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SSM SREP Methodology Booklet

- 2016 edition -

Level playing field - High standards of supervision - Sound risk assessment

- Level playing field: SREP is currently being executed for the second time according to:
 - a common methodology
 - a **common decision-making process** allowing for peer comparisons and transversal analyses on a wide scale

> High standards of supervision:

- follows the EBA guidelines on SREP and draws on leading practices within the SSM and as recommended by international bodies
- proportionality, flexibility and continuous improvement
- supervisory decisions not only additional capital but also additional measures tailored to banks' specific weaknesses

Sound risk assessment:

- combination of quantitative and qualitative elements
- holistic assessment of institutions' viability taking into account their specificities
- forward-looking perspective, e.g. stress tests performed in 2016

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1.1. SREP 2016 Outcome – Key facts: Overall assessment

In 2016 the SSM carried out its second SREP cycle for 123 SIs in 19 countries

 Overall, the exercise revealed that the distribution of risks in the system remains broadly stable, with some idiosyncratic changes



SREP Outcome 2015/2016

Based on banks with a final SREP 2016 decision as of 30 November 2016

Overall consistency in CET1 demand from SREP 2015 to SREP 2016

- The overall SREP CET1 demand for 2017 remained at the same level as last year.
- In a number of individual cases, the CET1 demand changed to reflect the evolution of the risk profile (up or down).
- The MDA trigger decrease, from an average of 10.2% to 8.3%, is due to a shift of capital from the 2015 Pillar 2 to the newly introduced non-MDA relevant Pillar 2 Guidance (P2G). The P2G also captures supervisory risk concerns from the outcome of stress tests. Moreover, the inclusion of the non-phased-in part of the CCB in Pillar 2 was eliminated in the 2016 approach.

Notes:

- Simple average, computed based on the final SREP 2016 decisions as of 30 November 2016.
- CET1 demand is computed without taking into account the potential need to cover shortages of P1 AT1 and T2.

¹ excluding systemic buffers (G-SII, O-SII and systemic risk buffer)







CET1 demand (incl. systemic buffers)

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SREP CET1 demand per score comparable to 2015

- Average and median of SREP 2016 CET1 demand¹ are around 10%, which is comparable to last year
- In line with SREP 2015 achievements, SREP 2016 CET1 demand is consistent and correlated with overall SREP scores



¹ excluding systemic buffers (G-SII, O-SII and systemic risk buffer)

Based on banks with a final SREP 2016 decision as of 30.11.2016

Liquidity measures

- Targeted liquidity measures to address main weaknesses, such as:
 - over-reliance on wholesale short-term funding
 - liquidity risk strategy and tolerance framework to be integrated within the overall risk appetite framework
 - need to adequately monitor and manage risks associated with collateral management, especially collateral availability and collateral needs during stress
- Quantitative measures, such as:
 - LCR higher than the regulatory minimum
 - specific minimum survival period
 - minimum amount of liquid assets

Other qualitative measures

- The likelihood of qualitative measures increases with the risk profile of banks

 qualitative measures for all banks with an overall score of 4
- Qualitative measures relate to all SREP elements and are bank specific, e.g.
 "governance still needs improvement"
 - quality and independence of the management body
 - consistency and robustness of risk appetite framework versus risk profile

1.2. SREP – 2016 Outcome: Key risks (1/2)

2016 SREP cycle highlighted challenges regarding profitability and capital adequacy

- Profitability under pressure:
 - weak economic environment
 - banks' net interest income on average half of their total income – resilient but to come under strain
 - overcapacity and market fragmentation
- Capital adequacy still negatively affected by non-performing loans in some countries – weighing on banks' profitability



Key risks for SSM banks

Evolution of SREP scores per element 2015 and 2016

- The main drivers of concern remain the same as in 2015: business model, internal governance and risk management and risks to capital (especially credit risk)
- Worse scores in internal governance and risk management were based on the results of the thematic review on risk governance and risk appetite





Based on banks with a final SREP 2016 decision as of 30 November 2016

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Most significant institutions currently have capital levels above CET1 requirements and buffers*



* Based on capital supply in Q2 2016 (CET1: without Pillar 1 AT1/T2 shortages)

Based on banks with a final SREP 2016 decision as of 30.11.2016

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2. Legal Basis

The SSM SREP methodology implements Union law, EBA Guidelines and supervisory best practices

SREP in CRD IV – Article 97

...the competent authorities shall review the arrangements, strategies, processes and mechanisms implemented by the institutions and evaluate:

- (a) risks to which the institutions are or might be exposed;
- (b) risks that an institution poses to the financial system; and
- (c) risks revealed by stress testing taking into account the nature, scale and complexity of an institution's activities.

