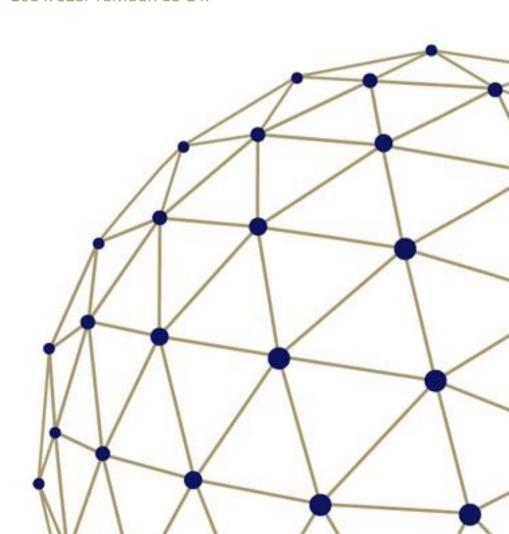


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| economies during the period 2003-11. Using an error-correction model approach, we find that on | |
| average intervention is effective in moving the real exchange rate in the desired direction, controlling for | |
| deviations from the equilibrium and short-term changes in fundamentals and global financial variables. | |
| Our results are robust to different samples and estimation methods. We find little evidence of | |
| asymmetries in the effect of sales and purchases, but some evidence of more effective interventions for | |
| large deviations from the equilibrium. We also explore differences across countries according to the | |
| possible transmission channels and nature of some global shocks. | |
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2. PÉNZÜGYI STABILITÁS, PÉNZÜGYI PIACOK

| Community banks in the United States | BIS |
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| Securities financing transactions and the (re)use of collateral in Europe | ESRB |
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| The data collection exercise conducted by the ESRB constitutes a first step towards enhancing transparency in SFT and collateral markets in the European Union. It allows some initial insights into the structure of European SFT markets and some first steps in assessing risk-relevant factors in these markets. | |
| In addition to providing a description of the SFT landscape in Europe, the data collection should also contribute to the policy efforts to build a comprehensive macroprudential monitoring framework that, eventually, will allow the ESRB to conduct exhaustive assessments of systemic risks arising from SFT markets. Looking ahead, this may imply establishing a properly targeted regular form of data collection, reflecting improvements based on the results of this first exercise. | |
| Advancing the Work on Foreign Currency Exposures, 23/09/2014 | IMF |
| http://www.imf.org/external/np/g20/pdf/2014/foreigncurrency.pdf | Publication + |
| IMF considers the issue of foreign currency exposures highly relevant in the context of its surveillance work on risks and spillovers, as well as crisis prevention. | Letter |
| The data requested by IMF statistical report forms for the external, financial, and government sectors on a residence basis provide a framework for analyzing both domestic and cross-border foreign exchange exposures. Data on foreign currency exposures of the financial sector, particularly for depository corporations, are generally available; including their cross-border foreign currency exposures, but this is not the case for other sectors of the economy. | |
| The IMF will continue to work with countries to encourage the provision of foreign currency exposure data, particularly for the external sector, and will place this issue on the agenda of the October 2014 meeting of the IMF Committee on Balance of Payments Statistics to discuss the strategy for encouraging the reporting of such data. | |
| Related letter: To the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors http://www.financialstabilityboard.org/publications/r 140923b.pdf | |

