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1. Welcome and introductory remarks by the EIOPA Information Chairman

Conclusions:

Not applicable

Action points:

Not applicable

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Decision by SMV¹

Conclusions:

The agenda was adopted without change.

Action points:

Not applicable

3. Update by Chairman, Executive Director and COM

Information

Conclusions:

Not applicable

Action points:

EIOPA to launch a call for candidates for chair of the OPC and EIOPA Alternate Chair after this meeting, with the aim of having elections at the January BoS meeting.

4. **Elections:**

4.1. Mediation Panel - 1 substitute

Decision by SMV¹

4.2. TFPP Chair

Decision by SMV¹

4.1. Mediation Panel - 1 substitute

Conclusions:

Koppány Nagy (HU) was elected as substitute of the Mediation Panel.

Action points:

Not applicable

4.2. TFPP Chair

Conclusions:

Ambrogio Rinaldi (COVIP, IT) was elected as TFPP Chair.

Action points:

Not applicable

Working Group mandates 5.

Decision by SMV¹

Conclusions:

BoS adopted the mandates of IGSRR, EQC, EMIR, FinReq, IGSC, IMC, CCPFI, OPC, TFPP, RP, IMG, ITDC and FSC.

Action points:

Not applicable

6. Rules:

6.1. Rules of Procedure for EIOPA's Working

Decision by SMV¹

Groups

6.2. Rules of Procedure related to EIOPA

Decision by SMV¹

Instruments

6.1. Rules of Procedure for EIOPA's Working Groups

Conclusions:

- BoS acknowledges the relevance of having senior representatives in the Review Panel to take into account the importance and the challenges of the Panel's work. BoS agreed to align the mandate of the Review Panel with the Article 7.6 of the Working Group Rules and to consider practical implementation aspects when reviewing the methodology;
- BoS agreed to complete Article 11.2 of the Working Group Rules in view of enforcing the responsibility of the WG Chairs with regards respecting the deadlines for submitting documents for WGs meetings;
- BoS adopted the revised Rules of Procedure for EIOPA's Working Groups subject to the abovementioned change to Article 11.2 thereof.

Action points:

Not applicable

6.2. Rules of Procedure related to EIOPA Instruments

Conclusions:

• BoS adopted the Rules of Procedure related to EIOPA Instruments.

Action points:

Not applicable

7. QCC report on monitoring of compliance of Preparatory GLs

Information

Conclusions:

BoS thanked the QCC for its report that was considered as a useful summary.
 BoS acknowledged the comforting conclusions on EIOPA's monitoring activities of the national compliance of the Preparatory Guidelines.

Action points:

Not applicable

8. Update on BoS voting rules - QMV

Information

Conclusions:

 BoS took note of EIOPA plans to clarify with the Council some aspects in relation to the modalities for application of the new qualified majority voting arrangement, in particular how abstentions are treated and what types of voting behaviour makes up the blocking minority.

Action points:

• EIOPA to update the BoS on the views of the Council's Legal Services in relation to the abovementioned aspects of the qualified majority voting arrangement at its January meeting in 2015.

9. Consumer Protection:

9.1. Consultation paper on product intervention powers for insurance-based investment products

Decision by SMV¹

9.2. Discussion note on PRIIPs KID

Discussion

9.3. Consumer trends report

Decision by SMV¹

9.1. Consultation paper on product intervention powers for insurance-based investment products

Conclusions:

- BoS adopted the Consultation Paper on Product Intervention Powers under the Regulation on Key Information Documents for Packaged Retail and Insurance-Based Investment Products (PRIIPs);
- BoS agreed to publish the Consultation Paper.

Action points:

 EIOPA to publish, on the website, the Consultation Paper on Product Intervention Powers under the Regulation on Key Information Documents for Packaged Retail and Insurance-Based Investment Products (PRIIPs). Consultation to end on 27.02.2015.

9.2. Discussion note on PRIIPs KID

Conclusions:

 BoS agreed that no options for the information to include in the Key Information Document should be ruled out at this stage and confirmed continued commitment of resources.

Action points:

 BoS Members to identify additional technical support for the JC SC CPFI PRIIPs Sub Group.

9.3. Consumer trends report Remarks:

Conclusions:

 BoS adopted the Third Consumer Trends Report with minor editorial amendments.

Action points:

EIOPA to publish the Third Consumer Trends Report on the EIOPA website.

10. Stress Test

10.1. Recommendations on the findings of the Decision by SMV¹ EIOPA Stress Test 2014

10.2. Press release (main messages) Information

10.3. Communication Plan Discussion

Conclusions:

- BoS adopted the Recommendations on the findings of the EIOPA Stress Test
 2014 and they will be published together with the Stress test Report;
- BoS adopted the new proposal for the timing in publication;
- EIOPA to proceed with the communication plan as agreed.