RTS, ITS and EBA Guidelines

Implementing Technical Standards (ITS) on joint decisions on prudential

• Regulatory Technical Standards (RTS) and ITS on the functioning of

Guidelines on common procedures and methodologies for the SREP

• EBA clarification of the use of 2016 EU-wide stress test results in the

Pillar 2 and combined buffer requirements and restrictions on

• Opinion of the European Banking Authority on the interaction of Pillar 1,









BCBS and FSB Principles

requirements – 16 October 2015

colleges of supervisors – 16 October 2015

(EBA/GL/2014/13) - 19 December 2014

distributions – 16 December 2015

SREP process – 1 July 2016

3. SREP – Overview (1/2)

Supervisors at ECB and in 19 countries jointly prepared SREP decisions for SSM significant institutions through a common process



* Note: decision finalised after right-to-be-heard procedure and Governing Council non-objection

Underlying infrastructure built in less than one year

- common integrated IT system
- secured Information flow between all supervisors
- bank data quality controls at two levels: NCAs and ECB
- full use of NCA and ECB resources
- in-depth field testing of the methodology

SREP managed as a key project

- common timeline
- steering by Senior Management
- project management, methodology development and horizontal consistency ensured by the ECB's DG MS IV
- full use of ECB and NCA expertise especially in methodology development – through thematic workshops and dedicated Q&A sessions delivered by DG MS IV





Execution fully in line with plan
SREP completed in IT system

4.1. SREP – Methodology: common framework (1/3)

Building block approach in line with EBA Guidelines



4.1. SREP – Methodology: common framework (2/3)

All four SREP elements follow a common logic ensuring a





The intensity of the supervisory engagement is decided based on banks' risk profile and size

sound risk assessment

4.1. SREP – Methodology: common framework (3/3)

Constrained judgement

- Fair flexibility on a four-grade scale where Phase 2 score can be improved by one notch and worsened by two notches based on supervisory judgement
- Ensures the right balance between:
 - a common process, ensuring consistency across SSM banks and defining an anchor point
 - the necessary supervisory judgment, to take into account the specificities and complexity of an institution
- Adjustments go in both directions and are fully documented by the JST in the integrated IT system
- Departing from constrained judgement not allowed as a rule
- Constrained judgment used *effectively* by JSTs for *all* risk categories *in both directions* – improving as well as worsening Phase 2 scores





4.2. SREP – Methodology: Element 1 (1/2)

Business model

- Identification of the areas of focus (e.g. main activities)
- Assessment of the business environment
- Analysis of the forward-looking strategy and financial plans
- Assessment of the business model
 - viability (within one year)
 - sustainability (within three years)
 - sustainability over the cycle (more than three years)
- Assessment of the key vulnerabilities

Examples of identified business models

- custodian
- diversified lender
- ➤ retail lender
- small universal bank
- specialised lender
- universal bank

In line with EBA SREP Guidelines, § 55-57

Business model





Phase 1

 Information gathering and understanding materiality of business areas

Phase 2

Automated anchoring score based on indicators, such as ROA, cost-toincome ratio, etc.

Phase 3

- Comprehensive analysis
- Used to adjust Phase 2 score taking into consideration the bank's specificities

Internal governance and risk management

- Internal governance framework (including key control functions such as risk management, internal auditing and compliance)
- Risk management framework and risk culture
- Risk infrastructure, internal data and reporting
- Remuneration policies and practices

In line with EBA SREP Guidelines, § 81-82

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SREP Decision

Two examples of key questions

- Is there a compliance function in place that is hierarchically and functionally separate and operationally independent from any business activity responsibilities?
- Are there mechanisms in place to ensure that senior management can act in a timely manner to effectively manage, and where necessary mitigate, material adverse risk exposures, in particular those that are close to or exceed the approved risk appetite statement or risk limits?

