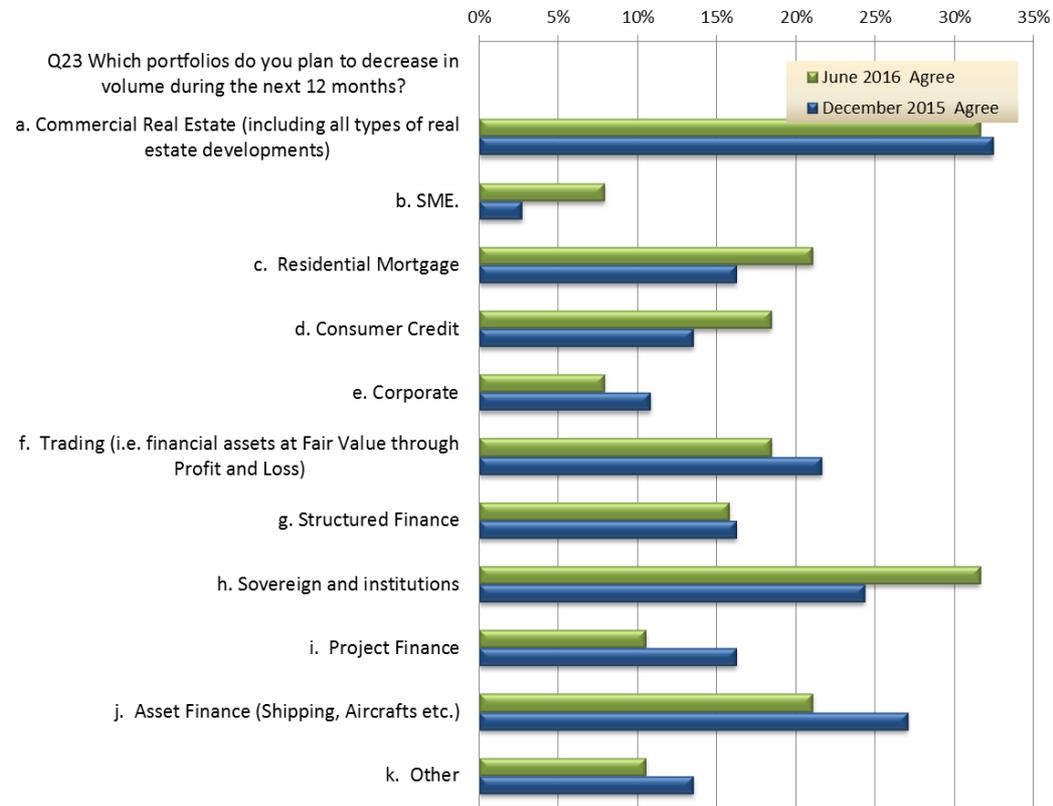
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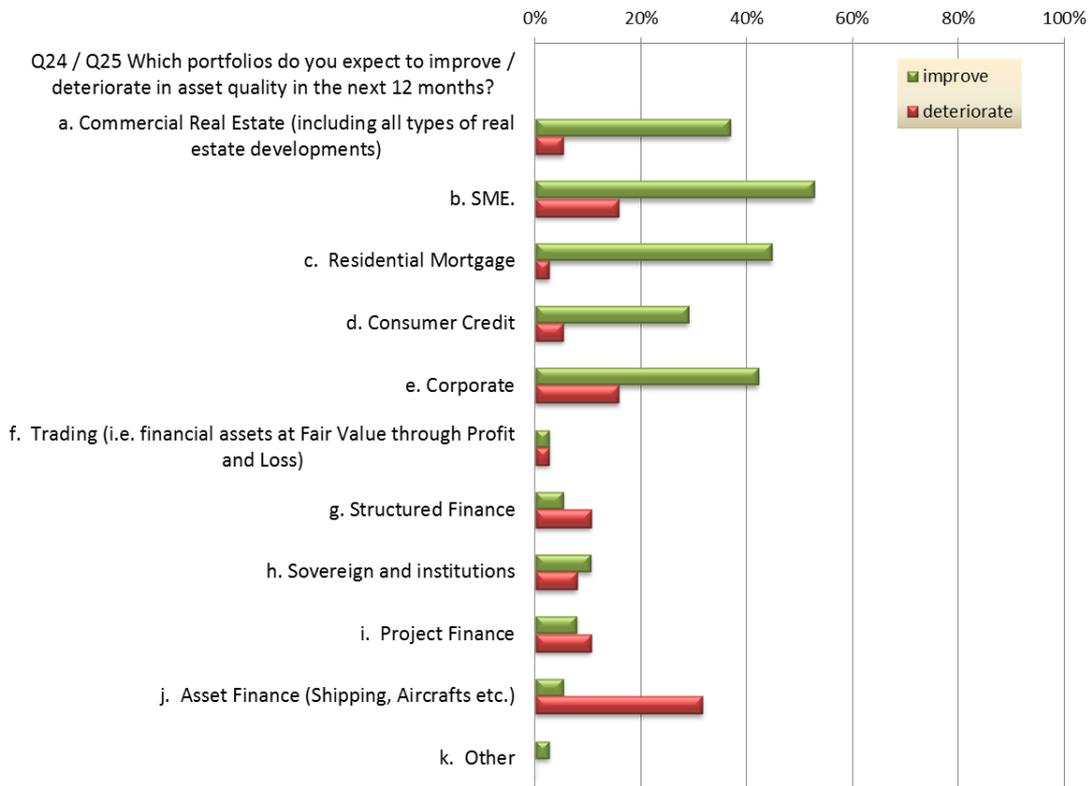


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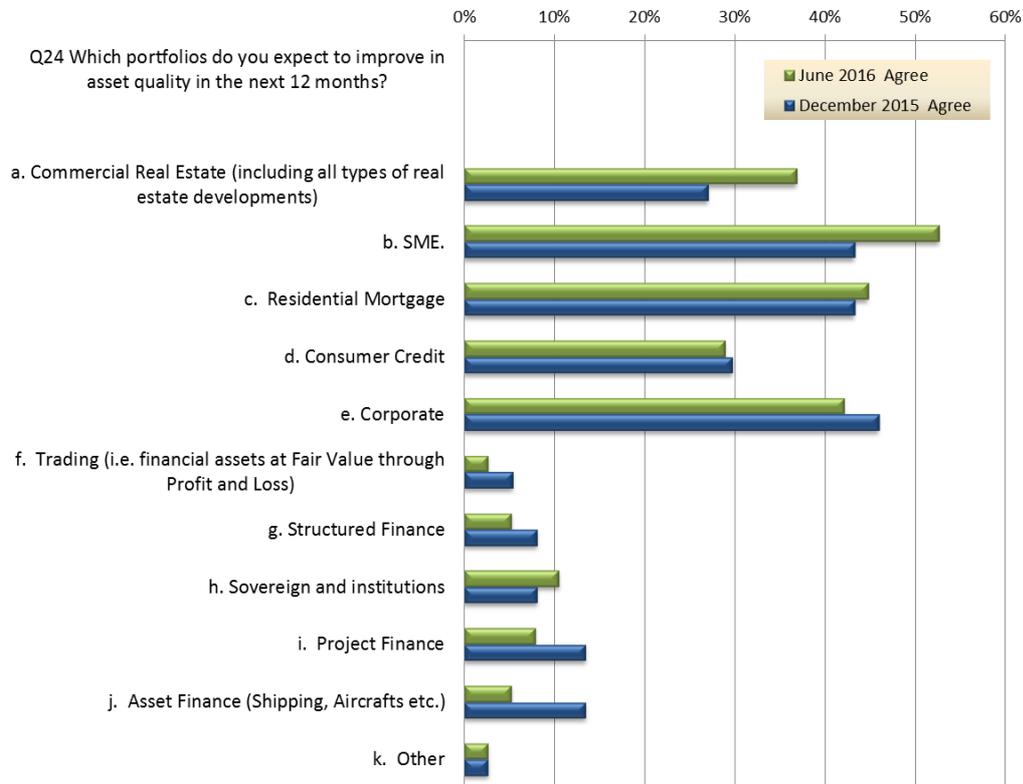


## 4. Asset quality

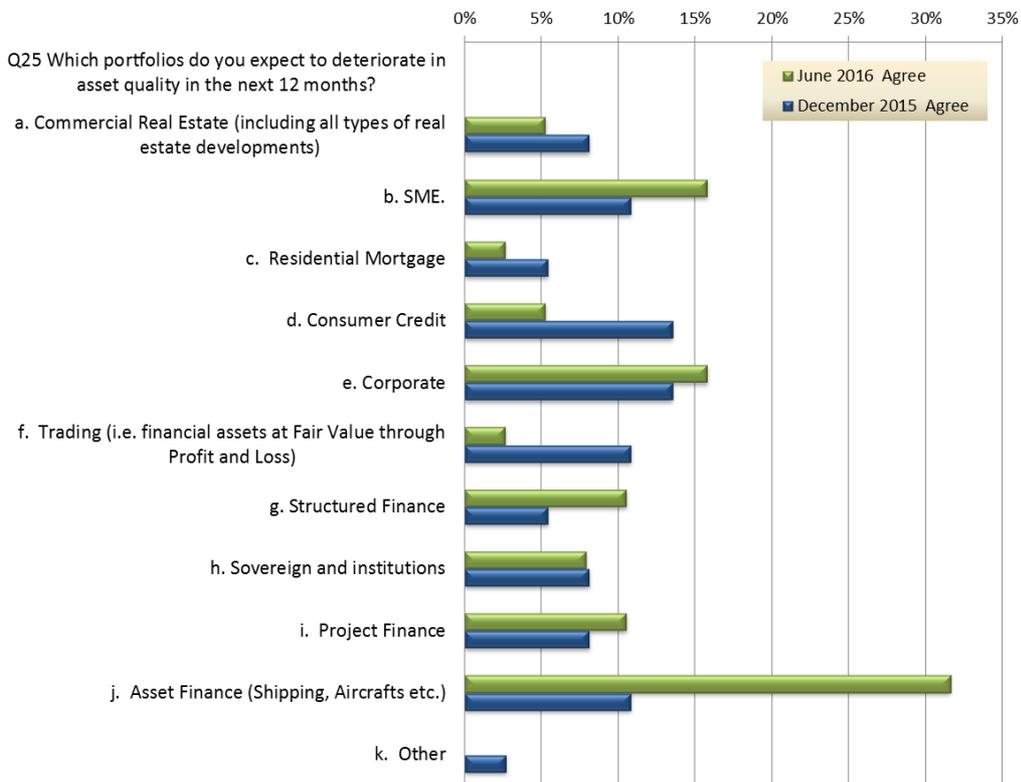
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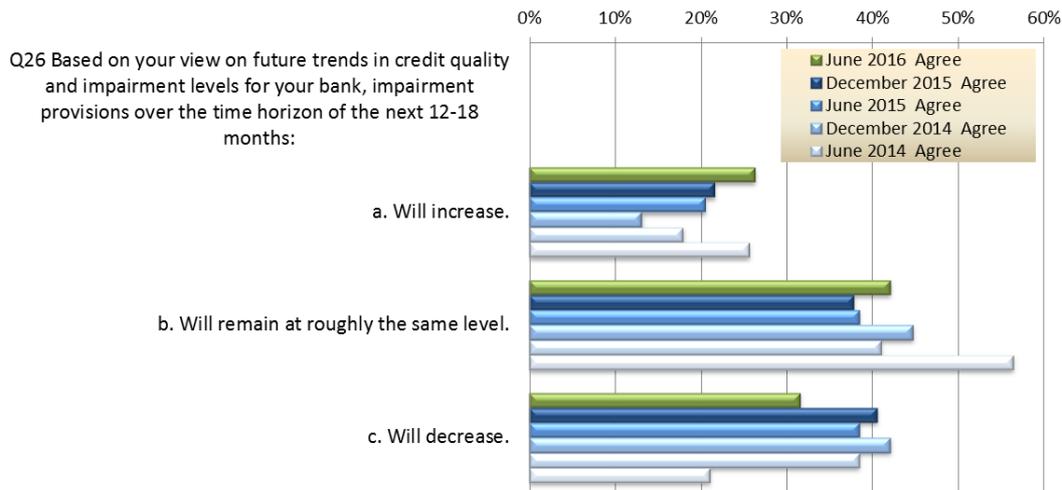
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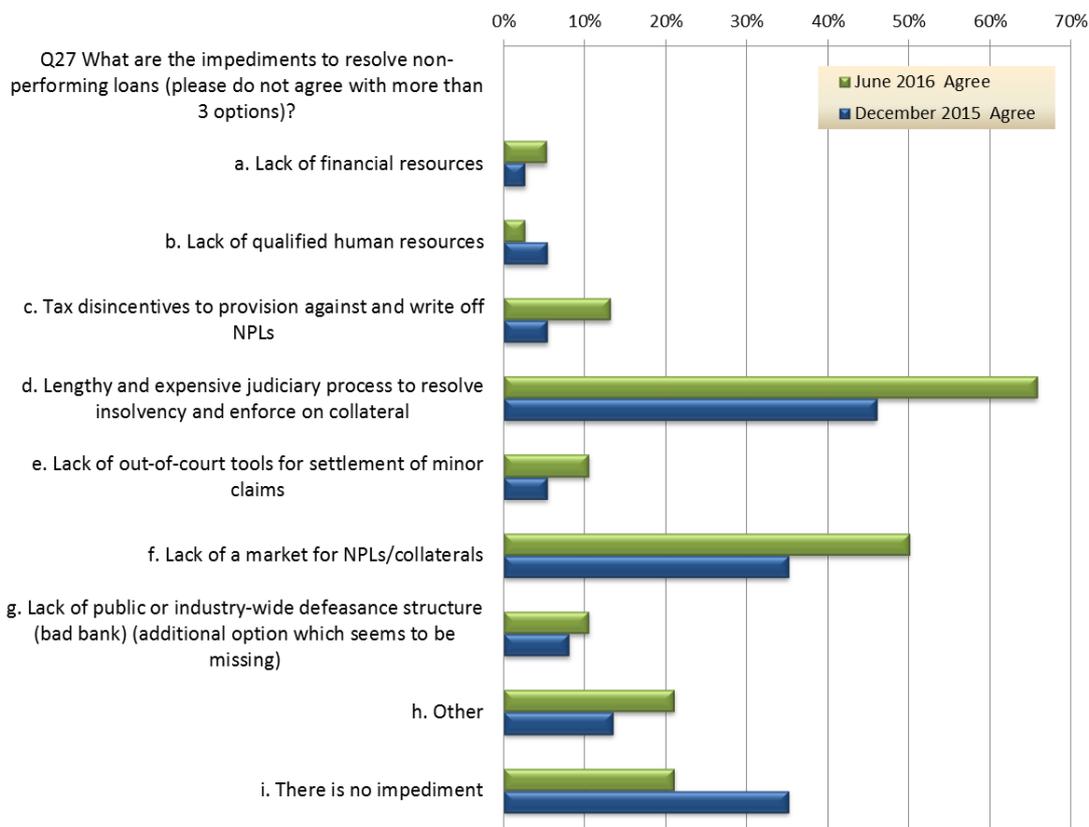
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**Question 26 (only “agree” as possible answer)**