Action points:

 EIOPA to distribute the slides with main messages from the press release after the first day meeting; • EIOPA to distribute the whole communication package to the BoS Members after the second day meeting according to the communication plan.

11. Solvency II: Internal Models

11.1. Internal model application template Decision by SMV¹

11.2. Relevant issues concerning the approval of internal models

Discussion

11.3. Market risk benchmarking study for internal models

Information

11.1. Internal model application template

Conclusions:

 BoS adopted the Common Application Package and its publication on the EIOPA website under the section "Standards and more".

Action points:

• EIOPA to publish the Common Application Package.

11.2. Relevant issues concerning the approval of internal models

Conclusions:

• EIOPA will develop an Opinion on this and other internal model issues.

Action points:

- EIOPA to prepare an Opinion covering modelling of VA, consideration of sovereign risk and other aspects of internal models;
- Members to send information from firms on the impact of different VA options to EIOPA.

11.3. Market risk benchmarking study for internal models

Conclusions:

 BoS gave positive feedback on the market risk benchmarking. Members must follow up outliers and EIOPA will discuss the outcomes of the benchmarking exercise with NSAs.

Action points:

 NSAs to follow-up with firms on the results of the market risk benchmarking, in particular in cases of outliers, and EIOPA to discuss the outcomes of the benchmarking exercise with NSAs.

12. Solvency II: Standards and Guidelines

12.1. Approval of final Set 1 GL

Decision by QMV²

12.2. Approval of draft Set 2 ITS + GL - for consultation

Decision by SMV¹

12.3. Communication on standards and guidelines

Discussion

12.1 Approval of final Set 1 GL

Conclusions:

• BoS adopted the final Set 1 Guidelines (GL) (full list of Set 1 Guidelines (GL) to be found at the end of the document).

Action points:

Not applicable

12.2 Approval of draft Set 2 ITS + GL

Conclusions:

 BoS adopted the draft Set 2 ITS, GL and the Technical Advice for the RTS on Art. 142 for public consultation (full list of Set 2 ITS, GL and the Technical Advice for the RTS on Art. 142 to be found at the end of the document).

Action points:

Not applicable

12.3 Communication on standards and quidelines

Conclusions:

Not applicable

Action points:

Not applicable

13. Update on Risk free rate

Discussion

Conclusions:

• Final methodology and risk free rate curves to be approved by Board at its meeting of January 2015.

Action points:

Not applicable

14. Pensions: Fact Finding Report on Decumulation Phase Practices

Decision by SMV¹

Conclusions:

- BoS adopted the Fact Finding Report on Decumulation Phase Practices for publication subject to minor corrections related to two MS;
- Findings of this report would be used in further EIOPA's work on information provision to members and beneficiaries;
- The report could be used as a source of existing Decumulation Practices for MS.

Action points:

• EIOPA to publish the Fact Finding Report on Decumulation Phase Practices on its website.

15. Peer review:

15.1. Final report for the peer review on the Supervision of EEA Branches

Information

15.2. Final report for the peer review on supervisory practices with respect to the IORP Directive

Decision by SMV¹

15.3. Proposal for testing optimised approach to peer reviews

Decision by SMV¹

15.1. Final report for the peer review on the Supervision of EEA Branches

Conclusions:

• BoS Members noted the report.

Action points:

Not applicable

15.2. Final report for the peer review on supervisory practices with respect to the IORP Directive

Conclusions:

- With respect to the conclusion in the report that there are no obstacles to crossborder activity of IORPs within the scope of this peer review, the BoS Members advised that the public communication should be precise in order to clarify that this conclusion is only for the scope of the peer review;
- BoS adopted the final report for the peer review on supervisory practices with respect to the IORP Directive.

Action points:

 The Review Panel to present to BoS written approval a version of the report for publication.

15.3. Proposal for testing optimised approach to peer reviews

Conclusions:

- BoS adopted the proposed testing of the approach applicable for the following three pilot peer review projects: freedom to provide services, IORP Art. 11 (investment policy), joint on-site examinations;
- BoS Members to be informed about the outcome of the pilot projects.

Action points:

• Following the pilot projects the RP to present for BoS approval a revised methodology for conducting peer reviews by mid-year 2015.

16. Action Plan on freedom to provide services

Discussion

Conclusions:

 EIOPA to take a pragmatic approach in developing activities to better support supervision of activities under Freedom to Provide Services and to consider the outcome of the ongoing peer reviews of Freedom to Provide Services and joint onsite inspections.

