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On 9 July 2013, the European Banking Authority (EBA) published the consultation paper on "Draft Implementing Technical Standards (ITS) on the format, structure, contents list and annual publication date of the supervisory information to be disclosed by competent authorities". We embrace the opportunity to give our comments.

We welcome the efforts of the EBA to harmonise format, structure, contents list and annual publication date of the information to be disclosed by the national supervisory authorities in the context of the Single Rule Book and in this way build on the overview already existing under CEBS (supervisory disclosure).

However, when we looked through the consultation paper and the annexes we found that the EBA has not addressed the national option in Art. 115 Para. 2, 2nd Subparagraph, CRR according to which the EBA is to operate a publicly accessible database which shall register all those regional and local administrative bodies in the Union for which the competent authorities treat the risk positions as risk positions vis-à-vis their respective central state. Against the background of the provision Art. 115 CRR, Annex 1 should be supplemented.

In addition, we would like to suggest that the EBA also include in the ITS the exercise of the national option provided in Art. 116 Para. 4 CRR. According to this, in exceptional cases, risk positions vis-à-vis public bodies may be treated as risk positions vis-à-vis the central state or the regional or local administrative body in the sovereign territory of which they are located if, in the opinion of the competent authorities of the respective sovereign territory, there is no difference between the risks of the positions based on a reasonable guarantee provided by the central state or the regional or local administrative body. Although in this regard, the CRR does not provide for an explicit mandate for the EBA in respect of inclusion into the ITS, the practice already applied by CEBS should be continued and legal certainty for the institutions in the EU, with a view to the CRR, should also be established in the future.