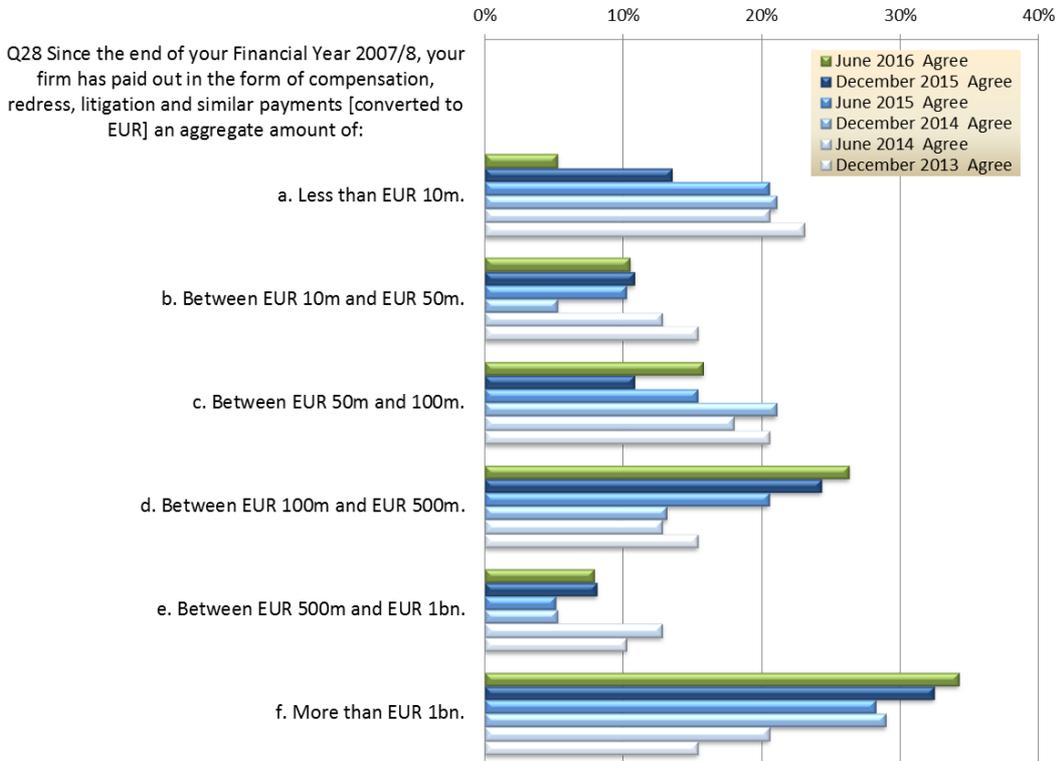


**Question 27 (only “agree” as possible answer)**

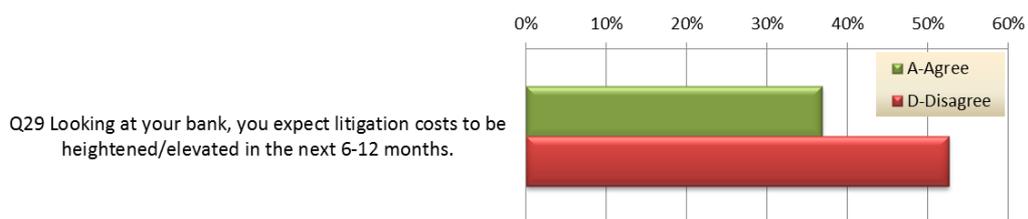


## 5. Conduct, reputation and operational risk

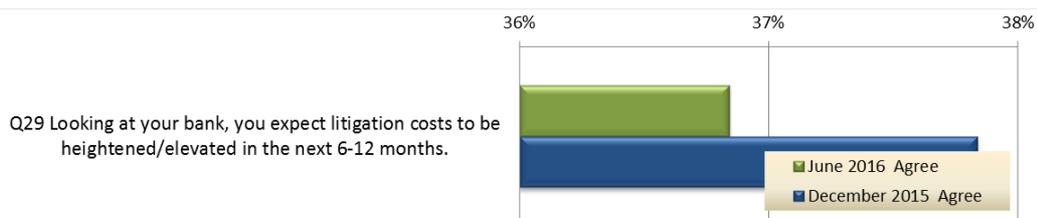
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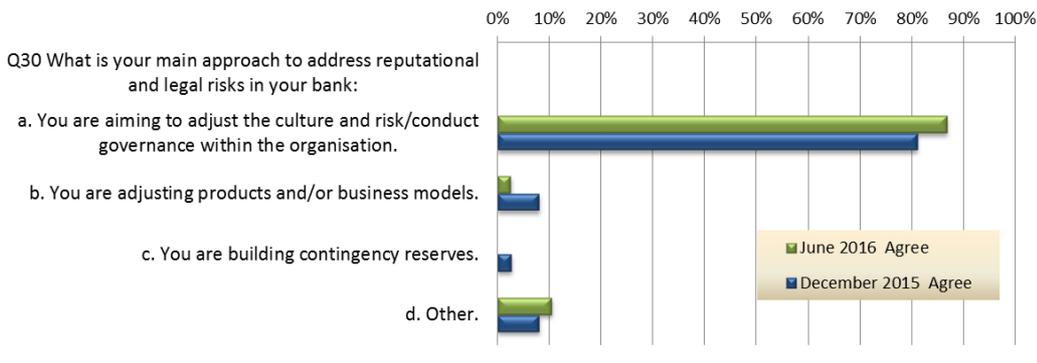
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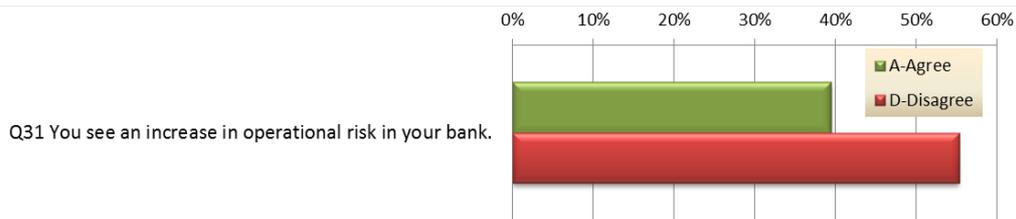
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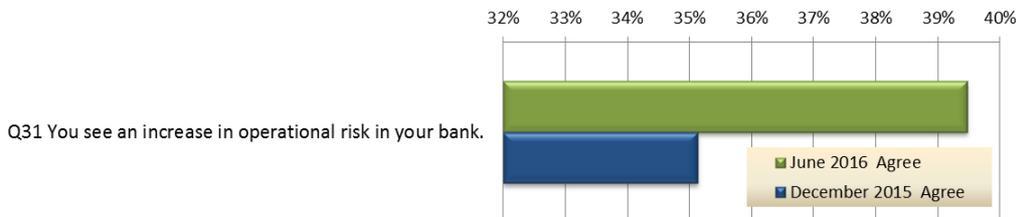
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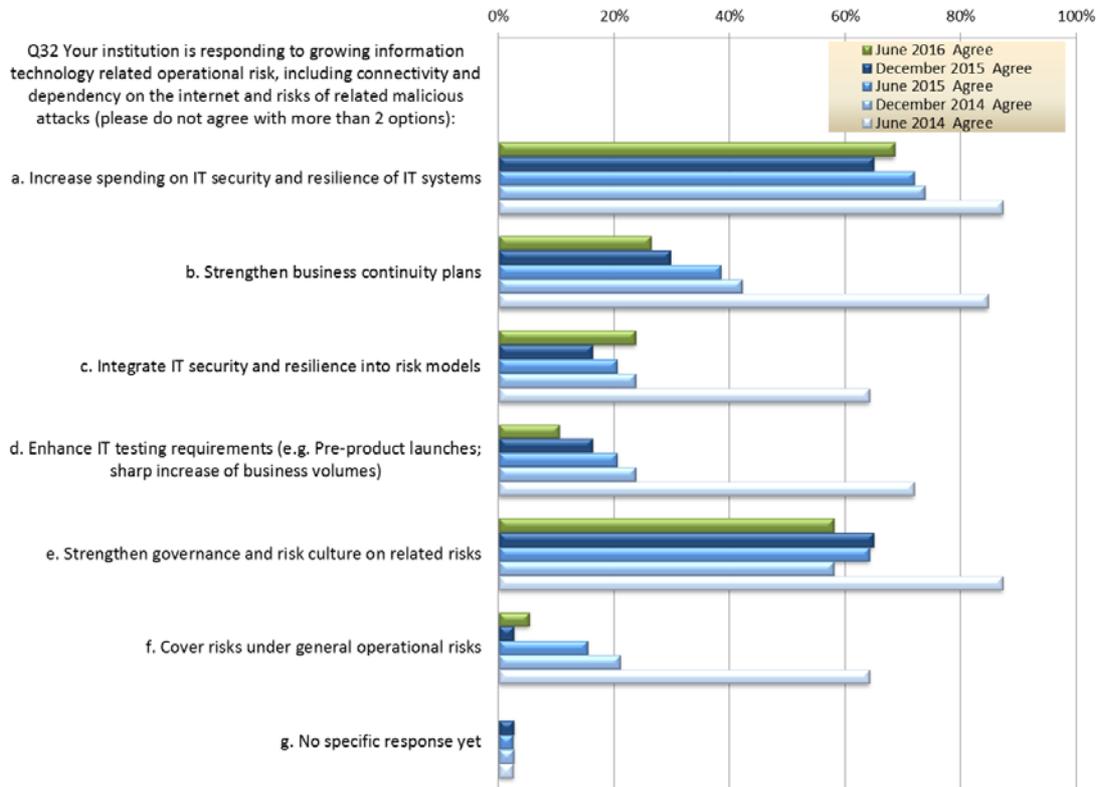
**Question 31: June 2016 results**