Internal governance and risk management





Phase 1

Information gathering e.g. through the thematic review on risk governance and risk appetite (RIGA)

Phase 2

- Check compliance with CRD provisions
- Specific analysis of, for example:
- organisational structure
- internal audit
- compliance
- remuneration
- risk appetite
- risk infrastructure
- reporting

Phase 3

- Comprehensive analysis
- Adjustment of Phase 2 check taking into consideration the bank's specificities
- Use of findings from thematic review on risk governance and risk appetite

4.4. SREP – Methodology: Element 3 Overview

Risks to capital

Three diffe	rent perspectives ("	3 Blocks")
Block 1 Supervisory perspective	Block 2 Bank's perspective	Block 3 Forward-looking perspective
 Four risk categories: credit risk, market risk, operational risk, IRRBB ✓ Information gathering ✓ Anchoring scores on risk categories ✓ Comprehensive analysis 	 ✓ Information gathering: e.g. ICAAP reports ✓ Anchoring assessment: with proxies in line with the EBA Guidelines* ✓ Comprehensive analysis 	 ✓ Information gathering: bank internal stress tests ✓ Anchoring assessment: supervisory stress tests ✓ Comprehensive analysis



For SREP 2016

Supervisory stress tests

 ICAAP submission still very heterogeneous

complemented the SREP

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tools

In line with EBA SREP Guidelines

* SSM proxies implement the concept of supervisory benchmarks set out in the EBA Guidelines on SREP (§ 335)

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Risks to capital – Block 1





Deep-dive into a given risk factor: credit risk (example)

Phase 1

> Risk level

 subset of pre-defined indicators calculated from ITS and STE data

Risk control

information gathering

Phase 2

Risk level

- automated score given through different dimensions, such as:
 - quality (e.g. non-performing loans ratio)
 - coverage (e.g. provisions)

Risk control

 compliance checks relating to internal governance, risk appetite, risk management and internal audit of credit risk in particular

Phase 3

Risk level

- comprehensive analysis, e.g.:
 - current risk position and trend
 - forward-looking view
 - peer comparison
- in-depth analysis of various subcategories, e.g.:
 - non-financial corporate portfolios
 - household portfolios

Risk control

 deeper analysis, notably thanks to dedicated meetings with the bank

4.4.2. SREP – Methodology: Element 3 Block 2 (1/3)

Risks to capital – Block 2

- ICAAP reliability assessment
- Following ECB ICAAP expectations published on 8 January 2016, JSTs:
 - assess reliability of the whole process – qualitative assessment
 - challenge ICAAP figures with SSM proxies – quantitative assessment
 - come up with Block 2 assessment to feed the overall capital adequacy assessment



ECB ICAAP expectations

- Content as described in EBA Guidelines on ICAAP and ILAAP information
- Internal documentation together with a "readers' manual"
- Risk data template
- Reconciliation between Pillar 1 and ICAAP figures
- Conclusions in form of capital adequacy statements supported by analysis of ICAAP outcomes and signed by management body

4.4.3. SREP – Methodology: Element 3 Block 2 (2/3)



4.4.4. SREP – Methodology: Element 3 Block 2 (3/3)

ICAAP – Quantitative assessment

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ICAAP risk data		Proxies*	Assessment
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4.4.5. SREP – Methodology: Element 3 Block 3 (1/4)

Risks to capital

- Forward-looking perspective
- In 2016, two large-scale stress test exercises

BA EU-wide EBA stress test

- 37 SSM Significant Institutions
- Publication of results
- EU-wide exercise under EBA coordination, in cooperation with EU-COM, ESRB, ECB and NCAs
- Timeline: March-July 2016

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 Other supervisory measures

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SSM SREP stress test

- 56 other SSM Significant Institutions¹
- Results are not public
- Under ECB/SSM coordination
- Timeline and methodology broadly aligned with EBA Stress Test



The results of both exercises fed into the SSM SREP

1) Combined number of SIs included in EBA and SSM SREP stress test samples does not equal total number of SIs under SSM supervision, as some exceptions apply (e.g. banks that were subject to a comprehensive assessment in 2015 or will be in 2016, or SIs that are subsidiaries of other SSM SIs, already covered at the highest level of consolidation).

