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1. MONETÁRIS POLITIKA, INFLÁCIÓ

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<td>Concerns were raised about the distributional impact of the loosening in UK monetary policy following the financial crisis. The authors assess the impact of this loosening on well-being using household-level data and estimated utility functions. The welfare benefits are found to have been positive, in aggregate and across most of the household distribution, relative to what otherwise would have happened. They are significantly larger than when looking at financial factors alone due to the non-financial benefits of lower unemployment and financial distress. Most people were made better-off in welfare terms from the monetary loosening, rich and poor, although the young have benefited more than the old.</td>
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| COVID-19 and the Missing Inflation Puzzle, 30/07/2020                 | COVID-19 and the Missing Inflation Puzzle, 30/07/2020                 | • The years leading up to COVID-19 saw persistently low inflation, something that came to be called by some the “missing inflation puzzle.”
• Rising unemployment and weak demand are now pushing inflation down, though low inflation does not mean that something is automatically “missing.”
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• In contrast, persistently low Euro zone inflation looks like a “missing inflation puzzle” given that the Euro zone labour market deterioration is so far comparatively benign. |

Keywords: monetary policy, households, inequality, well-being

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## 2. PÉNZÜGYI STABILITÁS, PÉNZÜGYI PIACOK

### Italy: Financial Sector Assessment Program—Technical Note—Tackling Non-Performing Assets, 04/08/2020

Banks’ asset quality has substantially improved in recent years but remains well below European peers. Non-performing loans (NPLs) fell from 16½ percent in 2015 to about 8.1 percent at end-June 2019, achieved mainly through €145 billion of private NPL sales. This is a substantial reduction by any standard, though NPLs remain well above the 3.0 percent average of the main European Union (EU) banks as of June 2019. New NPL formation has fallen to pre-crisis levels. Provisioning coverage was 52.5 percent as of June 2019, placing Italy 7.6 percentage points above the average of the main EU banks.

### Italy: Financial Sector Assessment Program—Technical Note—Systemic Risk Oversight Framework and Macroprudential Policy, 04/08/2020

Macroprudential oversight in Italy combines local elements with the European framework. At a local level, financial stability is a shared responsibility between Banca d’Italia (Bdl), which is the national central bank and the prudential authority for banks and other financial institutions, the markets authority, Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa (CONSOB), the insurance supervisor, Istituto per la Vigilanza Sulle Assicurazioni (IVASS), and the pension funds supervisor, Commissione di Vigilanza sui Fondi Pensione (COVIP). Each authority exercises its responsibility within a combination of sectoral and activity boundaries and the Bdl plays a leading role in surveillance and coordination. Within the European framework, the Bdl is both the national competent authority and the designated authority for the macroprudential tools considered under the Capital Requirements Regulation (CRR) and the Capital Requirements Directive IV (CRD IV), which are implemented and activated following the processes described in these regulatory texts and the guidelines provided by the European Central Bank (ECB) – within the competences assigned to it by the SSM Regulation - and the European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB). The ubiquitous role of the Bdl on both fronts eases the challenges posed by the coexistence of these two frameworks.

### Italy: Financial Sector Assessment Program—Technical Note—Financial Safety Net and Crisis Management Arrangements, 04/08/2020

The Italian financial safety net and crisis-management framework has been substantially strengthened since the 2013 FSAP. Among others, the authorities have enhanced the early intervention framework, introduced a new resolution regime (including recovery and resolution planning requirements), and introduced reforms of the two deposit guarantee schemes (DGS) that are active in Italy. Further enhancements at the Banking Union level, as outlined in the 2018 Financial System Stability Assessment for the euro area (IMF Country Report No. 18/226)—including the introduction of an adequately funded common deposit guarantee scheme, a harmonized bank liquidation framework and a finetuning of state aid rules—would yield further benefits for Italy.

### Dollar shortages and central bank swap lines, 18/07/2020

This paper explores the role of ‘dollar shortage’ shocks and central bank swap lines in a two-country New Keynesian model with financial frictions. Domestic banks issue both domestic and foreign currency debt and lend in domestic currency. Foreign currency-specific funding shocks, which are amplified via
their effect on the exchange rate given balance sheet mismatches, lead to uncovered interest rate parity deviations, a contraction in lending and have a significant negative effect on macroeconomic variables. The authors show that central bank swap lines can attenuate these dynamics provided they are large enough.