**Question 31: Comparison with former results**

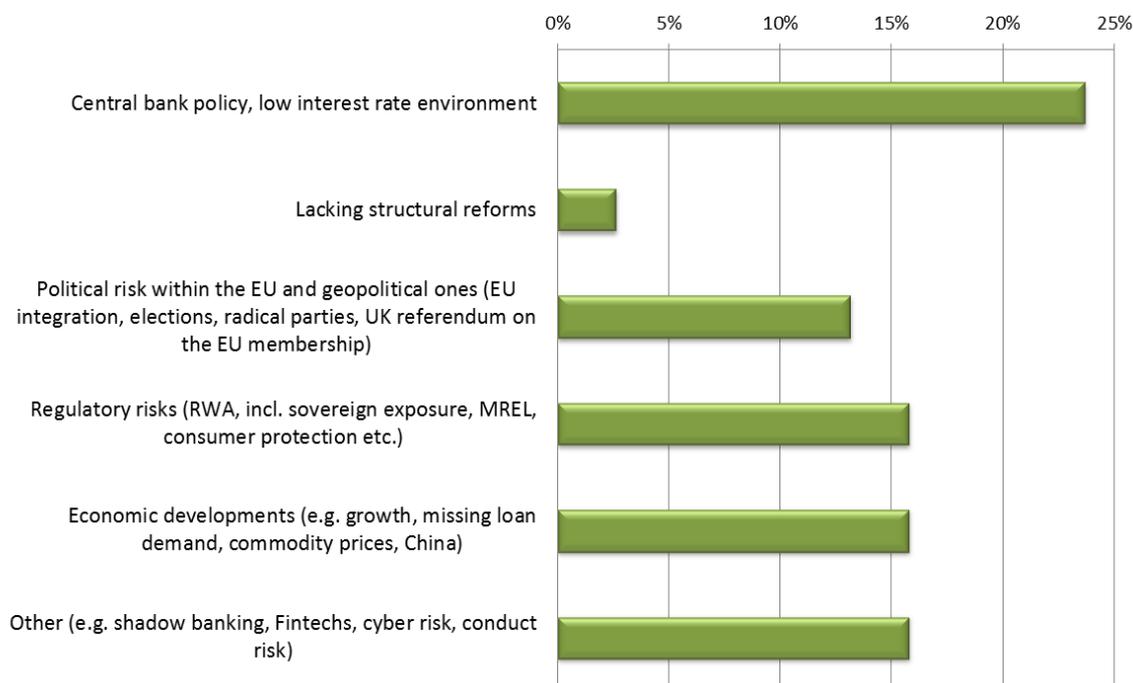


**Question 32 (only “agree” as possible answer)**



## 6. General open question

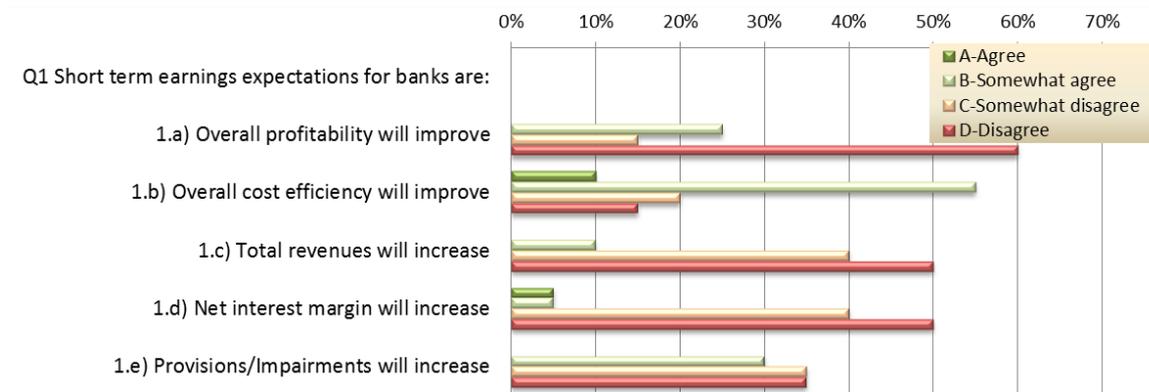
Looking at the EU banking sector, you expect other sources of risk or vulnerabilities to increase further in the next 6-12 months. Please indicate possible additional sources of risks and vulnerabilities:



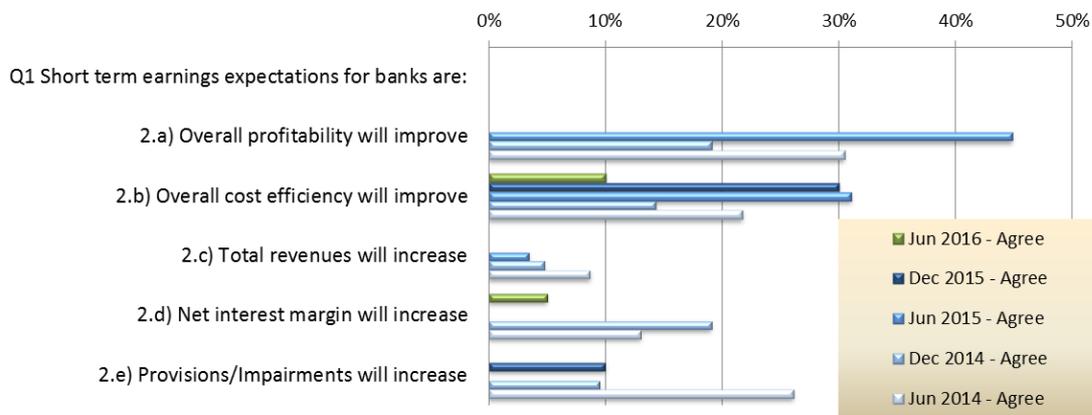
# Market analysts' questionnaire

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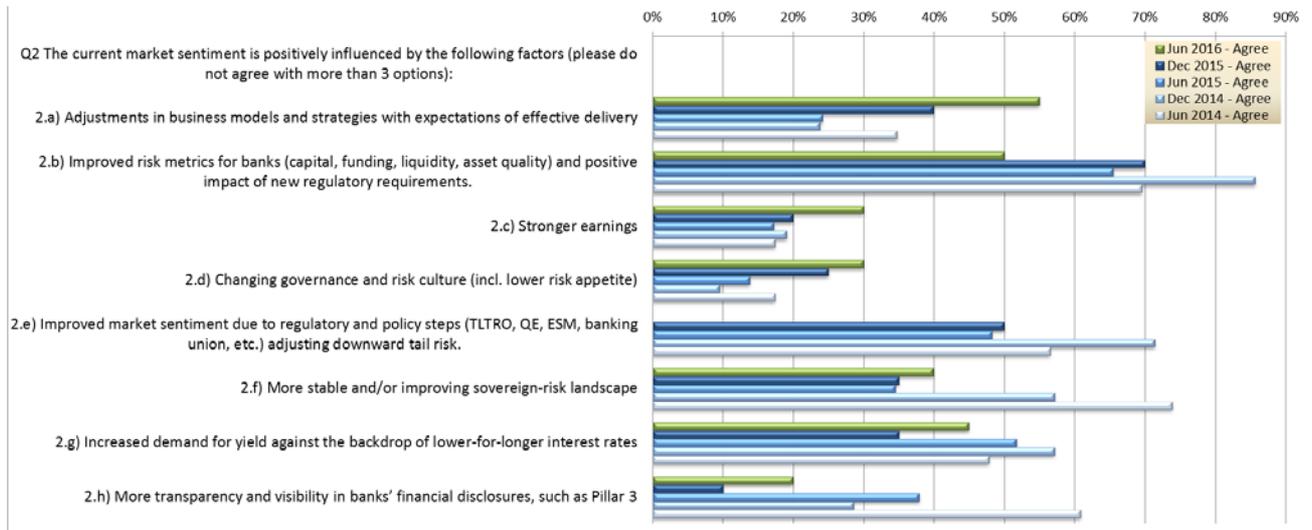
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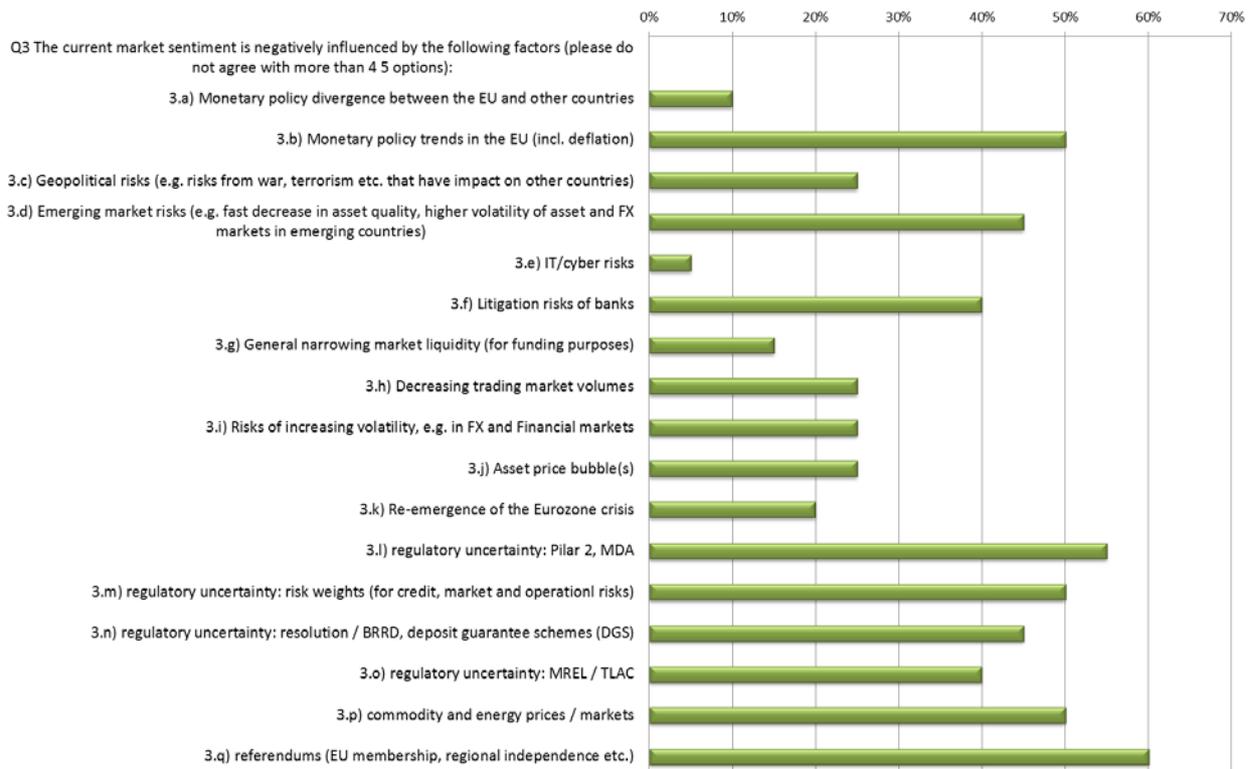
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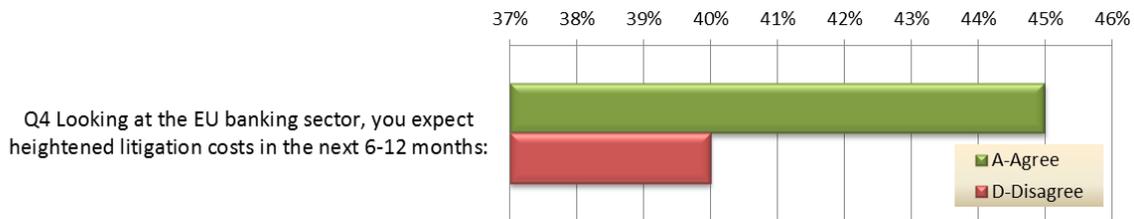
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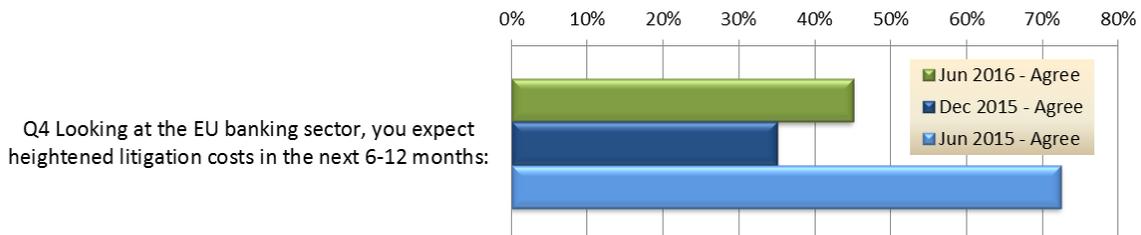
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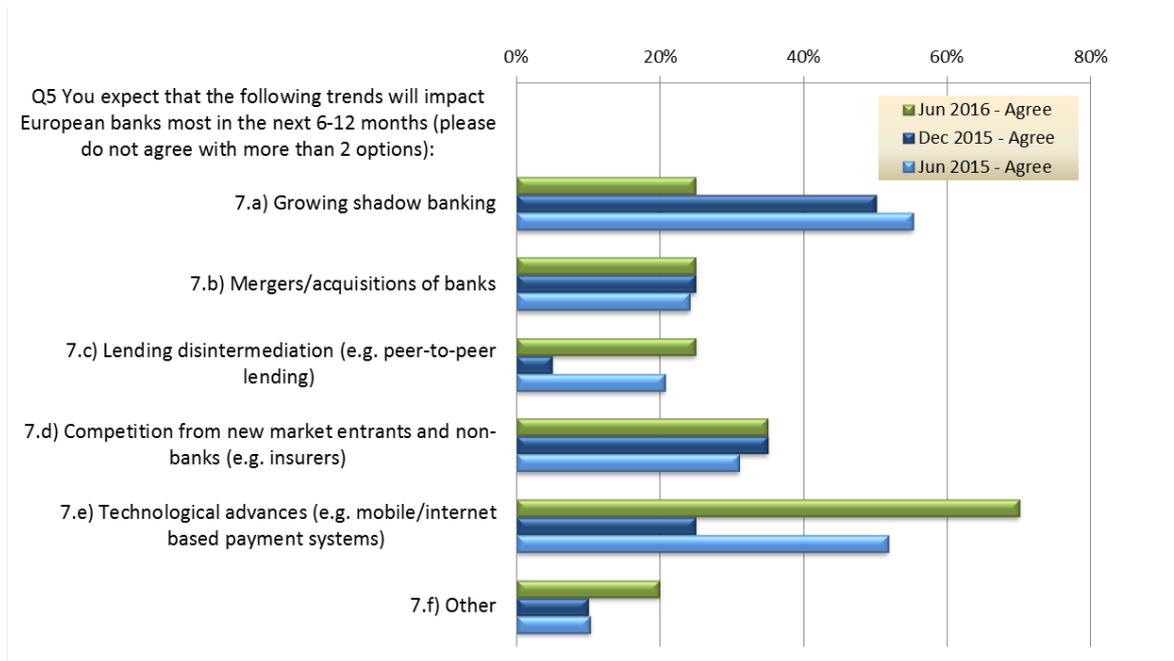
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**Question 4: Comparison with former results**