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Risks to capital

As communicated by the EBA on 1 July 2016, SREP decisions of 2016 are composed of a **Pillar 2 Requirement (P2R)** and **Pillar 2 Guidance (P2G)**



- Banks are expected to meet the P2G, which is set above the level of binding capital (minimum and additional) requirements and on top of the combined buffers
- If a bank will not meet its P2G, this will not result in automatic action of the supervisor and will not be used to determine the MDA trigger, but will be used in fine-tuned measures based on the individual situation of the bank
- In order to assess the final measures taken, the Supervisory Board will assess every case of a bank not meeting its P2G

Risks to capital



The stress test is used as a crucial input into the SREP process:

- Qualitative outcome of the stress test is included in the determination of the P2R, especially in the element of risk governance
- Quantitative impact of the adverse stress test is one input factor into determining the level of P2G

When setting P2G different elements are taken into account in a **holistic view**, for example:

- in general, the depletion of capital by the stress test in the hypothetical adverse scenario
- the specific risk profile of the individual institution and its sensitivity towards the stress scenarios
- interim changes in its risk profile since the cut-off date (31 December 2015) and measures taken by the bank to mitigate risk sensitivities, such as relevant sale of assets, etc.

4.4.5. SREP – Methodology: Element 3 Block 3 (4/4)

Implement adverse stress test results for the worst year only in P2G





- Most common case; specific calculation may occur depending on implementation of CRD IV Article 131(15) by Member State
- 2 Systemic risk buffer
- 3 The ECB draws attention to the following:
 - Under Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council (MAR), those institutions that have publicly traded securities are expected to evaluate whether Pillar 2 requirements meet the criteria of inside information and should be publicly disclosed
 - The EBA opinion of 16 December 2015 which says "Competent Authorities should consider using the provisions of Article 438 (b) of the CRR to require institutions to disclose MDArelevant capital requirements [...], or should at least not prevent or dissuade any institution from disclosing this information"

In the light of the above, the ECB neither prevents nor dissuades institutions from disclosing MDA-relevant capital requirements.

Note: Implementation of EBA opinion on MDA and 1 July 2016 press release

4.5. SREP – Methodology: Element 4 Overview

Risks to liquidity

Three different perspectives ("3 Blocks")		
Block 1 Supervisory perspective	Block 2 Bank's perspective	Block 3 Forward-looking perspective
 Short-term liquidity, funding sustainability ✓ Information gathering ✓ Anchoring scores on short-term liquidity and funding sustainability risks ✓ Comprehensive analysis 	 ✓ Information gathering: e.g. ILAAP reports ✓ Anchoring assessment: challenge the institution's internal estimates ✓ Comprehensive analysis: e.g. of ILAAP reliability 	 Information gathering: bank internal stress tests Anchoring assessment: supervisory stress tests Assessment of supervisory stress test results and of bank's internal stress tests



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For SREP 2016

- Strongest weight on Block
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- ✓ Block 2 a lot of heterogeneity in ILAAP
- ✓ Block 3 not yet fully fledged

In line with EBA SREP Guidelines, § 370-373

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4.5.1. SREP – Methodology: Element 4 Block 1

Risks to liquidity – Block 1





Deep-dive into a given risk factor: short-term liquidity (example)

Phase 1

Risk level

 subset of pre-defined indicators based on ITS and STE data

Risk control

information gathering

Phase 2

Risk level

- automated score given through several indicators, such as:
 - liquidity coverage ratio
 - short-term funding/total funding

Risk control

 compliance checks relating to internal governance, risk appetite, risk management and internal audit

