

Presentation on the conflicts of interest in sales of insurance-based investment products

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Conflicts of Interest in IMD

- Mandate from Commission for advice on conflicts of interest in the IMD
- Context: amendment of IMD by Article 91 of MiFID II
 - For insurance-based investment products only
 - Insurance undertakings and insurance intermediaries to make organisational and administrative arrangements to prevent conflicts from harming customers.
 - Covers direct sales
 - Mandate requests advice on technical details of how this is to be done
 - > Mandate requests alignment with MiFID as far as possible

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- Key issues on which Discussion Paper focuses
 - > **Types** of conflicts of interests
 - > Measures to be taken to avoid or manage them
 - > **Proportionality** (adapting requirements for natural persons)
 - > **Third party payments** (inducements and commissions)
- Member States can ban inducements and commissions
- Measures to cover where no ban is introduced
- EIOPA also to look at disclosure, but disclosure **not** in normal circumstances a way to manage conflicts of interest

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Date	Milestone
July 11 2014	Public Hearing
Autumn 2014	Consultation Paper
Mid-February 2015	Delivery of technical advice to EC
June 2015	Notification of Commission Delegated Directive to European Parliament and Council
Jan 2016	Entry into force
June 2016	Date of application

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Questions for IRSG

- > What key types of conflict of interest need to be covered?
- > How should conflicts of interest be avoided?
- How should conflicts of interest that cannot be avoided be managed?
- How should this work for small intermediaries?



Thank you

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