

# Occupational Pensions Committee Work Programme 2013

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# Reporting prudential legislation



- Implementing Technical Standard on reporting national provisions of prudential nature relevant to the field of occupational pension schemes to EIOPA
- Separate presentation to follow

# QIS, Holistic Balance Sheet and sponsor support



- Quantitative Impact Study (QIS) of the proposals in EIOPA's advice on the valuation of assets and liabilities of IORPs
- Further work on an improved methodology for the calculation of sponsor support
- Potential further work on advice to the European Commission in the light of the results of the first QIS.
- Separate presentation to follow

- Research to support the formulation of the definition of a cross-border IORP as proposed by the European Commission
  - o Project led by the Commission
  - o Definition stays as proposed in the CfA (IORP & sponsor in different MS)
  - o But member, if not a posted worker, to be considered when deciding the applicable S&LL
  - o Removing “fully funded” requirement would help
  - o Still need to define the sponsoring undertaking
  - o Meeting next week to discuss the pros and cons of the five considerations in EIOPA advice
  - o By end March 2013

# Information disclosure to pension scheme members (1)



- Report on good practices on information provision for DC schemes to be published shortly
- Interesting and innovative
- Draws on insights from behavioural economics, collects examples of current best practice and includes a checklist for drafting effective communications

# Information disclosure (2) – Next steps



- Request from the Commission for further advice on benefit statements for both DB and DC schemes and on principles on information provision to be included in IORP II
- Very tight deadline of 31 March
- BoS support for the work on a best effort basis – continuing dialogue with the Commission important
- First draft needed by 4 March

- Draft report on current practice to be presented to the BoS in March
- Preliminary findings:
  - o Great diversity of approaches
  - o Not many examples of good practice
  - o Multiple investment choices most popular
  - o Scarce legislative provisions
  - o Limited supervisory involvement
  - o Mostly voluntary arrangement between the provider and member/employer
  - o Findings useful in understanding the broader EU context

- Tracks changes in cross-border IORPs from year to year
- Work on 2013 update will start in April
- Cut off date – 1 June
- Publication in Q3



# Database of the pension plans and products in the EU



- Following decisions at January BoS:
  - o Database to be released to the European Commission
  - o Full database to be published, subject to disclaimers and explanations to prevent misinterpretations
  - o Presentation to the OPSG on 25 April
  - o Maintenance and further development to be taken over by EIOPA staff in due course

- Legal obligation on EIOPA
- Proposal for a stress test to be developed by the end of 2013
- Cross-sector workstream combining both financial stability and pensions expertise
- Stress test to be run possibly in 2014

- Develop specifications for the register of IORPs and the register of prudential legislation (in cooperation with EIOPA ITDC)
- Jointly with EIOPA IT & Database Committee
- Q4 2013

# Authorisation of cross-border IORPs: S&LL notifications



- Small, but important technical item
- Need identified to understand the calculation of TPs before authorising IORPs to operate cross-border
- But information with prudential implications mostly in S&LL (eg form of benefits that can be paid, indexation, vested rights, etc...)
- S&LL notifications too late or none at all
- The project will consider a pragmatic solution for cooperation between supervisory authorities
- By Q2 2013



**Thank you**

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