Phase 3

Risk level

- deeper analysis:
 - short-term wholesale funding risk
 - intraday risk
 - quality of liquidity buffers
 - structural funding mismatch

Risk control

 deeper analysis, notably thanks to dedicated meetings with the bank

4.5.2. SREP – Methodology: Element 4 Block 2 and 3 (1/2)

Risks to liquidity – Block 2 and 3

- ILAAP reliability assessment
- Following ECB ILAAP expectations published on 8 January 2016, JSTs:
 - assess reliability of the whole process qualitative assessment
 - challenge ILAAP needs and stress test assumptions with SSM proxies – quantitative assessment
 - come up with Block 2 and 3 assessment to feed the overall liquidity adequacy assessment



ECB ILAAP expectations

- Content as described in EBA Guidelines
- Internal documentation together with a "readers' manual"
- Conclusions in the form of liquidity adequacy statements supported by analysis of ILAAP outcomes and signed by management body

4.5.2. SREP – Methodology: Element 4 Block 2 and 3 (2/2)

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4.6. SREP – Methodology: Overall assessment

The overall SREP assessment (holistic view)

- Provides synthetic overview of an institution's risk profile:
 - based on the assessment of all four elements (not the simple sum)
 - as a starting point, the four SREP elements are considered equally important
- Takes into account:
 - the institution's capital/liquidity planning to ensure a sound trajectory towards the full implementation of CRD IV/CRR
 - peer comparisons
 - the macro environment under which the institution operates

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In line with the EBA SREP Guidelines (table 13, pp. 170 and 171), the overall SREP score reflects the supervisor's overall assessment of the viability of the institution: higher scores reflect an increased risk to the viability of the institution stemming from one or several features of its risk profile, including its business model, its internal governance framework, and individual risks to its solvency or liquidity position

An institution's risk profile is necessarily multi-faceted, and many risk factors are inter-related

4.7. SREP – Methodology: Horizontal analyses

Consistent and fair treatment

- High number of horizontal analyses performed when preparing assessments and decisions in order to provide:
 - additional perspectives to JSTs
 - support for policy discussions and the decision-making process



Extensive peer comparisons and transversal analyses were possible on a wide scale, allowing all institutions to be assessed in a **consistent manner** and thus promoting a **more integrated single banking market**.

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4.8. SREP – Methodology: SREP decision (1/5)

The overall SREP is the basis for assessing capital and liquidity adequacy and for taking any necessary supervisory measures to address concerns

- SREP decisions by the Supervisory Board (followed by Governing Council non-objection procedure)
- SREP decisions may include:

Own fund requirements

- total SREP Capital Requirement (TSCR) composed of minimum own fund requirements (8%¹) and additional own fund requirements (P2R²)
- combined buffer requirements (CBR²)
- o recommendation to follow a linear path towards "fully loaded" ratios

Institution-specific quantitative liquidity requirements

- o LCR higher than the regulatory minimum
- higher survival periods
- \circ national measures

Other, qualitative supervisory measures

 additional supervisory measures stemming from Article 16(2) of the SSM Regulation include, for example, the restriction or limitation of business, the requirement to reduce risks, the restriction or prior approval to distribute dividends and the imposition of additional or more frequent reporting obligations

SREP communication also includes P2G expressed as CET1 ratio add-on

¹ At least 56.25% in CET1 ² CET 1 only Supervisory Review and Evaluation Process

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SREP decision – capital measures





1 Most common case; specific calculation may occur depending on implementation of CRD IV Article 131(15) by Member State

2 Systemic risk buffer

3 If there is a shortfall of Pillar 1 (AT1/T2) requirement, this has to be covered by additional CET1 in P2R (but, for 2017, not in P2G) **Note:** Implementation of EBA opinion on MDA and 1 July 2016 press release

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4.8. SREP – Methodology: SREP decision and capital planning (3/5)

All things being equal, the current capital demand in the system also provides an indication for the future

- All other things being equal, the capital demand can be expected to remain broadly stable¹
- If a credit institution operates or expects to operate below Pillar 2 Guidance it should immediately contact its joint supervisory team
- Banks also need to take into account the systemic buffers (G-SII, O-SII and systemic risk buffers) and the countercyclical buffer that are part of the capital stack

¹ Capital demand means Pillar 1 plus P2R, CCB and P2G. Irrespective of the phasing-in of the CCB, banks should also expect to have positive P2G in the future.

