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1. MONETÁRIS POLITIKA, INFLÁCIÓ

Interview with Börsen-Zeitung	ECB
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Interview with Yves Mersch, Member of the Executive Board of the ECB, conducted by Mark Schrörs und	
Detlef Fechtner on 18 December and published on 29 December 2017	
The current economic outlook and monetary policy	BIS
https://www.bis.org/review/r171222c.pdf	Central Bankers'
Testimony by Ms Janet L Yellen , Chair of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, before the Joint Economic Committee, US Congress, Washington DC, 29 November 2017.	Speech
Consolidated financial statement of the Eurosystem as at 22 December 2017, 28/12/2017	ECB
•	Press Release
http://www.ecb.europa.eu/press/pr/wfs/2017/html/ecb.fst171228.en.html	Press Release
Commentary:	
http://www.ecb.europa.eu/press/pr/wfs/2017/html/ecb.fs171228.en.html	
Macroeconomic implications of oil price fluctuations: a regime-switching framework for the euro area,	ECB
22/12/2017	Working Paper
http://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/scpwps/ecb.wp2119.en.pdf?201a9def579a3a78767701963aa4bfd2	
We investigate whether the response of the macro-economy to oil price shocks undergoes episodic	
changes. Employing a regime-switching vector autoregressive model we identify two regimes that are	
characterized by qualitatively different patterns in economic activity and inflation following oil price	
shocks in the euro area.	
Keywords : regime switching models, time-varying transition probabilities, oil prices, inflation expectations, inflation	

2. PÉNZÜGYI STABILITÁS, PÉNZÜGYI PIACOK

FSB publishes governance arrangements and implementation plan for the unique transaction identifier (UTI), 02/01/2018	FSB Press Release
http://www.fsb.org/2018/01/fsb-publishes-governance-arrangements-and-implementation-plan-for-	
the-unique-transaction-identifier-uti/	
Capital and liquidity buffers and the resilience of the banking system in the euro area, 22/12/2017	ECB
http://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/scpwps/ecb.wp2120.en.pdf?17c0fc8a16bea9fae2f6d1c254777077	Working Paper
We study the responses of 219 individual banks to aggregate demand, standard and unconventional monetary policy shocks in the euro area between 2007 and 2015. We find that banks with high capital and liquidity buffers show a more muted response in their lending to adverse real economy shocks. Capital and liquidity buffers also affect bank responses to monetary policy shocks. High bank capitalisation reduces the degree to which banks increase the average duration of loans to the non-financial corporate sector, while high bank liquidity strengthens the positive response to policy easing of both long- and short-term loans to the non-financial corporate sector. The latter findings substantiate the relevance of interactions between prudential controls and monetary policy.	

Keywords: macroprudential policy, monetary policy, capital requirements, liquidity requirements

Shadow Banking and Market Discipline on Traditional Banks, 22/12/2017	IMF
http://www.imf.org/~/media/Files/Publications/WP/2017/wp17285.ashx	Working Paper
http://www.imf.org/~/media/Files/Publications/WP/2017/wp17285.ashx We present a model in which shadow banking arises endogenously and undermines market discipline on traditional banks. Depositors' ability to re-optimize in response to crises imposes market discipline on traditional banks: these banks optimally commit to a safe portfolio strategy to prevent early withdrawals. With costly commitment, shadow banking emerges as an alternative banking strategy that combines high risk-taking with early liquidation in times of crisis. We bring the model to bear on the 2008 financial crisis in the United States, during which shadow banks experienced a sudden dry-up of funding and liquidated their assets.	
Keywords: Shadow banking, Financial crisis, Market discipline, Fire-sales	