**Keywords:** central bank swap lines, liquidity facilities, dollar shortages, uncovered interest rate parity condition, financial frictions

### Bank instability: Interbank linkages and the role of disclosure, 14/07/2020

**Keywords:** disclosure, banks, interbank linkages, coordination, beliefs

The authors study the impact of disclosure about bank fundamentals on depositors’ behavior in the presence (and absence) of economic linkages between financial institutions. Using a controlled laboratory environment, they identify under which conditions disclosure is conducive to bank stability. They find that bank deposits are sensitive to perceived bank performance. While banks with strong fundamentals benefit from more precise disclosure, an opposing effect is present for solvent banks with weaker fundamentals.

### Covid-19 and the 'safe asset trap', 04/08/2020

In recent decades the supply of safe assets has not kept pace with global demand. After the 2008 financial crisis, bond yields in many economies approached zero. A gap in the supply of safe assets was created, resulting in a 'safe asset trap'. Covid-19 may help capital markets overcome this phenomenon. Rising national public debts, as well as new virus-related instruments, may create large amounts of sovereign and EU bonds. Are yields going to be high enough to maintain the long-term value of assets?

### China seeks second wind for renminbi, 31/07/2020

Yi Gang, governor of the People's Bank of China, has called for a new general issue of the International Monetary Fund's special drawing right to mitigate the impact of the Covid-19 crisis. The SDR is a reserve asset which can be redeemed at any central bank for hard currency. Beijing sees a potential second wind for renminbi internationalisation, highly contingent on China helping finance the recovery in places willing to accept. The IMF offers routes for an accounting-driven reserve boost for the renminbi.

### Next US Treasury report should not designate Swiss franc, 30/07/2020

Market speculation is heating up that the US Treasury, in its next foreign exchange report, may designate Switzerland as a currency manipulator. Treasury brought back the Swiss onto the monitoring list in January. Designating the franc amid the crisis could upset global financial stability. On balance, there may be room for Switzerland to allow the franc to appreciate. But the case for designating the country for currency manipulation isn't convincing.
3. MIKROPRUDENCIÁLIS FELÜGYELET ÉS SZABÁLYOZÁS

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Supervisory sector-wide stress testing of banks is one of the major innovations adopted by prudential authorities in recent years. The evolution of stress tests from a risk management tool for individual financial institutions to a key element of current systemic financial sector surveillance is evident from their fundamental role in the global financial crisis and the European sovereign debt crisis. Stress tests informed authorities about banks’ capital needs and helped them to reassure investors and the public of the capacity of the banking sector to continue functioning throughout the crises. More recently, microprudential supervisors have converted the capital deficits detected in the regular stress test in a key piece of information for the calibration of the non-binding capital requirements known as Pillar 2 guidance (P2G). In January 2020 the European Banking Authority (EBA) published a discussion paper containing proposals for reforms to its EU-wide stress test framework and opened a consultation period ending 30 June 2020. This ASC Insights publication is a response to the invitation for comments issued by the EBA in the discussion paper.

**Italy: Financial Sector Assessment Program—Technical Note—Banking Regulation and Supervision and Bank Governance, 04/08/2020**

This note presents a targeted review of selected aspects concerning the regulation and supervision of banks in Italy and their governance framework. The review was carried out as part of the 2019 Italy Financial Sector Assessment Program (FSAP) and was based on the regulatory framework in place and the supervisory practices employed as of March 2019. Since the regulation and supervision of significant banking institutions (SIs), including Italian SIs, was extensively covered as part of the 2018 Euro Area FSAP, this note focuses on the prudential regulation and supervision of less significant institutions (LSIs). In addition, the note reviewed regulatory and supervisory areas not covered by the wider EU regulatory framework.
framework, such as the supervision of anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) and related party transactions, which apply to both SIs and LSIs in Italy.

**Italy: Financial Sector Assessment Program—Technical Note—Systemic Risk Analysis and Stress Testing of the Banking and Corporate Sectors, 04/08/2020**


The Financial Sector Assessment Program (FSAP) took place against the backdrop of an ongoing recovery of the financial system. Since the global financial crisis (GFC), financial regulation has been substantially enhanced by the implementation of euro area-wide (EA-wide) regulatory and supervisory frameworks. Furthermore, the Italian authorities have implemented important measures that improved governance, facilitated capitalization, raised prudential requirements, and improved asset quality. In response, Italian banks have made substantial progress tackling legacy non-performing loans (NPLs) and improving solvency ratios.

