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This paper discusses proposals for common euro area sovereign securities. Such instruments can potentially serve two functions: in the short-term, stabilize financial markets and banks and, in the medium-term, help improve the euro area economic governance framework through enhanced fiscal discipline and risk-sharing. Many questions remain on whether financial instruments can ever accomplish such goals without bold institutional and political decisions, and, whether, in the absence of such decisions, they can create new distortions. The proposals discussed are also not necessarily competing substitutes; rather, they can be complements to be sequenced along alternative paths that possibly culminate in a fully-fledged Eurobond. The specific path chosen by policymakers should allow for learning and secure the necessary evolution of institutional infrastructures and political safeguards.	
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http://www.bis.org/publ/bcbs225.pdf Intraday liquidity can be defined as funds that are accessible during the business day, usually to enable financial institutions to make payments in real time. The Basel Committee's proposed Monitoring indicators for intraday liquidity management are intended to allow banking supervisors to monitor a bank's intraday liquidity risk management. Over time, the indicators will also help supervisors to gain a better understanding of banks' payment and settlement behaviour and their management of intraday liquidity risk.	Press Release
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A framework for dealing with domestic systemically important banks - consultative document, 29 June 2012 http://www.bis.org/publ/bcbs224.pdf	BIS-BCBS Publication
The consultative document sets out a framework of principles covering the assessment methodology and the higher loss absorbency requirement for domestic systemically important banks (D-SIBs). The D-SIB framework takes a complementary perspective of the global systemically important bank (G-SIB) framework published by the Basel Committee in November 2011. It focuses on the impact that the distress or failure of banks will have on the domestic economy. While not all D-SIBs are significant from a global perspective, the failure of such a bank could have an important impact on its domestic financial system and economy compared to non-systemic institutions. In order to accommodate the structural	Press Release

characteristics of individual jurisdictions, the assessment and application of policy tools should allow for an appropriate degree of national discretion. That is why the D-SIB framework is proposed to be a principles-based approach, which contrasts with the prescriptive approach in the G-SIB framework.

The proposed D-SIB framework requires banks, which have been identified as D-SIBs by their national authorities, to comply with the principles beginning in January 2016. This is consistent with the phase-in arrangements for the G-SIB framework and means that national authorities will establish a D-SIB framework by 2016. The Basel Committee will introduce a strong peer review process for the implementation of the principles. This will help ensure that appropriate and effective frameworks for D-SIBs are in place across different jurisdictions.

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3. KÖLTSÉGVETÉSI POLITIKA, ADÓZÁS

The euro area sovereign debt market: lessons from the crisis	ECB
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Public Expenditure in the Slovak Republic: Composition and Technical Efficiency, July 3, 2012 http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/wp/2012/wp12173.pdf	IMF Working Paper
Good practice suggests that budget allocations should reflect spending priorities and that spending should provide cost-effective delivery of public goods and services. This paper analyzes the composition of public expenditure in the Slovak Republic. It also assesses the relative efficiency of spending in education and health. The Slovak Republic spends more on social benefits and less on wages compared to the EU and OECD average. While it manages to translate the low expenditures into outcomes in an efficient manner in the education sector, this is not true for health. Moreover, the recent increases in expenditure levels have not improved outcomes, suggesting that significant budgetary savings could be achieved through increases in efficiency.	
Income Inequality and Fiscal Policy, June 28, 2012 http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/sdn/2012/sdn1208.pdf	IMF Working Paper
Income inequality has increased in most advanced and many developing economies over recent decades, reflecting a range of factors including globalization and technological change. Even more striking is the large variation in average disposable (post-tax-and-transfer) income inequality across regions, much of which can be accounted for by differences in the level and progressivity of tax and spending policies. In advanced economies, fiscal policy has played a significant role in reducing income inequality, especially on the expenditure side but also through progressive income taxation. However, reforms since the mid-1990s have lessened the generosity of social benefits and the progressivity of income tax systems in these economies making fiscal policy less redistributive.	
In the context of fiscal consolidation in many economies, tax and spending measures should enhance or maintain the distributive effects of fiscal policy while supporting economic efficiency. Such measures include reducing opportunities for tax evasion and avoidance, increasing the progressivity of income taxes over higher income brackets, cutting unproductive expenditures, and expanding means-tested programs. Enhancing the distributive impact of fiscal policy in developing economies will require improving their capacity to raise tax revenues and to spend those resources more efficiently and equitably. Resource mobilization should focus on broadening income and consumption tax bases and	