² TSCR: total SREP capital requirements

³ OCR: overall capital requirements





4.8. SREP – Methodology: SREP decision (4/5)

SREP decision – liquidity measures

- LCR requirements came into force on 1 October 2015
- Examples of specific liquidity measures include:
 - \circ LCR higher than the regulatory minimum
 - o specific minimum survival period
 - o minimum amount of liquid assets

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4.8. SREP – Methodology: SREP decision (5/5)

SREP decision – other supervisory measures

Article 16(2) of the SSM Regulation

The ECB has the following powers:

- (a) to require institutions to hold own funds in excess of the capital requirements
- (b) to require the <u>reinforcement of the arrangements</u>, processes, mechanisms and strategies
- (c) to require institutions to present a plan to restore compliance with supervisory requirements and set a deadline for its implementation (...)
- (d) to require institutions to <u>apply a specific provisioning policy</u> or treatment of assets in terms of own funds requirements
- (e) to <u>restrict or limit the business</u>, operations or network of institutions or to request the divestment of activities that pose excessive risks to the soundness of an institution
- (f) to require the reduction of the risk inherent in the activities, products and systems of institutions
- (g) to require institutions to limit variable remuneration (...)
- (h) to require institutions to use net profits to strengthen own funds
- (i) to <u>restrict or prohibit distributions to shareholders</u>, members or holders of Additional Tier 1 instruments where the prohibition does not constitute an event of default of the institution
- (j) to impose additional or more frequent reporting requirements (...)
- (k) to impose <u>specific liquidity requirements</u>, including restrictions on maturity mismatches between assets and liabilities
- (I) to require additional disclosures
- (m) to remove at any time members from the management body of credit institutions



4.9. SREP – Methodology: SREP communication and transparency (1/3)



Public information

- Published "Guide to banking supervision"
- ✓ Publication of ECB stances (e.g. on MDA, remuneration, etc.)
- ✓ Speeches by Supervisory Board Chair and Vice-Chair
- ✓ Letters to MEPs, hearings and exchange of views with MEPs

Ongoing dialogue with banks

- ✓ Supervisory Examination Programme
- Meetings between banks and JSTs (especially ahead of SREP decision – supervisory dialogue)
- ✓ SREP decisions (right to be heard)

Banks have:

- ✓ the necessary clarity to understand the methodology and risk assessment, and to take the measures required to improve
- the necessary certainty to perform their capital planning

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Enhanced ongoing dialogue with banks

SREP communication pack

Shared with all significant institutions to ensure consistency and quality across the euro area:

- indication of the key drivers of the possible decisions (e.g. capital, liquidity and other qualitative specific measures)
- review of the stress test outcomes
- peer comparison of key indicators





4.9. SREP – Methodology: SREP communication and transparency (3/3)

Enriched public communication and horizontal dialogue

During the 2016 SREP cycle the SSM increased the transparency of the process as well as that towards new developments and priorities:

- January: publication of SSM priorities
- January: SREP Workshops with CEOs
- June: ECB report on governance and risk appetite framework
- July: detailed communication on the 2016 stress test results and impacts on SREP – conference calls with banks' heads of communications, analysts and media
- September: implementation of EBA opinion on disclosure of SREP results
- > November: Chair's hearing at the European Parliament
- Throughout the cycle, many meetings with banking associations



5. SREP – Where do we stand?

The second SREP cycle could be performed efficiently and promoted a levelplaying field

Significant harmonisation

- constrained judgment was used effectively
- stronger correlation between risk profile of institutions and capital requirements
- In 2016 certain aspects of the SREP methodology are being refined, such as:
 - liquidity and funding risk assessment
 - more harmonised framework for the assessment of ICAAP
 - 2016 stress tests and the introduction of capital guidance



The SREP methodology will continue to evolve so as to adequately monitor banking activities and risks in a forward-looking manner