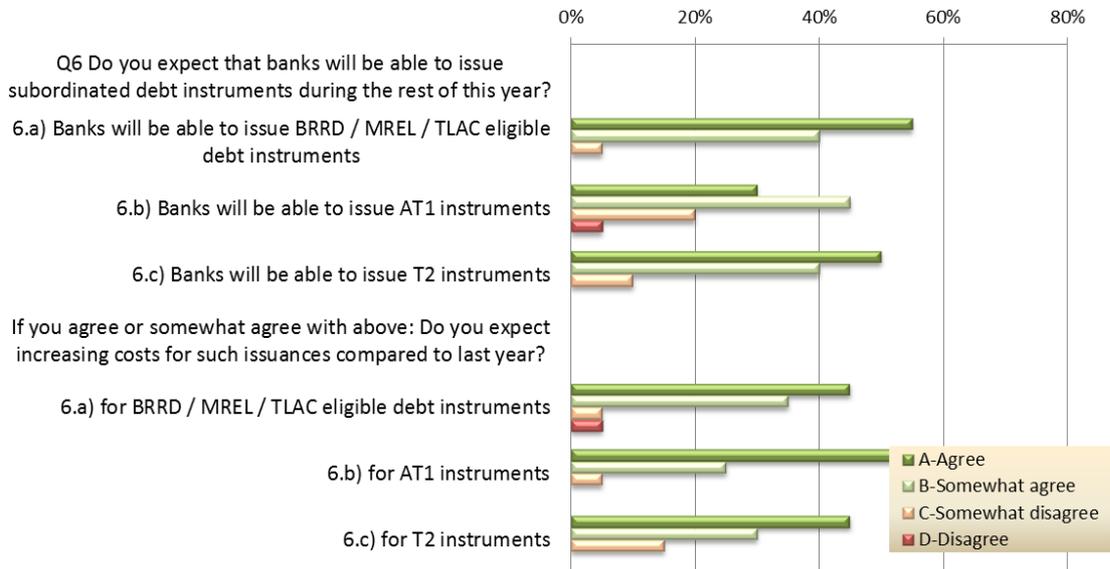


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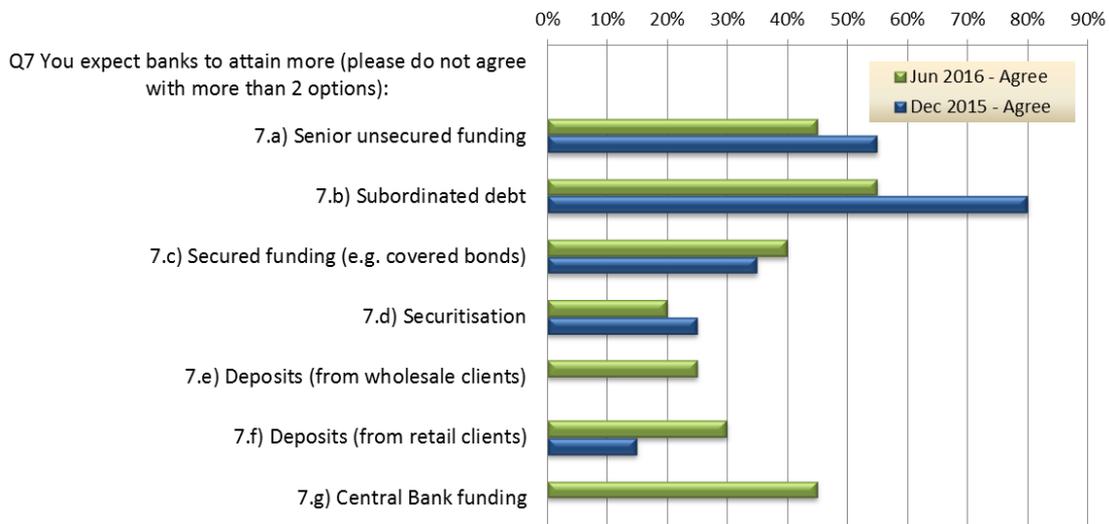


## 2. Funding / liquidity

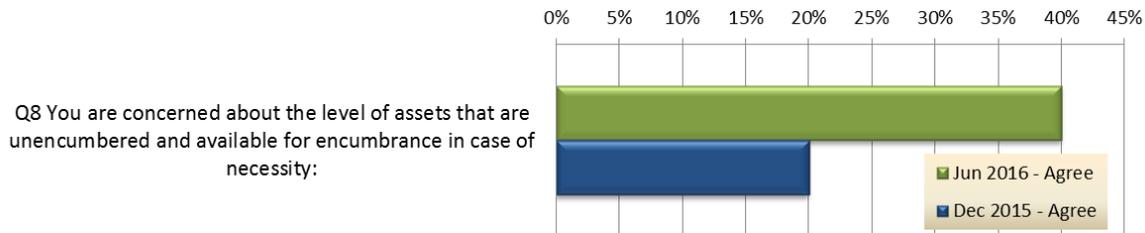
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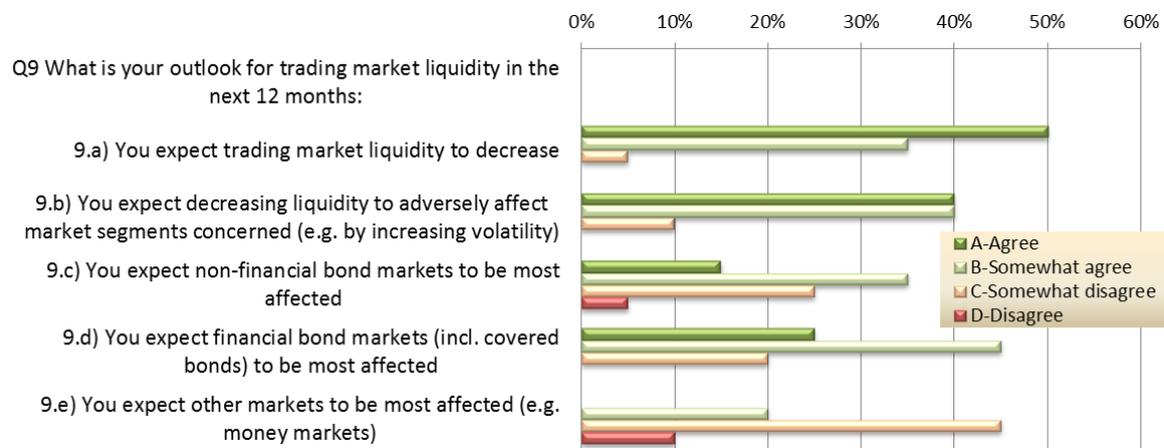
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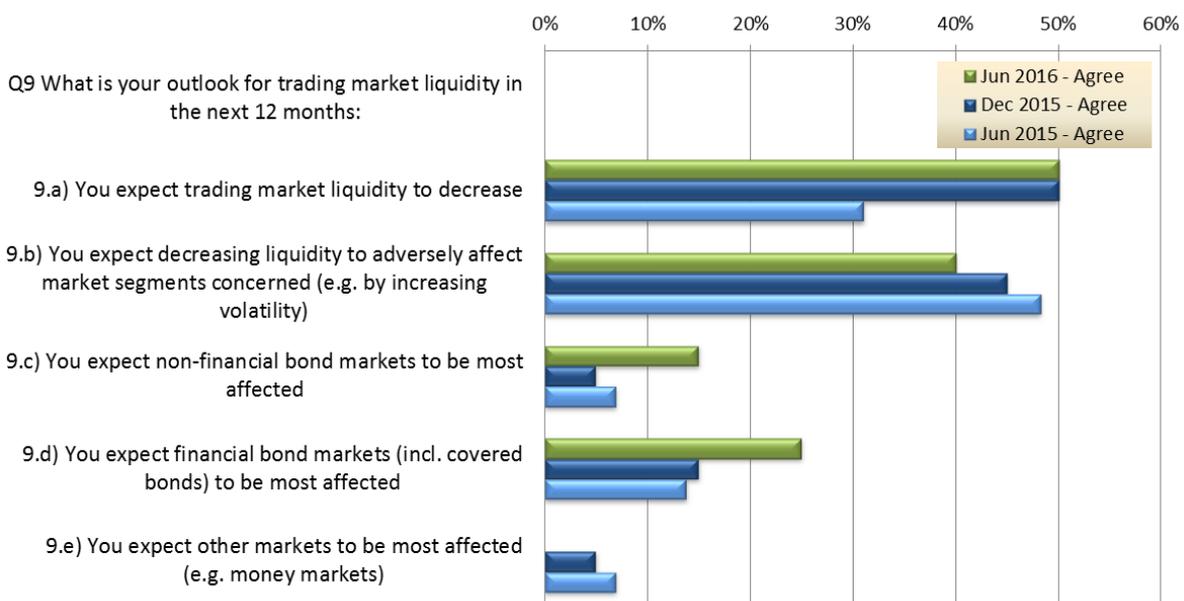
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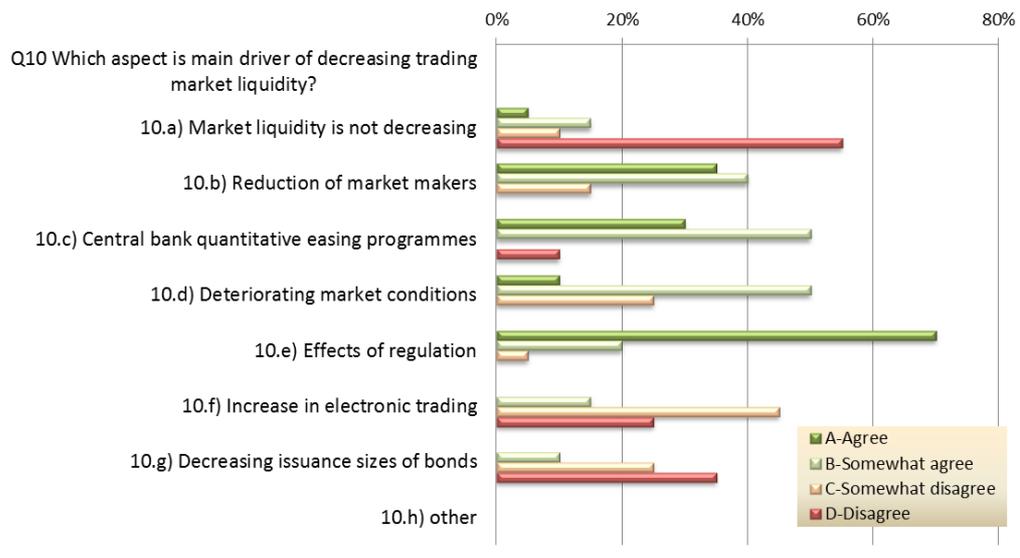
**Question 9: June 2016 results**