**Italy: Financial Sector Assessment Program—Technical Note—Insurance Sector Regulation and Supervision, 04/08/2020**


This technical note (TN) provides an update and an assessment of the supervisory framework and practices for the Italian insurance sector since the last assessment concluded in 2013. The mission conducted a target review focusing on the implementation of Solvency II, the financial resilience of insurers, the effectiveness of supervision, and previously identified weaknesses without a full assessment of Italy’s observance with the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) Insurance Core Principles (ICPs). Implementation of the European Union (EU) Solvency II Directive in 2016 has significantly strengthened regulation and supervision since the last FSAP, introducing risk-based capital standards, comprehensive insurance group supervision and new requirements on governance, risk management and controls. The supervision of intermediaries has also been strengthened in line with the EU Insurance Distribution Directive in 2018.

**Accounting Standards and Insurer Solvency Assessment, 31/07/2020**


The paper explores the use of accounting standards for insurer solvency assessment in the context of the implementation of IFRS 17. The paper is based on the results of a survey of 20 insurance supervisors. Overall, IFRS 17 is a welcome development but there will be challenges of implementation. Not many insurance supervisors currently intend to use IFRS 17 as a basis for solvency assessment of insurers. Perceived shortcomings can be overcome by supervisors providing clear specifications where the principles-based standard allows a range of approaches. Accounting standards can provide a ready-made valuation framework for supervisors developing new solvency frameworks.

**Keywords:** insurers, supervisors, IFRS, IFRS 17, solvency, capital, supervision

**The Central Bank Transparency Code, 30/07/2020**


The paper reports to the Executive Board on its decision of April 29, 2019, to prepare an IMF Central Bank Transparency Code (CBT), which is linked to the 2017 Review of the Standards and Codes Initiative (RSCI), for a revision and update of the 1999 Monetary and Financial Policies Transparency Code (MFPT). Directors asked that the CBT should remove the overlap on financial policies covered by other international standards, expand the transparency standards to broader set of activities undertaken by many central banks since the 2008 financial crisis, and reorient the transparency standards to facilitate risk-based assessments to support policy effectiveness and address macroeconomic risks.
4. FINTECH, KRIPTOVALUTÁK, MESTERSÉGES INTELLIGENCIA

Public responses to consultation on Effective Practices for Cyber Incident Response and Recovery, 04/08/2020

On 20 April 2020, the FSB published a consultation document on Effective Practices for Cyber Incident Response and Recovery. Interested parties were invited to provide written comments by 20 July 2020. The public comments received are available now.

5. MAKROGAZDASÁG

The macroeconomic impact of the pandemic and the policy response, 04/08/2020
Blog post by Philip R. Lane, Member of the Executive Board of the ECB

Helicopter Money in Europe: New Evidence on the Marginal Propensity to Consume across European Households, 31/07/2020
https://www.oenb.at/dam/jcr:ee047d45-17d8-4e4c-9df2-779cb5ebd60d/WP231.pdf

The recent spread of COVID-19 has led to the worst economic crisis since the 1930s. To boost demand after the crisis, direct monetary transfers to households are being discussed. Using novel microdata from the Eurosystem Household Finance and Consumption Survey (HFCS), we study how much of such a transfer households would actually spend. The authors do so by exploiting the unique opportunity that the new wave of the survey included an experimental question to calculate the marginal propensity to consume from hypothetical windfall gains. The results show that households on average spend between about 33% (the Netherlands) and 57% (Lithuania) of such a transfer. In all countries, answers are clustered at spending nothing, spending 50% and spending everything. Marginal propensities to consume decrease with income but are not as clearly related to wealth.

**Keywords:** survey data, helicopter money, household finance, monetary policy
**Flattening of the Wage Phillips Curve and Downward Nominal Wage Rigidity: The Japanese Experience in the 2010s, 20/07/2020**


This paper examines from both a theoretical and an empirical perspective the validity of the hypothesis that downward nominal wage rigidity (DNWR) induced upward rigidity in wage setting, thereby contributing to the flattening of the wage Phillips curve. The authors focus in particular on Japanese regular workers, those workers who are characteristically employed on long-term contracts.