Re-thinking the lender of last resort, 24/09/2014

http://www.bis.org/publ/bppdf/bispap79.pdf

BIS Publication

The lender of last resort (LOLR) is perhaps the most controversial role of a central bank. On the one hand, providing emergency liquidity assistance to financial institutions is a core central bank responsibility, given its unique ability to create liquid assets in the form of central bank reserves, its central position within the payment system, and its macroeconomic stabilisation objective. On the other hand, acting as LOLR is seen as very risky, potentially creating moral hazard on a massive scale, exposing the central bank to large financial risks, and blurring the boundary with fiscal policy. Moreover, liquidity assistance to individual institutions is typically deeply unpopular, creating reputation risks. The financial crisis has served as reminder of the critical importance of the LOLR in restoring financial stability. But it has also raised fundamental questions about the design of LOLR frameworks and the execution of LOLR policies. How to strike the right balance between limiting risks for central banks and ensuring that the LOLR function can be performed effectively when needed? Should central banks be ambiguous in public about the terms and conditions of liquidity support? Or is there a case for well-articulated LOLR policies communicated ex ante as part of a broader financial stability framework? The aim of the BIS workshop was to explore issues related to the future design of LOLR policies, including governance, operational arrangements, and international aspect. The discussions in this volume do not, of course, converge on simple answers. They do, however, underscore the importance of careful consideration of the articulation of the LOLR function going forward.

Keywords: banking crisis; central bank liquidity; lender of last resort; central bank discount window; emergency liquidity facilities; constructive ambiguity; moral hazard; foreign exchange rate; interbank lending; systemic risk; central bank interventions; FX swaps.

Summary: Joint CGFS - FSB-SCAV workshop on risks from currency mismatches and leverage on corporate balance sheets, 23/09/2014

http://www.financialstabilityboard.org/publications/r 140923a.pdf

BIS/CGFS-FSB-SCAV Publication

On 20 June 2014, the CGFS and FSB-SCAV co-organised a workshop with public and private sector participants at the Hong Kong Monetary Authority to gather views on current trends affecting corporate balance sheets in emerging market economies. Its main aim was to help CGFS and SCAV members develop a common understanding of the analytical needs for the assessment of related vulnerabilities. Specifically, the objectives were to:

- (1) explore the channels through which corporate balance sheets can pose financial stability risks;
- (2) provide an initial assessment of current vulnerabilities (based on the available data, eg using country case studies or similar analyses); and
- (3) gather ideas for ways to address data gaps, including enhanced disclosures, stress tests and other data-gathering efforts.

The Financial Crisis and Information Gaps - Fifth Implementation Progress Report of the G20 Data Gaps Initiative, 23/09/2014

http://www.financialstabilityboard.org/publications/r_140923.pdf

FSB-IMF Publication

Almost five years after the start of the project, this fifth report highlights the progress since the start of the Data Gaps Initiative (DGI) in 2009, provides benchmarks to determine when to call each recommendation complete, and outlines a future work plan. Based on the agreed implementation targets, it is feasible to envisage substantive completion of the DGI by end-2015 provided that there is continued cooperation at the national and international level, and statistical activities are appropriately resourced.

The data becoming available under the DGI are seen as enhancing policy analysis and surveillance, including financial stability and debt analysis, and in support of an understanding of domestic and international interconnectedness.

3. MIKROPRUDENCIÁLIS FELÜGYELET ÉS SZABÁLYOZÁS

| Hearing of the Chairpersons of the European Supervisory Authorities - Initial Statement of Andrea Enria, 23/09/2014 | EBA Speech |
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| Supervisory Authorities at the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs of the European Parliament. | |
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Consultation paper on triggers for use of early intervention measures pursuant to Article 27(4) of Directive 2014/59/EU, 22/09/2014

EBA Publications

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Press Release

Consultation paper on the interpretation of the different circumstances when an institution shall be considered as failing or likely to fail under Article 32(6) of Directive 2014/59/EU, 22/09/2014

http://www.eba.europa.eu/documents/10180/820069/EBA-CP-2014-22+%28CP+on+GL+on+failing+or+likely+to+fail%29.pdf

The European Banking Authority (EBA) launched today a consultation on two draft Guidelines on (i) the triggers for using early intervention measures (triggers for early intervention) and on

(ii) the circumstances under which an institution shall be considered as 'failing or likely to fail' (triggers for resolution).