**Question 9: Comparison with former results**

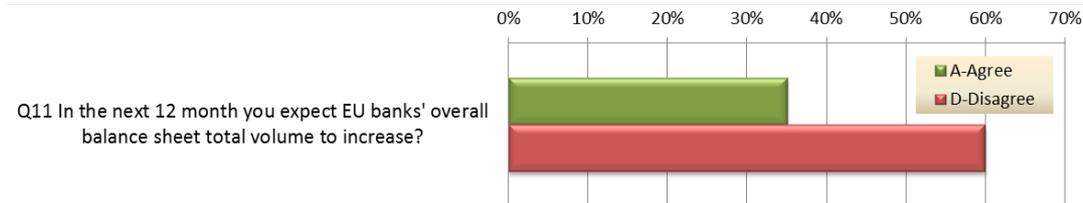


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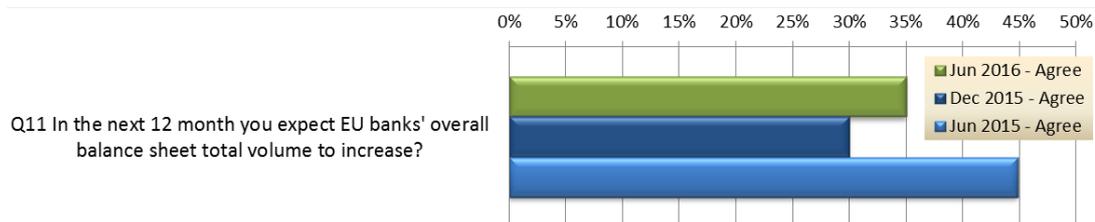


### 3. Asset volume trends

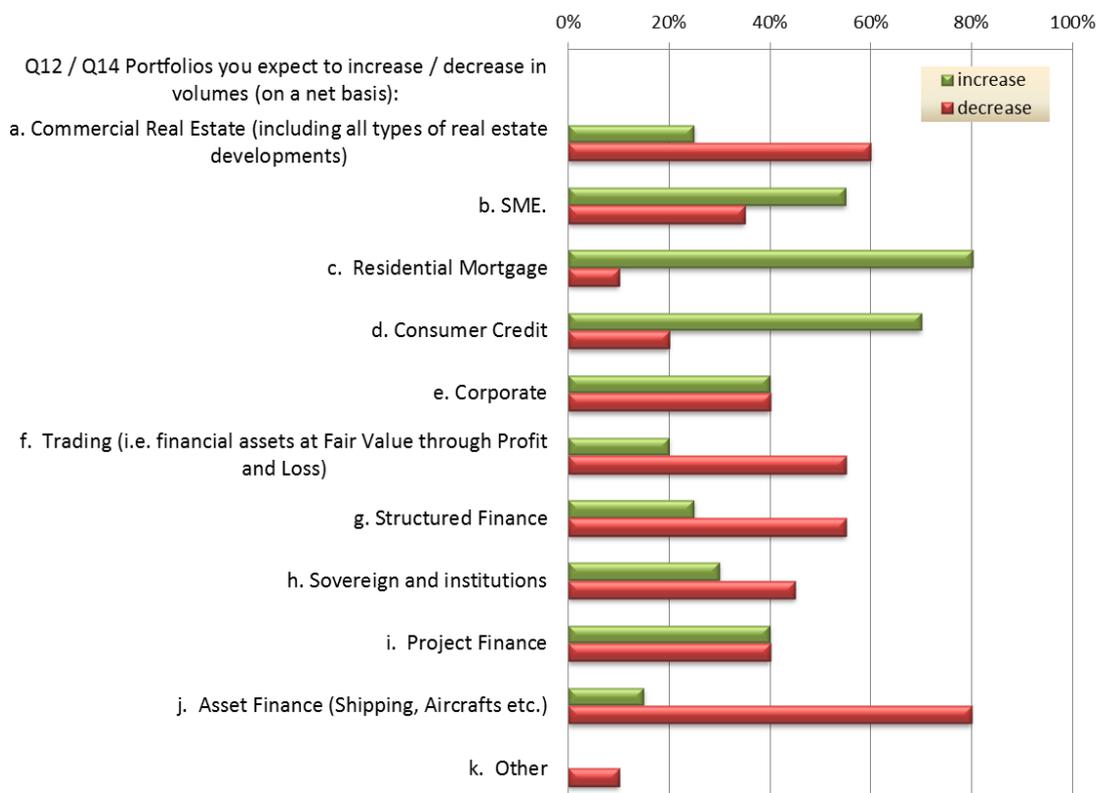
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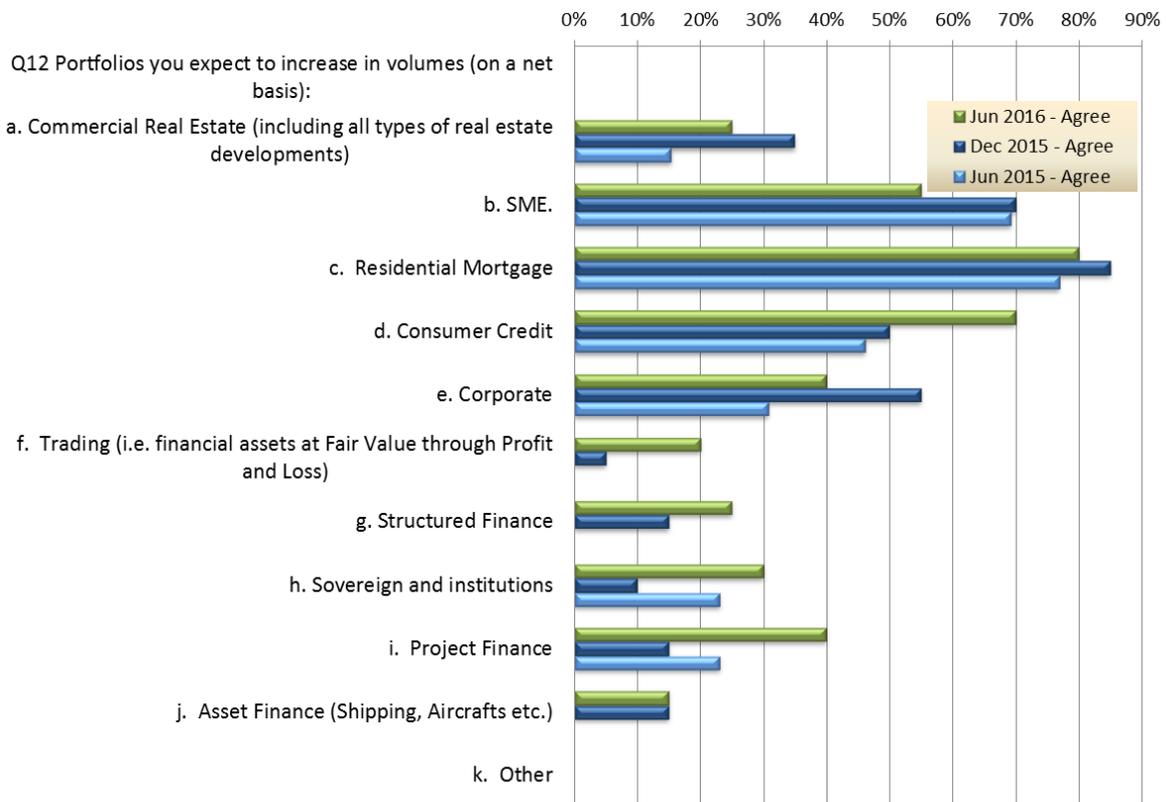
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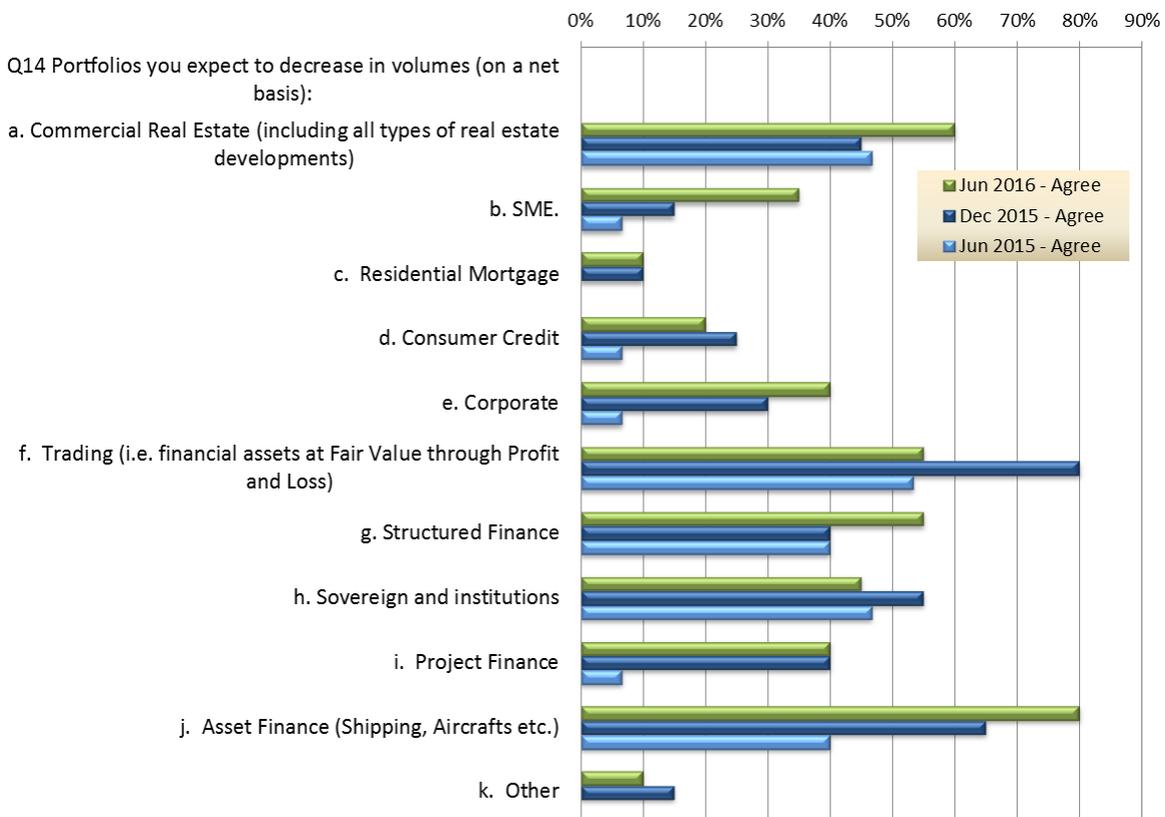
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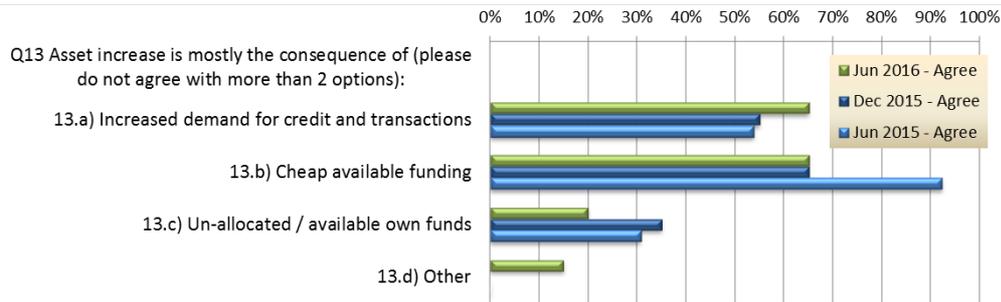
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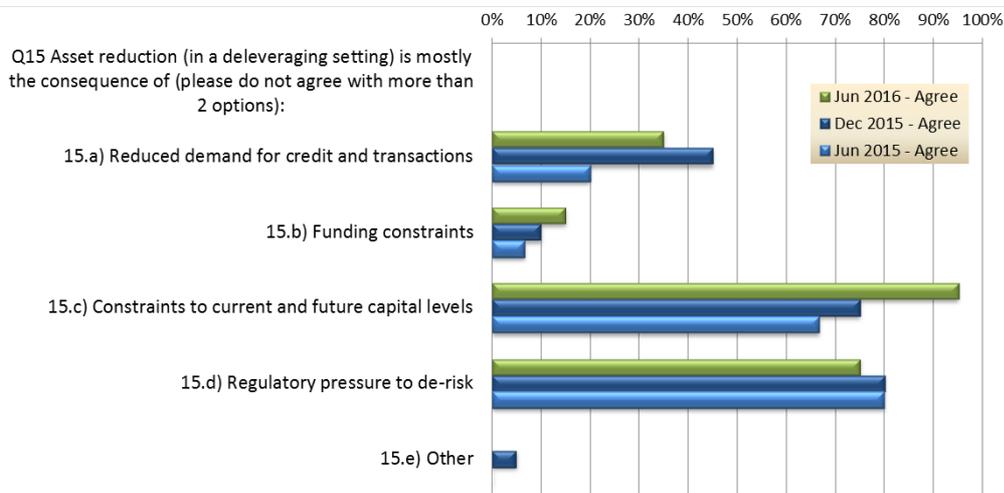
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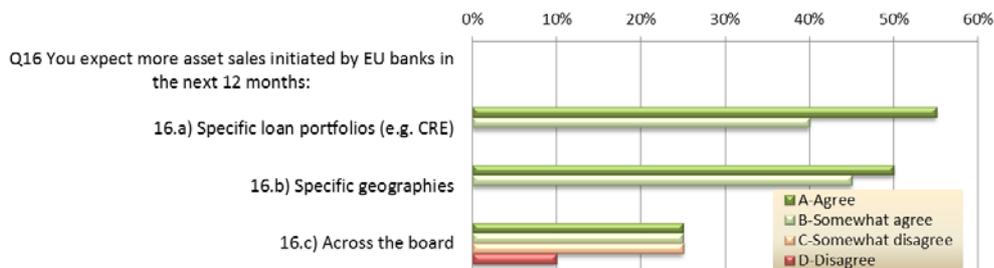
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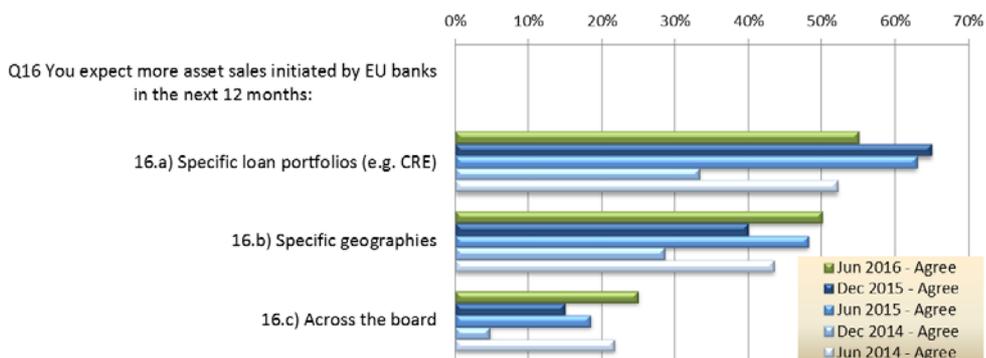
### Question 15 (only “agree” as possible answer)