**Keywords:** Wage Phillips curve, downward nominal wage rigidity, long-term employment contracts

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<td>At the request of the central bank of Sweden (the Riksbank), the Monetary and Capital Markets Department (MCM) provided technical assistance (TA) on central bank operations by means of a desk review of the proposed amendments suggested by the independent committee to the Swedish Riksbank Act, during the period February 2019 and June 2020. The desk review was led by Mr. Ashraf Khan, and conducted jointly with Mr. Asad Qureshi, Mr. Romain Veyrune, and Mr. Rudy Wytenburg. Additional input was also provided by Ms. Ioana Luca of the IMF’s Legal Department and colleagues from the IMF’s European Department, Sweden Team. The purpose of the desk review was to provide advice to the Riksbank on key issues relating to central bank operations, with a particular focus on the central bank’s governance, independence, instruments, and internal organization.</td>
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2020 External Sector Report: Global Imbalances and the COVID-19 Crisis, 04/08/2020

Overall current account deficits and surpluses narrowed modestly in 2019 to just under 3 percent of world GDP. The IMF’s multilateral approach suggests that about 40 percent of overall current account deficits and surpluses were excessive in 2019. The external outlook for 2020 is subject to high uncertainty and cross-country variation.

Related blog post:
Global Imbalances and the COVID-19 Crisis, 04/08/2020

Blog post by Martin Kaufman (Assistant Director in the Strategy, Policy and Review Department of the IMF) and Daniel Leigh (Deputy Division Chief in the Western Hemisphere Department of the IMF)

GIC on Covid-19 changes in global investment landscape, 05/08/2020

The global community is facing a public health crisis, an economic crisis, and financial turmoil all at once – an unprecedented combination in modern times. From the viewpoint of Singapore’s GIC sovereign fund, the crisis brought to the fore already-apparent market vulnerabilities – and accelerated shifts in the global investment landscape.

IIF Capital Flows Tracker: Ongoing Recovery, 03/08/2020

- Portfolio flows to EM stood at $15.1 bn in July.
- Equity and debt inflows were $1.9 bn and 13.2 bn.
- EM x/ China equity flows post marginal gains.

Update on G20 Debt Service Suspension, 30/07/2020
https://www.iif.com/Publications/ID/4026/Weekly-Insight-Update-on-G20-Debt-Service-Suspension

- To date, over 40 countries have requested forbearance via the G20 Debt Service Suspension Initiative (DSSI)
- The DSSI could freeze over $11.5 billion of debt payments due to official bilateral creditors between May and December 2020; over $7.1 billion of this is estimated to be owed to China
- Official multilateral creditors have not been participating via the DSSI, instead using existing tools including emergency funding facilities. To date there is little evidence of borrowers requesting debt service suspension from private creditors.
- An extension of DSSI through end-2021 could freeze an additional $16.6 billion (over $11 billion of which is due to China)

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7. KÖLTSÉGVETÉSI POLITIKA, ADÓZÁS

Are Fiscal Multipliers Estimated with Proxy-SVARs Robust?, 14/07/2020
https://helda.helsinki.fi/bof/bitstream/handle/123456789/17516/BoF_DP_2013.pdf;jsessionid=089A5F4305FFA0F6E948724694034E75?sequence=1

How large are government spending and tax multipliers? The fiscal proxy-SVAR literature provides heterogenous estimates, depending on which proxies - fiscal or non-fiscal - are used to identify fiscal shocks. This paper reconciles the existing estimates via flexible vector autoregressive model that allows to achieve identification in presence of a number of structural shocks larger than that of the available instruments.

Keywords: fiscal multipliers, fiscal policy, identification, instruments, structural vector autoregressions

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8. STATISZTIKA

Euro area bank interest rate statistics: June 2020, 31/07/2020

ECB Press Release

Euro area pension fund statistics: first quarter of 2020, 31/07/2020

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Volume of retail trade up by 5.7% in euro area, 05/08/2020
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Industrial producer prices up by 0.7% in both euro area and EU, 04/08/2020
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GDP down by 12.1% in the euro area and by 11.9% in the EU, 31/07/2020
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Euro area annual inflation up to 0.4%, 31/07/2020
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EU Press Release

Euro area unemployment at 7.8%, 30/07/2020
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