Both Guidelines ensure continuum between the on-going supervision conducted by national authorities in line with the CRD, and the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive (BRRD). They aim at promoting convergence of supervisory and resolution practices in relation to how resolution should be triggered and how to apply early intervention measures. The consultations run until 22 December 2014.

Related press release:

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Joint Committee Report on Risks and Vulnerabilities in the EU Financial System, 22/09/2014

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Joint Committee of ESAs Publication

The Joint Committee of the European Supervisory Authorities published its bi-annual report on risks and vulnerabilities in the European Union's (EU) financial system. The report identifies a number of risks to financial stability in the EU, including prolonged weak economic growth in an environment characterised by high indebtedness, intensified search for yield in a protracted low interest rate environment, and uncertainties in global emerging market economies. The report also highlights risks related to conduct of business and Information Technologies (IT).

+ Press Release

Related press release:

http://www.eba.europa.eu/-/eu-supervisory-authorities-update-on-risks-in-eu-financial-system

Solvency II: a revolution in risk culture?

Article by Carlos Montalvo, Executive Director of EIOPA, 18/09/2014

http://crescendo-erm.blogspot.co.uk/2014/09/guest-post-objective-of-risk-management_18.html

EIOPA Article

The Solvency II regime requires insurers and reinsurers to have in place an effective risk management system comprising strategies, processes and reporting procedures necessary to identify, measure, monitor, manage and report, on a continuous basis the risks, both at individual and aggregated levels, they are or could be exposed, and their interdependencies.

Summary of the 3rd Conference on Global Insurance Supervision, 18/09/2014

https://eiopa.europa.eu/conferences-events/2014/3rd-conference-on-global-insurance-supervision/index.html

EIOPA Publication

On 9-10 September 2014, EIOPA in cooperation with the International Centre for Insurance Regulation (ICIR), the World Bank and the Centre for the Study of Insurance Regulation at St. John's University organised a third annual Conference on Global Insurance Supervision (GIS Conference).

The conference aimed at providing a platform for opinion exchange and discussions between supervisors, insurance industry and academia.

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| http://www.financialstabilityboard.org/publications/r 140921.pdf | |
| The letter reports on progress in global financial reform, which remains on-track to complete the priorities agreed by the G20 for 2014, and looks ahead to the regulation and supervision of the global system in a way that builds mutual confidence and trust and thereby realises the benefits of an open, integrated global financial system. | |
| Feasibility study on approaches to aggregate OTC derivatives data, 19/09/2014 http://www.financialstabilityboard.org/publications/r 140919.pdf | FSB Publication + |
| This report compares three basic options for aggregating trade repositories (TR), data: Option 1 is a physically centralised aggregation mechanism; Option 2 is a logically centralised aggregation mechanism; and Option 3 involves the collection of raw data from individual TR databases by individual authorities that then aggregate the data themselves within their own systems. | Press Release |
| The options are compared according to their suitability for meeting authorities' needs as data users, and the legal, data and technology considerations that they give rise to. | |
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| New €10 banknote starts circulating tomorrow, 22/09/2014 | ECB |
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| Interview of Mario Draghi with Lithuanian business daily Verslo Zinios | ECB |
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| Interview of Mario Draghi, President of the ECB on 25 September 2014 | |
| A three-pillar-strategy for the Euro | ECB |
| http://www.ecb.europa.eu/press/inter/date/2014/html/sp140919.en.html | Opinion piece |
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| Speech by László Andor , European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, Conference on "Labour Economics after the Crisis", Brussels, 18 September 2014 | |
| Making the Most of Opportunities, 19/09/2014 | IMF |
| http://www.imf.org/external/np/speeches/2014/091914.htm | Speech |
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| IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde Commends Progress on G20 Growth Strategies, Calls for | IMF |
| Further Action to Strengthen the Recovery, 21/09/2014 | Press Release |
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| Statement at the Conclusion of an IMF Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, 19/09/2014 | IMF |
| http://www.imf.org/external/np/sec/pr/2014/pr14433.htm | Press Release |
| Forecasting the Brent oil price: addressing time-variation in forecast performance, 18/09/2014 | ECB |
| http://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/scpwps/ecbwp1735.pdf | Working Pape |
| This paper demonstrates how the real-time forecasting accuracy of different Brent oil price forecast models changes over time. | |