3. MIKROPRUDENCIÁLIS FELÜGYELET ÉS SZABÁLYOZÁS

Progress report on supervisory colleges published by the Basel Committee, 21/12/2017	BIS/BCBS
https://www.bis.org/press/p171221a.htm	Press Release
Basel Committee issues proposed technical amendment to the Net Stable Funding Ratio, 21/12/2017	BIS/BCBS
https://www.bis.org/press/p171221.htm	Press Release
BA advises the Commission to disallow the application of the 180 day past due exemption for material	EBA
exposures, 22/12/2017	Press Release
http://www.eba.europa.eu/-/eba-advises-the-commission-to-disallow-the-application-of-the-180-day-	
past-due-exemption-for-material-exposures	
EIOPA publishes its annual analysis on the use of long-term guarantees measures and measures on	EIOPA
equity risk, 21/12/2017	Press Release
https://eiopa.europa.eu/Pages/News/EIOPA-publishes-its-annual-analysis-on-the-use-of-long-term-	
guarantees-measures-and-measures-on-equity-risk-20-12-2017.aspx	
EIOPA publishes a Q&A on the comprehension alert in KID for insurance-based investment products,	EIOPA
21/12/2017	Press Release
https://eiopa.europa.eu/Pages/News/EIOPA-publishes-a-QA-on-the-comprehensions-alert-in-KID-for-	
insurance-based-investment-products.aspx	
Insurance companies urged to make sufficient and timely preparation to ensure service continuity upon	EIOPA
the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union, 21/12/2017	Press Release
https://eiopa.europa.eu/Pages/News/Insurance-companies-urged-to-make-sufficient-and-timely-	
preparation-to-ensure-service-continuity-upon-the-United-Kingdom%E2%80%99saspx	
EIOPA calls for Consistent Supervisory Practises on Internal Models, 21/12/2017	EIOPA
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https://eiopa.europa.eu/Pages/News/EIOPA-Calls-For-Consistent-Supervisory-Practises-On-Internal- Models.aspx	Press Release
https://eiopa.europa.eu/Pages/News/EIOPA-Calls-For-Consistent-Supervisory-Practises-On-Internal- Models.aspx EIOPA publishes information on the use of exemptions and limitations from regular supervisory	Press Release EIOPA

ESMA publishes updated key transparency calculations for MiFIDII/MiFIR implementation, 22/12/2017 https://www.esma.europa.eu/press-news/esma-news/esma-publishes-updated-key-transparency-	ESMA Press Release
calculations-mifidiimifir ESMA advises the Commission on specific elements of the Short-Selling Regulation, 21/12/2017	ESMA
https://www.esma.europa.eu/press-news/esma-news/esma-advises-commission-specific-elements- short-selling-regulation	Press Release
ESMA review finds good supervision of CCPs' default management, 21/12/2017 https://www.esma.europa.eu/press-news/esma-news/esma-review-finds-good-supervision- ccps%E2%80%99-default-management	ESMA Press Release
ESMA updates its CFI validations for MiFID II, 21/12/2017 https://www.esma.europa.eu/press-news/esma-news/esma-updates-its-cfi-validations-mifid-ii	ESMA Press Release
Request for Stakeholder input in first stages of development of next strategic plan, 22/12/2017 https://www.iaisweb.org/news/request-for-stakeholder-input-in-first-stages-of-development-of-next- strategic-plan	IAIS Press Release
People's Republic of China: Financial Sector Assessment Program - Detailed Assessment of Observance of Basel Core Principles for Effective Banking Supervision, 26/12/2017 http://www.imf.org/~/media/Files/Publications/CR/2017/cr17403.ashx	IMF Country Reports
The China Banking Regulatory Commission (CBRC) has maintained its momentum in regulation and supervision in the face of exceptional growth in scale and increasing complexity of the banking system. Equally, the CBRC has risen to the demands of the international regulatory reform agenda, delivering timely revisions to its body of regulations and maturing its supervisory practices through investing in essential new skills, enhancing methodologies, and broadening its interactions with the industry. In this context, the clarity of supervisory requirements and expectations communicated to the industry is a strength of the CBRC. Recent organizational reforms, in 2015, building on other internal reforms, will serve the CBRC well in delivering its supervisory mandate. While pursuit of financial stability is recognized as fundamentally important, concerns must be acknowledged as to whether the CBRC would, in practice, always be able to act on its primary, stability, objective, especially if government policies, whether focused growth and expansion, or social protection, conflicted with prudential considerations.	
People's Republic of China: Financial Sector Assessment Program - Detailed Assessment of Observance of the Insurance Core Principles, 26/12/2017 http://www.imf.org/~/media/Files/Publications/CR/2017/cr17402.ashx	
The Chinese insurance sector is experiencing rapid growth, posing particular challenges to effective supervision. The sector has been growing by over 20 percent a year and there are ambitious government targets for further development. At the same time, slower economic growth and reduced investment returns are exposing many established life insurers to the risk of loss due to the rising value of their liabilities. While their customers continue to benefit from a dynamic market, there are risks to insurance companies' business models, performance and to solvency as well as risks of misconduct in the treatment of insurance customers. There are particular challenges for insurance supervisors to remain abreast of developing risks, while continuing to strengthen the regulatory and supervisory system for the longer term.	
People's Republic of China : Financial Sector Assessment Program- Detailed Assessment of Observance of the IOSCO Objectives and Principles of Securities Regulation, 26/12/2017 http://www.imf.org/~/media/Files/Publications/CR/2017/cr17404.ashx	
The authorities' vision of ensuring that the capital markets support China's transformation towards a more market-oriented economy has driven capital markets development and—as the authorities recognize—the regulation and supervision of the markets. In some areas the specific characteristics of the market combined with the vision of capital markets development have prompted the China Securities Regulatory	