expanding corporate and personal income taxes by reducing tax exemptions and improving compliance. Expenditure reforms should focus on reducing universal price subsidies, improving the capacity to implement better targeted transfers, and gradually expanding social insurance systems.	
Europe's New Fiscal Rules, 21/06/2012	OECD
http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/economics/europe-s-new-fiscal-rules_5k9777md976b-en	Working Paper
Europe is putting in place a new system of fiscal rules following the euro area sovereign debt crisis and decades of rising government to debt-to-GDP ratios. These include the so-called "six pack" to upgrade the Stability and Growth Pact to a new Treaty incorporating the "fiscal compact". Much of the discussion about the new rules has been procedural or theoretical. This paper shows what the rules will mean in practice under a realistic mediumterm scenario developed by the OECD. In the short term, fiscal consolidation will largely be driven by the current wave of Excessive Deficit Procedures. Only once these commitments are fulfilled will the new system of rules come into action. Although the rules are complex, the central pillar of the new fiscal rules will be the requirement to balance budgets in structural terms. These imply a tight fiscal stance over the coming years for many European countries by comparison with the performance achieved in past decades: almost all countries will have to be as disciplined as the few countries that managed to make meaningful progress in tackling high debt levels in the past. A further tightening of budgetary Medium-Term Objectives is likely in 2012, which will in many cases make the required fiscal stance even tighter. Over the very long term, the rules imply very low levels of debt. The requirements can thus not be considered to be a permanent approach. The methodology to calculate the structural balance has a number of weaknesses and discretion will be needed in implementing the rules.	

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Fifteen additional Central Securities Depositories sign the T2S Framework Agreement, 03/07/2012	ECB
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Speech by Mr Miroslav Singer, Governor of the Czech National Bank, at the World Banking and Finance Summit 2012, Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum (OMFIF),	Speech
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Japan out of the Lost Decade: Divine Wind or Firms' Effort?, July 2, 2012 http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/wp/2012/wp12171.pdf	IMF Working Pape
A surge of exports in the 2000s helped Japan exit the severe decade-long stagnation known as the lost decade. Using panel data of Japanese exporting firms, we examine the sources of the export surge during this period. One view argues that the so-called "divine wind" or exogenous external demand boosted Japanese exports. The other view emphasizes the role of supply factors such as productivity gains, materialized after long-fought restructuring efforts during the lost decade. Estimating the firm-level export function allows us to assess the relative importance of these demand and supply factors. Evidence shows that firms' efforts were more important than the divine wind.	
Romania: Fifth Review Under the Stand-By Arrangement—Staff Report, July 2, 2012 http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/scr/2012/cr12157.pdf	IMF Country Repor
Risks are high to economic growth and the banking sector from the ongoing euro crisis. The SBA review focused on these risks and on: (i) recalibrating the fiscal targets to incorporate a phased increase in public-sector salaries and reimbursement of social contributions on pensions; (ii) progress on health care and tax administration reforms; (iii) advances on the structural reform agenda, with a focus on State-owned Enterprise (SOE) reforms and price liberalization in the energy sector; and (iv) strengthening financial sector contingency planning and safety net mechanisms. The mission also conducted extensive outreach with parliamentarians, representatives of civil society, and the media.	
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We examine the relationship between South African Rand and gold price volatility using monthly data for the period 1980-2010. Our main findings is that prior to capital account liberalization the causality runs from South African Rand to gold price volatility but the causality runs the other way around for the post-liberalization period. These findings suggest that gold price volatility plays a key role in explaining both the excessive exchange rate volatility and current disproportionate share of speculative (short-run) inflows that South Africa has been coping with since the opening up of its capital account.	
Factor Endowment, Structural Coherence, and Economic Growth, June 28, 2012 http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/wp/2012/wp12165.pdf	IMF Working Paper
This paper studies the linkage between structural coherence and economic growth. Structural coherence is defined as the degree that a country's industrial structure optimally reflects its factor endowment fundamentals. The paper found that at least for the overall capital, the shares of capital intensive industries were significantly bigger with higher initial capital endowment and faster capital accumulation. Moreover, there is a positive relationship between a country's aggregate output growth and the degree of structural coherence. Quantitatively, the structural coherence with respect to the overall capital explains about 30% of the growth differential among sample countries.	
Guidance Note on the New Design for Article IV Consultation Reports, June 28, 2012 http://www.imf.org/external/np/pp/eng/2011/100411.pdf	IMF Policy Paper