### Question 16: June 2016 results

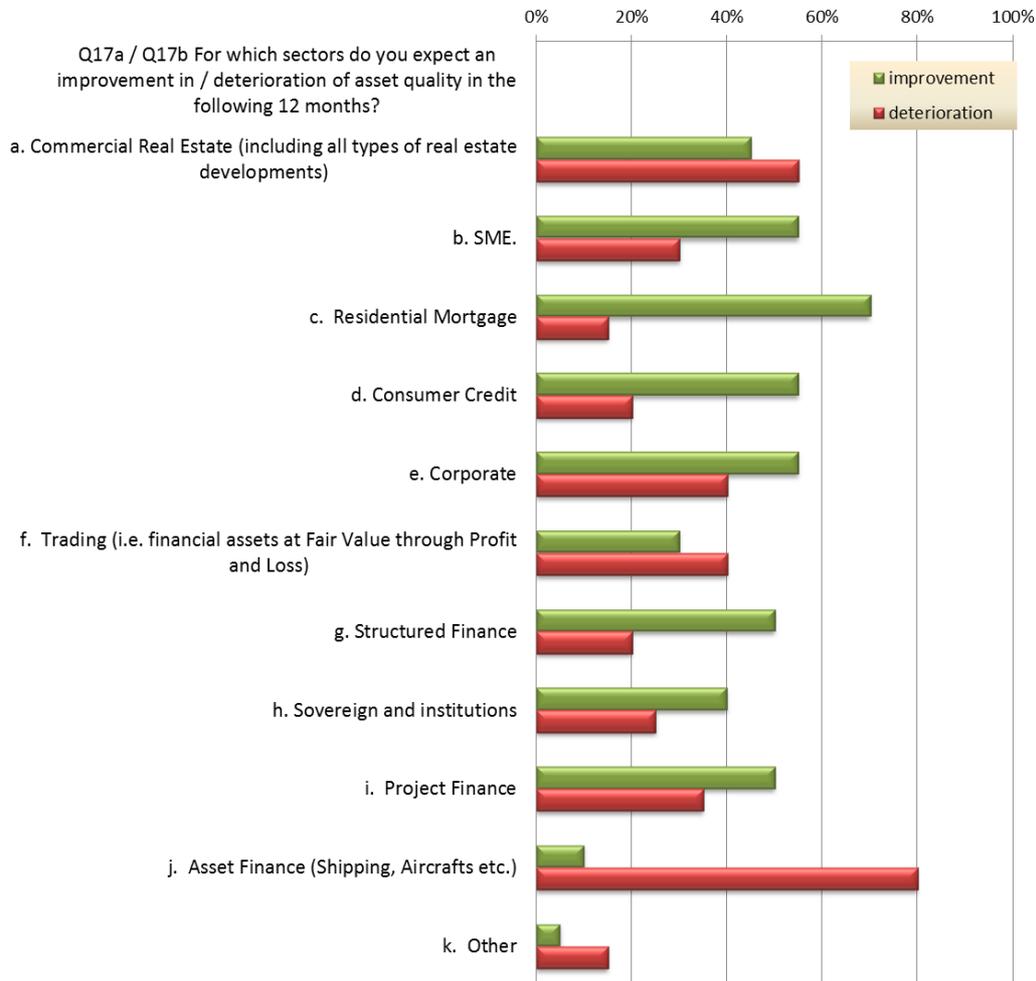


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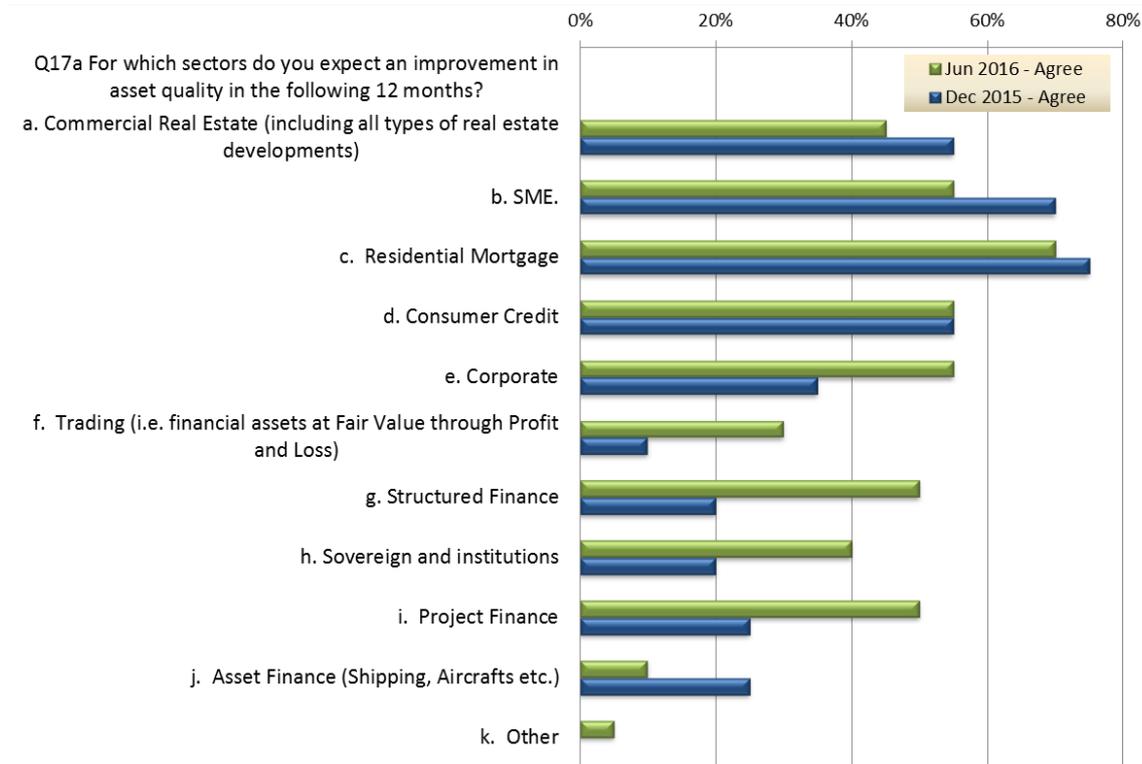