We find considerable instability in the performance of all models evaluated and argue that relying on average forecasting statistics might hide important information on a model's forecasting properties. To address this instability, we propose a forecast combination approach to predict quarterly real Brent oil prices. A four-model combination (consisting of futures, risk-adjusted futures, a Bayesian VAR and a DGSE model of the oil market) predicts Brent oil prices more accurately than the futures and the random walk up to 11 quarters ahead, on average, and generates a forecast whose performance is remarkably robust over time. In addition, the model combination reduces the forecast bias and predicts the direction of the oil price changes more accurately than both benchmarks.

Keywords: Brent oil prices, real-time, forecast combination, time-variation, central banks.

Pensions and fertility – back to the roots: the introduction of Bismarck's pension scheme and the European fertility decline, 18/09/2014

http://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/scpwps/ecbwp1734.pdf

ECB Working Paper

Fertility has long been declining in industrialised countries and the existence of public pension systems is considered as one of the causes. This paper provides detailed evidence based on historical data on the mechanism by which a public pension system depresses fertility. Our theoretical framework highlights that the effect of a public pension system on fertility works via the impact of contributions in such a system on disposable income as well as via the impact on future disposable income that is related to the internal rate of return of the pension system. Drawing on a unique historical data set which allows us to measure these variables at a jurisdictional level for a time when comprehensive social security was introduced, we estimate the effects predicted by the model. We find that beyond the traditional determinants of the first demographic transition, a lower internal rate of return of the pension system is associated with a higher birth rate. This result is robust to including the traditional determinants of the first demographic transition as controls as well as to other policy changes at the time.

Keywords: public pension, fertility, transition theory, historical data, social security hypothesis, first demographic transition

Introduction of the euro in Lithuania – Flash Eurobarometer survey September 2014, 24/09/2014 http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/pdf/2014/fl402_summary_for_pub.pdf

The survey was conducted from 4-6 September 2014 in Lithuania to gauge citizens' perceptions of their country's preparedness to switch over to the euro on 1 January 2015.

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Business dynamics and red tape barriers, 23/09/2014

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This study examines the impact of reforms aimed at reducing red tape barriers for new firms and new exporters in 17 EU Member States. The results confirm that higher bureaucratic barriers are associated with lower entry dynamics and suggest that recent reforms in Portugal, Spain and Italy should have a significant positive impact. The ability of new firms to enter markets is a key element of the transmission mechanism through which market reforms ultimately affect productivity and growth. Reforms that make it easier for new firms to enter therefore have the added benefit of enabling other competition-enhancing reforms to achieve their maximum impact. The report looks at data for Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Germany, Denmark, Estonia, Spain, Finland, France, **Hungary**, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Sweden, Slovakia and the UK between 2004 and 2011.

Keywords: Business dynamics and red tape barriers, birth rates, cost of doing business.

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Keywords: late payments, exit rates, financial costs, government to business transactions, business to business transactions.

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- A broad strategy to revive the SME sector would complement efforts to strengthen bank balance sheets. This strategy should promote restructuring support for viable, but distressed firms and a quick exit for those that are non-viable. A new fiduciary loan contract and greater sharing of credit information could support alternative financing for new endeavors.
- Fiscal policy needs to strike a delicate balance between setting the debt ratio on a downward path while helping the economy recover. To support growth, the priority should be to lower marginal tax rates through spending savings and lower tax expenditures. But given the low growth and high interest rate environment, stronger fiscal balances are needed to bring down debt faster. Conditional on the recovery taking hold, a modest structural surplus next year would be appropriate.
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