Earlier in 2011, Management approved a new design covering both the design and structure for stand-alone Article IV staff reports. All stand-alone Article IV reports issued to the Board after September 1 are being prepared in the new format. It is anticipated that this new design will be rolled out gradually over the course of the next fiscal year for other country reports and policy documents.

The internal audit function in banks - final document, 28 June 2012 http://www.bis.org/publ/bcbs223.pdf

BIS-BCBS Publication

The Basel Committee on Banking Supervision is issuing this revised supervisory guidance for assessing the effectiveness of the internal audit function in banks, which forms part of the Committee's ongoing efforts to address bank supervisory issues and enhance supervision through guidance that encourages sound practices within banks. The document replaces the 2001 document Internal audit in banks and the supervisor's relationship with auditors. It takes into account developments in supervisory practices and in banking organisations and incorporates lessons drawn from the recent financial crisis.

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The document builds on the Committee's Principles for Enhancing Corporate Governance which require banks to have an internal audit function with sufficient authority, stature, independence, resources and access to the board of directors. Independent, competent and qualified internal auditors are central to sound corporate governance.

The document is based on 20 principles, organised in three sections: A) Supervisory expectations relevant to the internal audit function, B) The relationship of the supervisory authority with the internal audit function, and C) Supervisory assessment of the internal audit function. This approach seeks to promote a strong internal audit function within banking organisations. It also encourages bank internal auditors to comply with and to contribute to the development of national and international professional standards and it promotes due consideration of prudential issues in the development of internal audit standards and practices. An annex to the consultative document details responsibilities of a bank's audit committee.

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An Analysis of Productivity Performance in Spain Before and During the Crisis: Exploring the Role of Institutions, 21/06/2012

OECD Working Paper

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The Spanish economy experienced significantly weaker labour productivity growth than other OECD economies and failed to catch up with the most advanced economies in the period 1996-2007. In recent years labour productivity growth has accelerated, but this recovery is likely to be due to cyclical and temporary factors. The aim of this paper is to identify what factors weigh on weak trend productivity growth. The relatively weak performance largely reflects the low growth of total factor productivity within a wide range of sectors, with very limited impact of composition effects, while the capital stock and educational attainment of the workforce have grown relatively strongly. The paper investigates the role of some institutions in deterring innovation, competition and the growth of successful firms. It argues that Spain needs to have a more flexible labour market and collective bargaining system to improve productivity performance. Productivity performance would also benefit from a more flexible business environment in such a way that both entry and exit of firms in the economy are less costly, including a reform of bankruptcy legislation, steps to make civil judicial procedures more efficient and a greater reduction of barriers to entry into the retail trade sector.

6. STATISZTIKA

Statistics on euro area insurance corporations and pension funds - first quarter 2012, 03/07/2012

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On the Extrapolation with the Denton Proportional Benchmarking Method, June 29, 2012 http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/wp/2012/wp12169.pdf Statistical offices have often recourse to benchmarking methods for compiling quarterly national accounts (QNA). Benchmarking methods employ quarterly indicator series (i) to distribute annual, more reliable series of national accounts and (ii) to extrapolate the most recent quarters not yet covered by annual benchmarks. The Proportional First Differences (PFD) benchmarking method proposed by Denton (1971) is a widely used solution for distribution, but in extrapolation it may suffer when the movements in the indicator series do not match consistently the movements in the target annual benchmarks. For this reason, an enhanced formula for extrapolation was recommended by the IMF's Quarterly National Accounts Manual: Concepts, Data Sources, and Compilation (2001). We discuss the rationale behind this technique, and propose a matrix formulation of it. In addition, we present applications of the enhanced formula to artificial and real-life benchmarking examples showing how the extrapolations for the most recent quarters can be improved.	IMF Working Paper