## 4. Asset quality

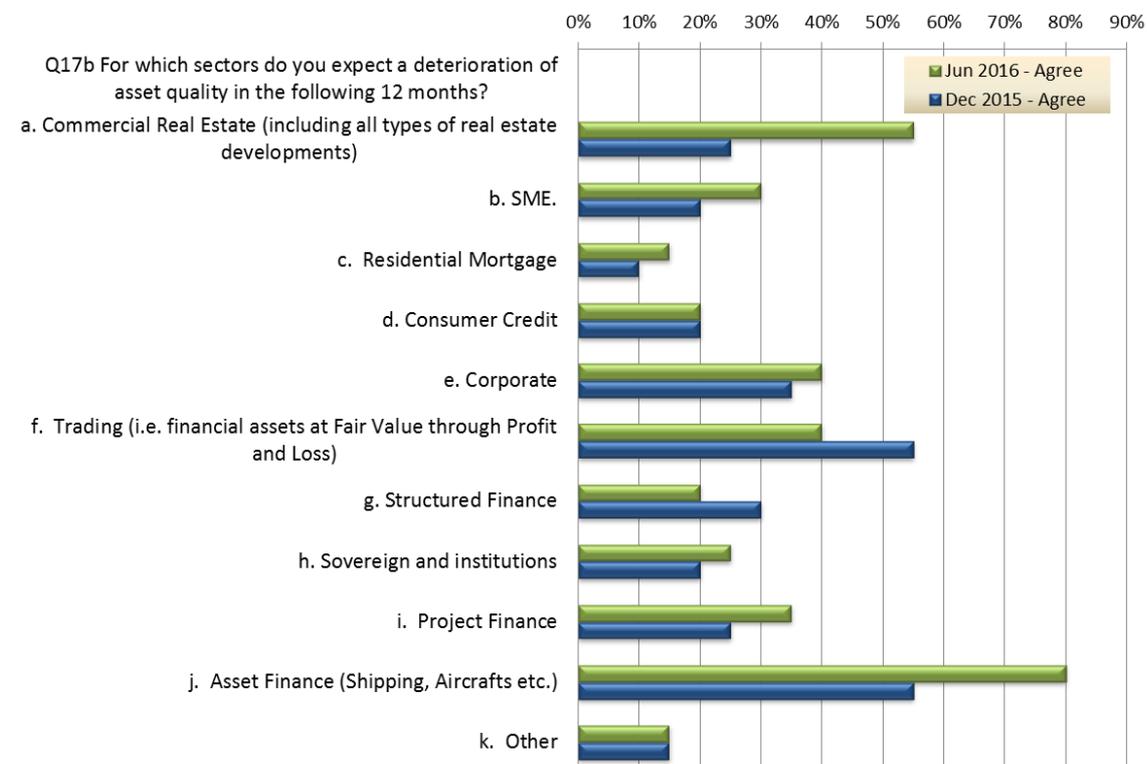
### Question 17: June 2016 results



**Question 17a: Comparison with former results**

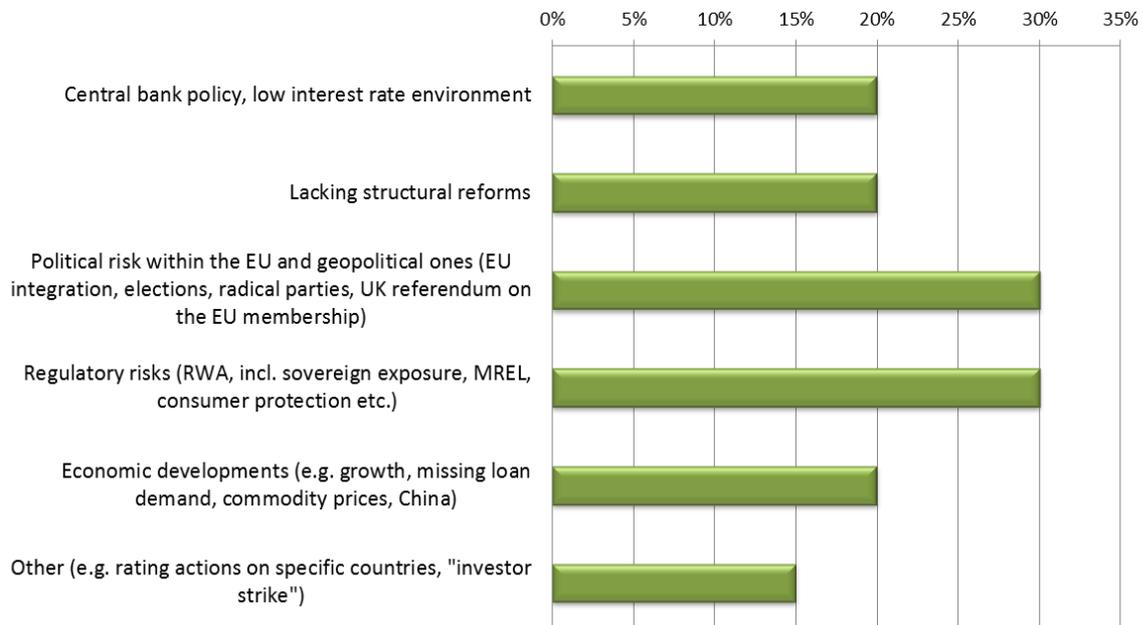


**Question 17b: Comparison with former results**



## 5. General open question

**Looking at the EU banking sector, you expect other sources of risk or vulnerabilities to increase further in the next 6-12 months. Please indicate possible additional sources of risks and vulnerabilities:**



# Appendix: Risk Assessment Questionnaire for banks

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# Risk Assessment Questionnaire for Banks Spring 2016

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## Respondent information

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\*First Name

\*Last Name

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\*Banking institution

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## Business model/strategy/profitability

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For the purposes of this survey, business model relates to the business mix underpinning the capacity of a bank to preserve and grow sustainable and predictable risk-adjusted earnings in markets and sectors in which it maintains a material presence. In view of this:

**\*Q1 You envisage making material changes to your bank’s business model going forward.**

- Agree
- Disagree
- N/A

**If you agree:**

	Agree	Disagree	N/A
<b>*a.</b> you expect material changes to your bank’s business model arising from a potential M&A transaction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>*b.</b> you expect material changes to your bank’s business model due to increasing competition arising from banking disintermediation (e.g. shadow banking, infrastructure finance by insurance companies)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>*c.</b> you expect material structural changes in your group due to regulatory requirements on resolvability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**If you agree with c., this results from the following regulatory changes:**

	Agree	Disagree	N/A
<b>*i.</b> Regulations on capital	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>*ii.</b> Regulations on liquidity and funding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>*iii.</b> Regulations on resolution/bail-in	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>*iv.</b> Regulations and policies on banking structures (activity ring-fencing, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**\*Q2 Your bank can operate on a longer-term basis with a return on equity (ROE):**

- a. Below 10%.
- b. Between 10% and 12%.
- c. Between 12% and 14%
- d. Above 14%.

**\*Q3 You expect an overall increase in your bank's profitability in the 6-12 next months:**

- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- N/A

**Q4 You primarily target this area for increasing profitability in your bank in the next months:**

	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	N/A
*a. Net interest income	<input type="radio"/>				
*b. Net Fees and Commissions income	<input type="radio"/>				
*c. Other operating income	<input type="radio"/>				
*d. Operating expenses / costs reduction	<input type="radio"/>				
*e. Impairments	<input type="radio"/>				
*f. Other	<input type="radio"/>				

**Q5 You are reducing operating expenses / costs through (please do not agree with more than 3 options):**

	Agree	N/A
*a. Overhead reduction and staff costs reduction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*b. Outsourcing some of the administrative and development departments (IT)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*c. Off-shoring or near-shoring	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*d. Cutting of non-profitable units.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*e. Increasing automatisisation and digitalisation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*f. Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**\*Q6 Your current earnings are covering the cost of equity:**

- Agree
- Disagree
- N/A

**\*Q7 You estimate COE at:**

- a. Below 8%.
- b. Between 8% and 10%.
- c. Between 10% and 12%.
- d. Above 12%.

**\*Q8 Do you expect further losses linked to the economic developments in emerging-markets for your institution in the next 6 months?**

- Agree
- Disagree
- N/A

**\*Q9 Do you expect increasing losses linked to your commodity and energy related exposures (direct and indirect ones)?**

- Agree
- Disagree
- N/A

**\*Q10 Looking at your bank, you are concerned about the level of assets that are unencumbered and available for encumbrance in case of necessity.**

- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- N/A

**Q11 Your bank intends to issue in the next 12 months:**

	Agree	N/A
*a. AT1 instruments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*b. Tier 2 instruments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*c. Other subordinated instruments bail-inable according to the BRRD/ TLAC requirements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Q12 What are the main constraints to issue AT1 and T2 instruments?**

	Agree	N/A
*a. pricing (the instruments' yields are too high)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*b. no sufficient investor demand (e.g. these instruments are not attractive in their risk-return considerations)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*c. no sufficient investor demand (due to regulatory and supervisory uncertainty, e.g. in respect of MDA considerations or coupon risk or due to regulatory / supervisory aspects)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**\*Q13 Do you plan to issue CET1 instruments in the next 12 months?**

- Agree
- Disagree

**Q14 You intend to attain more (please do not agree with more than 2 options):**

	Agree	N/A
*a. Senior unsecured funding.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*b. Subordinated debt.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*c. Secured funding (covered bonds).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*d. Securitisation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*e. Deposits (from wholesale clients)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*f. Deposits (from retail clients)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*g. Central Bank funding.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**\*Q15 You see volatilities in your wholesale deposit volumes due to increased competition, rate shopping or risk perceptions.**

- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- N/A

**\*Q16 You see volatilities in your retail deposit volumes due to increased competition, rate shopping or risk perceptions.**

- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- N/A

**\*Q17 You accept increasing your deposit base through offering better rates and terms to gain market share.**

- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- N/A

**\*Q18 You have been affected by the reduced cross-border interbank activities as a taker of funding.**

- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- N/A

**\*Q19 You keep your cross-border interbank lending as a provider of funding on reduced level.**

- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- N/A

## Asset volume trends

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**\*Q20 Further asset deleverage is an element of your strategy.**

- Agree
- Disagree
- N/A

If applicable, your deleveraging strategy is driven primarily by (please do not agree with more than 3 options):

	Agree	N/A
*a. Reduced demand for credit and transactions.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*b. Disposal of business units and asset sales.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*c. Funding constraints.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*d. Reduce reliance on central bank funding.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*e. Constraints to current and future capital levels.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*f. Decisions to further de-risk business lines.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*g. Regulatory pressure to de-risk.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

\*Q21 You plan an overall increase in your balance sheet volume

- Agree
- Disagree
- N/A

**Q22 Which portfolios do you plan to increase in volume during the next 12 months?**

	Agree	N/A
*a. Commercial Real Estate (including all types of real estate developments)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*b. SME	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*c. Residential Mortgage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*d. Consumer Credit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*e. Corporate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*f. Trading (i.e. financial assets at Fair Value through Profit and Loss)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*g. Structured Finance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*h. Sovereign and institutions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*i. Project Finance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*j. Asset Finance (Shipping, Aircrafts etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*k. Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Q23 Which portfolios do you plan to decrease in volume during the next 12 months?**

	Agree	N/A
*a. Commercial Real Estate (including all types of real estate developments)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*b. SME	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*c. Residential Mortgage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*d. Consumer Credit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*e. Corporate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*f. Trading (i.e. financial assets at Fair Value through Profit and Loss)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*g. Structured Finance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*h. Sovereign and institutions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*i. Project Finance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*j. Asset Finance (Shipping, Aircrafts etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*k. Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Asset composition & quality**

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**Q24 Which portfolios do you expect to improve in asset quality in the next 12 months?**

	Agree	N/A
*a. Commercial Real Estate (including all types of real estate developments)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*b. SME	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*c. Residential Mortgage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*d. Consumer Credit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*e. Corporate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*f. Trading (i.e. financial assets at Fair Value through Profit and Loss)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*g. Structured Finance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*h. Sovereign and institutions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*i. Project Finance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*j. Asset Finance (Shipping, Aircrafts etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*k. Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Q25 Which portfolios do you expect to deteriorate in asset quality in the next 12 months?**

	Agree	N/A
*a. Commercial Real Estate (including all types of real estate developments)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*b. SME	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*c. Residential Mortgage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*d. Consumer Credit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*e. Corporate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*f. Trading (i.e. financial assets at Fair Value through Profit and Loss)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*g. Structured Finance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*h. Sovereign and institutions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*i. Project Finance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*j. Asset Finance (Shipping, Aircrafts etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*k. Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**\*Q26 Based on your view on future trends in credit quality and impairment levels for your bank, impairment provisions over the time horizon of the next 12-18 months:**

- a. Will increase.
- b. Will remain at roughly the same level.
- c. Will decrease.