Action points:

- EIOPA staff to develop pragmatic actions and to consider lessons from the relevant peer reviews;
- EIOPA staff to collect further information on national Insurance Guarantee Schemes.

17. AOB Information

Conclusions:

Not applicable

Action points:

• Not applicable

Frankfurt am Main

[Signed]

Gabriel Bernardino

Chairperson of EIOPA

 $^{^{1:}}$ Decision by simple majority (Article 44(1) $1^{\rm st}$ para. EIOPA Regulation)

 $^{^{2:}}$ Decision by qualified majority (Article 44(1) 2^{nd} para. EIOPA Regulation)



Voting outcome on Solvency II Set 1 GL (final, QMV) and Set 2 ITS/RTS/GL (for consultation, SMV)

Set 1 GL - for final approval¹

	BoS Number Name of GL	Approved Yes/No	Comments
	Approval of the full package of first set of GL	Yes, QMV	
1.	Technical Provisions		
	EIOPA-BoS-14-165 Contract boundaries EIOPA B. G. 14-166		
	 EIOPA-BoS-14-166 Valuation of technical provisions 		
2.	Own Funds		
	EIOPA-BoS-14-167 Ancillary own fund		
	EIOPA-BoS-14-168 Classification of own funds		
	EIOPA-BoS-14-169 Ring-fenced funds		
	EIOPA-BoS-14-170 Treatment of related undertakings, including participations		
3.	SCR		
	EIOPA-BoS-14-171 Look-through approach		

 $^{^{\}scriptsize 1}$ Decision by qualified majority

	BoS Number Name of GL	Approved Yes/No	Comments
	• EIOPA-BoS-14-172 Basis risk		
	EIOPA-BoS-14-173 Application of outwards reinsurance arrangements to the non-life underwriting risk sub-module		
	EIOPA-BoS-14-174 Treatment of market and counterparty risk exposure in the standard formula		
	EIOPA-BoS-14-175 Application of the life underwriting risk module		
	EIOPA-BoS-14-176 Health catastrophe risk submodule		
	EIOPA-BoS-14-177 Loss-absorbing capacity of technical provisions and deferred taxes		
	• EIOPA-BoS-14-178 Undertaking-specific parameters		
4.	 Group solvency calculation EIOPA-BoS-14-181 Group solvency calculation 		
5.	Internal Models		
	• EIOPA-BoS-14-180 Internal models, including GL on the functioning of colleges for internal models		
6.	<u>Equivalence</u>		
	EIOPA-BoS-14-182 Methodology for equivalence assessment of NSAs under Solvency II		
7.	Supervisory Review Process		
	EIOPA-BoS-14-179 Supervisory Review Process		

Set 2 ITS/GL – for approval for public consultation²

BoS Number Name of ITS/GL	Approved Yes/No	Comments
Pillar 1	Yes, SMV	
 EIOPA-CP-14-057 ITS on regional governments and local authorities treated as exposures EIOPA-CP-14-058 ITS on equity index for the equity dampener 		
EIOPA-CP-14-059 ITS on adjustment for pegged currencies		One Member asked for a separate vote on this consultation paper. Paper was approved by SMV.
EIOPA-CP-14-060 ITS on health risk equalisation systems standard deviations		
EIOPA-CP-14-061 ITS on the application of the equity transitional		
EIOPA-CP-14-043 GL on Valuation assets and liabilities		
EIOPA-CP-14-049 GL on long term guarantee		
Pillar 2	Yes, SMV	
EIOPA-CP-14-051 ITS on supervisory transparency and accountability EIOPA-CP-14-053 ITS on capital add-on		
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EIOPA-CP-14-054 ITS on risk management: procedures when assessing external credit assessments EXECUTE: The second contact of t		
EIOPA-CP-14-046 GL on extension of the recovery period		
Pillar 3	Yes, SMV	

² Decision by simple majority

BoS Number Name of ITS/GL	Approved Yes/No	Comments
EIOPA-CP-14-052 ITS on regular supervisory reporting		
EIOPA-CP-14-055 ITS on public disclosure: procedures, formats and templates		
EIOPA-CP-14-044 GL on methods to determine the market share for the purpose of exemptions to supervisory reporting		
EIOPA-CP-14-045 GL on financial stability reporting		
EIOPA-CP-14-047 GL on reporting and disclosure		
EIOPA-CP-14-050 GL on exchange of information on a systematic basis within colleges		
EIOPA-CP-14-048 GL on third country branches		
 Technical advice EIOPA-CP-14-062 RTS on recovery plan and finance scheme 	Yes, SMV	