

Occupational Pensions Stakeholder Subgroup on “Solvency Issues” *Draft Mandate*

I. Background

During the 26 November 2013 meeting in Frankfurt, the OPSG Chair, based on the draft work plan of the Occupational Pensions Committee (OPC), proposed to establish three standing subgroups for the duration of the OPSG mandate on:

1. Solvency issues IORP II
2. Occupational DC
3. Consumer protection issues

It was further agreed that the focus of the subgroup on the Solvency Issues IORP II will mirror EIOPA work on the holistic balance sheet (HBS) and the upcoming consultations on the following areas:

- Sponsor support
- Supervisory responses
- Discretionary decision making
- Benefit reduction mechanisms
- Boundaries cash flows included in liabilities

This subgroup is organised in respect of the Article 10 of the Rules of Procedures.

II. Tasks of the Subgroup

- Task 1: to prepare an OPSG opinion on EMIR.
- Task 2: Further work on solvency issues for IORPs such as Sponsor support; Supervisory responses; Discretionary decision making; Benefit reduction mechanisms; Boundaries cash flows included in liabilities
- Task 3¹: Prepare an OPSG opinion on Advice on potential Delegated Acts for IORPs. (earliest Q4 2014)
- Task 4²: QIS
- Task 5³: Pensions Stress Test
- Any other tasks decided upon by OPSG

¹ Composition of the work streams and the deliverables will be discussed once the scope of the work becomes clear.

² See footnote 1

³ See footnote 1

III. Expiration of mandate

As it is expected that EIOPA will be considering Solvency Issues for IORPs for the foreseeable future, the mandate of the Solvency Issues IORP II subgroup expires on the date of expiry of the OPSG, namely March 2016.

IV. Organisation of work

The work is organized through conference calls with the members of the subgroup and one or two representatives of EIOPA for organizational / technical support.

The Subgroup leader sends documents at least one half-day before the day of the conference call gathering the subgroup members' comments.

The Subgroup leader sends draft documents to the full OPSG at least 2 weeks ahead of the regular meetings.

V. Subgroup lead

- Subgroup leader: Philip Shier [Professional Association]
- Lead of EMIR workstream: Niels Kortleve; Members: Charlotta Carlberg, Ruth Goldman, Thomas Keller, Michaela Koller, Matti Leppälä, Marianne Osterkorn, Martine van Peer, Philip Shier and Klaus Struwe.

VI. Members

- Subgroup members: Michaela Koller, Niels Kortleve, Joachim Schwind, Martine Van Peer and Allan Whalley [Industry representative]; Ruth Goldman and Philip Shier [Professional Associations]; Thomas Keller [SME]; Neil Walsh [Employee]; Alberto Floreani [Academic].

VII. Deliverables

OPSG Subgroup on Solvency Issues IORP II	Timeline	OPSG expected date of discussion/ approval*	Priority
Milestones and deliverables	(Q2-Q4 2014- Q1-Q4 2015)		High (H), Medium (M), Low (L)
Opinion on EMIR	Q3 2014	19 May 2014 and 7 July 2014 +subsequent written approval	H
Further work on solvency issues for IORPs (Feedback statements): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sponsor support• Supervisory responses• Discretionary decision making• Benefit reduction mechanisms Boundaries cash flows included in liabilities	Q4 2014/ Q1 2015	December 2014-January 2015	H

*OPSG meeting dates 2014: 19/05; 07/07; 15/10 and Joint BoS-IRSG 26/11

*OPSG meeting dates 2015 (tbc): OPSG meeting dates 2015 (tbc): 10/03; 08/05; 08/07; 20/10 and Joint BoS-IRSG tbc – early December 2015