**Q27 What are the impediments to resolve non-performing loans (please do not agree with more than 3 options):**

	Agree	N/A
*a. Lack of financial resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*b. Lack of qualified human resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*c. Tax disincentives to provision against and write off NPLs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*d. Lengthy and expensive judiciary process to resolve insolvency and enforce on collateral	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*e. Lack of out-of-court tools for settlement of minor claims	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*f. Lack of a market for NPLs/collaterals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*g. Lack of public or industry-wide defeasance structure (bad bank) (additional option which seems to be missing)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*h. Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*i. There is no impediment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Conduct, Reputation and Operational risk

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**\*Q28 Since the end of your Financial Year 2007/8, your firm has paid out in the form of compensation, redress, litigation and similar payments [converted to EUR] an aggregate amount of:**

- a. Less than EUR 10m.
- b. Between EUR 10m and EUR 50m.
- c. Between EUR 50m and 100m.
- d. Between EUR 100m and EUR 500m.
- e. Between EUR 500m and EUR 1bn.
- f. More than EUR 1bn.

**\*Q29 Looking at your bank, you expect litigation costs to be heightened/elevated in the next 6-12 months.**

- Agree
- Disagree
- N/A

**\*Q30 What is your main approach to address reputational and legal risks in your bank:**

- a. You are aiming to adjust the culture and risk/conduct governance within the organisation.
- b. You are adjusting products and/or business models.
- c. You are building contingency reserves.
- d. Other.
- e. We do not specifically address this topic.

**\*Q31 You see an increase in operational risk in your bank.**

- Agree
- Disagree
- N/A

**Q32 Your institution is responding to growing information technology related operational risk, including connectivity and dependency on the internet and risks of related malicious attacks (please do not agree with more than 2 options):**

	Agree	N/A
*a. Increase spending on IT security and resilience of IT systems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*b. Strengthen business continuity plans	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*c. Integrate IT security and resilience into risk models	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*d. Enhance IT testing requirements (e.g. Pre-product launches; sharp increase of business volumes)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*e. Strengthen governance and risk culture on related risks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*f. Cover risks under general operational risks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*g. No specific response yet	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## General issues

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**Looking at the EU banking sector, you expect other sources of risk or vulnerabilities to increase further in the next 6-12 months. Please indicate possible additional sources of risks and vulnerabilities.**

# Appendix: Risk Assessment Questionnaire for market analysts

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# Risk Assessment Questionnaire for Market Analysts

## Spring 2016

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### Respondent information

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\*First Name

\*Last Name

\*Position

\*Division

\*Company

\*Email address

Please select your choice for every box.

Your response should reflect the degree of agreement to the statement made.

## A. Business model/strategy/profitability

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**Q1 Short term earnings expectations for banks are:**

	A-Agree	B-Somewhat agree	C-Somewhat disagree	D-Disagree	N/A
*1.a) Overall profitability will improve	<input type="radio"/>				
*1.b) Overall cost efficiency will improve	<input type="radio"/>				
*1.c) Total revenues will increase	<input type="radio"/>				
*1.d) Net interest margin will increase)	<input type="radio"/>				
*1.e) Provisions/Impairments will increase	<input type="radio"/>				

**Q2 The current market sentiment is positively influenced by the following factors (please do not agree with more than 3 options):**

	Agree	N/A
*2.a) Adjustments in business models and strategies with expectations of effective delivery	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*2.b) Improved risk metrics for banks (capital, funding, liquidity, asset quality) and positive impact of new regulatory requirements.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*2.c) Stronger earnings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*2.d) Changing governance and risk culture (incl. lower risk appetite)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*2.e) Improved market sentiment due to regulatory and policy steps (TLTRO, QE, ESM, banking union, etc.) adjusting downward tail risk.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*2.f) More stable and/or improving sovereign-risk landscape	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*2.g) Increased demand for yield against the backdrop of lower-for-longer interest rates	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*2.h) More transparency and visibility in banks' financial disclosures, such as Pillar 3	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Q3 The current market sentiment is negatively influenced by the following factors (please do not agree with more than 4-5 options):**

	Agree	N/A
*3.a) Monetary policy divergence between the EU and other countries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*3.b) Monetary policy trends in the EU (incl. deflation)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*3.c) Geopolitical risks (e.g. risks from war, terrorism etc. that have impact on other countries)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*3.d) Emerging market risks (e.g. fast decrease in asset quality, higher volatility of asset and FX markets in emerging countries)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*3.e) IT/cyber risks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*3.f) Litigation risks of banks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*3.g) General narrowing market liquidity (for funding purposes)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*3.h) Decreasing trading market volumes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*3.i) Risks of increasing volatility, e.g. in FX and financial markets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*3.j) Asset price bubble(s)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*3.k) Re-emergence of the Eurozone crisis	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*3.l) Regulatory uncertainty: Pilar 2, MDA	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*3.m) Regulatory uncertainty: risk weights (for credit, market and operational risks)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*3.n) Regulatory uncertainty: resolution / BRRD, deposit guarantee schemes (DGS)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*3.o) Regulatory uncertainty: MREL / TLAC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*3.p) Commodity and energy prices / markets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*3.q) Referendums (EU membership, regional independence etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**\*Q4 Looking at the EU banking sector, you expect heightened litigation costs in the next 6-12 months:**

- Agree
- Disagree
- N/A

**Q5 You expect that the following trends will impact European banks most in the next 6-12 months (please do not agree with more than 2 options):**

	Agree	N/A
*5.a) Growing shadow banking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*5.b) Mergers/acquisitions of banks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*5.c) Lending disintermediation (e.g. peer-to-peer lending)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*5.d) Competition from new market entrants and non-banks (e.g. insurers)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*5.e) Technological advances (e.g. mobile/internet based payment systems)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*5.f) Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## B. Funding/liquidity

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**Q6 Do you expect that banks will be able to issue subordinated debt instruments during the rest of this year?:**

	A-Agree	B-Somewhat agree	C-Somewhat disagree	D-Disagree	N/A
*6.a) Banks will be able to issue BRRD / MREL / TLAC eligible debt instruments	<input type="radio"/>				
*6.b) Banks will be able to issue AT1 instruments	<input type="radio"/>				
*6.c) Banks will be able to issue T2 instruments	<input type="radio"/>				

**If you agree or somewhat agree with above: Do you expect increasing costs for such issuances compared to last year?**

	A-Agree	B-Somewhat agree	C-Somewhat disagree	D-Disagree	N/A
*6.a) for BRRD / MREL / TLAC eligible debt instruments	<input type="radio"/>				
*6.b) for AT1 instruments	<input type="radio"/>				
*6.c) for T2 instruments	<input type="radio"/>				

**Q7 You expect banks to attain more (please do not agree with more than 2 options):**

	Agree	N/A
*7.a) Senior unsecured funding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*7.b) Subordinated debt	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*7.c) Secured funding (e.g. covered bonds)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*7.d) Securitisation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*7.e) Deposits (from wholesale clients)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*7.f) Deposits (from retail clients)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*7.g) Central Bank funding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**\*Q8 You are concerned about the level of assets that are unencumbered and available for encumbrance in case of necessity:**

- Agree
- N/A

**Q9 What is your outlook for trading market liquidity in the next 12 months:**

	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	N/A
*9.a) You expect trading market liquidity to decrease	<input type="radio"/>				
*9.b) You expect decreasing liquidity to adversely affect market segments concerned (e.g. by increasing volatility)	<input type="radio"/>				
*9.c) You expect non-financial bond markets to be most affected	<input type="radio"/>				
*9.d) You expect financial bond markets (incl. covered bonds) to be most affected	<input type="radio"/>				
*9.e) You expect other markets to be most affected (e.g. money markets)	<input type="radio"/>				

**Q10 Which aspect is main driver of decreasing trading market liquidity?**

	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	N/A
*10.a) Market liquidity is not decreasing	<input type="radio"/>				
*10.b) Reduction of market makers	<input type="radio"/>				
*10.c) Central bank quantitative easing programmes	<input type="radio"/>				
*10.d) Deteriorating market conditions	<input type="radio"/>				
*10.e) Effects of regulation	<input type="radio"/>				
*10.f) Increase in electronic trading	<input type="radio"/>				
*10.g) Decreasing issuance sizes of bonds	<input type="radio"/>				
*10.h) other	<input type="radio"/>				

**C. Deleverage/balance sheet changes**

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**\*Q11 In the next 12 month you expect EU banks' overall balance sheet total volume to increase:**

- Agree
- Disagree
- N/A

**Q12 Portfolios you expect to increase in volumes (on a net basis):**

	Agree	N/A
*12.a) Commercial Real Estate (including all types of real estate developments)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*12.b) SME	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*12.c) Residential Mortgage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*12.d) Consumer Credit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*12.e) Corporate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*12.f) Trading (i.e. financial assets at Fair Value through Profit and Loss)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*12.g) Structured Finance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*12.h) Sovereign and institutions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*12.i) Project Finance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*12.j) Asset Finance (Shipping, Aircrafts etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*12.k) Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Q13 Asset increase is mostly the consequence of (please do not agree with more than 2 options):**

	Agree	N/A
*13.a) Increased demand for credit and transactions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*13.b) Cheap available funding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*13.c) Un-allocated / available own funds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*13.d) Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Q14 Portfolios you expect to decrease in volumes (on a net basis):**

	Agree	N/A
*14.a) Commercial Real Estate (including all types of real estate developments)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*14.b) SME	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*14.c) Residential Mortgage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*14.d) Consumer Credit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*14.e) Corporate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*14.f) Trading (i.e. financial assets at Fair Value through Profit and Loss)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*14.g) Structured Finance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*14.h) Sovereign and institutions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*14.i) Project Finance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*14.j) Asset Finance (Shipping, Aircrafts etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*14.k) Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Q15 Asset reduction (in a deleveraging setting) is mostly the consequence of (please do not agree with more than 2 options):**

	Agree	N/A
*15.a) Reduced demand for credit and transactions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*15.b) Funding constraints	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*15.c) Constraints to current and future capital levels	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*15.d) Regulatory pressure to de-risk	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*15.e) Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Q16 You expect more asset sales initiated by EU banks in the next 12 months:**

	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	N/A
*16.a) Specific loan portfolios (e.g. CRE)	<input type="radio"/>				
*16.b) Specific geographies	<input type="radio"/>				
*16.c) Across the board	<input type="radio"/>				

## Asset quality/impairments/provisions

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**Q17a For which sectors do you expect an improvement in asset quality in the following 12 months?**

	Agree	N/A
*17.aa) Commercial Real Estate (including all types of real estate developments)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*17.ab) SME	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*17.ac) Residential Mortgage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*17.ad) Consumer Credit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*17.ae) Corporate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*17.af) Trading (i.e. financial assets at Fair Value through Profit and Loss)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*17.ag) Structured Finance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*17.ah) Sovereign and institutions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*17.ai) Project Finance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*17.aj) Asset Finance (Shipping, Aircrafts etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*17.ak) Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Q17b For which sectors do you expect a deterioration of asset quality in the following 12 months?**

	Agree	N/A
*17.ba) Commercial Real Estate (including all types of real estate developments)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*17.bb) SME	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*17.bc) Residential Mortgage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*17.bd) Consumer Credit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*17.be) Corporate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*17.bf) Trading (i.e. financial assets at Fair Value through Profit and Loss)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*17.bg) Structured Finance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*17.bh) Sovereign and institutions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*17.bi) Project Finance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*17.bj) Asset Finance (Shipping, Aircrafts etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*17.bk) Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Q18 Looking at the EU banking sector, you expect other sources of risk or vulnerabilities to increase further in the next 6-12 months. Please indicate possible additional sources of risks and vulnerabilities.**



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