Commission (CSRC), as the main regulator of the securities markets, to adopt different approaches to the regulation and supervision of the market than those adopted in other large markets. At times such an approach has encountered challenges and the balance between market development and stability has been difficult to strike. Moving to more market-based solutions should allow the markets to work more efficiently but this should be done in a carefully sequenced way.

4. SZANÁLÁS

FSB consults on methodology for assessing the implementation of the Key Attributes of Effective	FSB
Resolution Regimes in the insurance sector, 21/12/2017	Press Release
http://www.fsb.org/2017/12/key-attributes-assessment-methodology-for-the-insurance-sector-	
consultative-document/	

5. KÖLTSÉGVETÉSI POLITIKA, ADÓZÁS

Over 2600 bilateral relationships in place for the exchange of CRS information, 21/12/2017	OECD
http://www.oecd.org/tax/over-2500-bilateral-relationships-in-place-for-the-exchange-of-crs- nformation.htm	Press Release
Further progress made in implementation of BEPS measures against tax treaty abuse, 21/12/2017	OECD
http://www.oecd.org/tax/beps/further-progress-made-in-implementation-of-beps-measures-against-	Press Release
tax-treaty-abuse.htm	
ndebtedness in the EU: a drag or a catalyst for growth?, 21/12/2017	ECB
http://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/scpwps/ecb.wp2118.en.pdf	Working Paper
We study the relationship between debt and growth in EU countries in the years 1995-2015. We find evidence of a positive long-run relationship between private sector indebtedness and economic growth, and a negative relationship between public debt and long-run growth across EU countries. However, the more immediate impact of private sector debt on growth is found to be negative, and positive for the public sector debt. We find no conclusive evidence for a common debt threshold within EU countries, heither for the private nor for the public sector, but some indication of a non-linear effect of household debt.	
Keywords: debt, threshold, panel, European Union countries, cross-sectional dependence	
GDP-linked Bonds: Some Simulations on EU Countries, 21/12/2017	EU
https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/economy-finance/dp073_en.pdf	Discussion Pape
This paper explores some implications of GDP-linked bonds (GLBs), an instrument for national debt management that has recently sparked growing interest. Our results suggest significant potential benefits from GLBs in reducing debt uncertainties for all European economies. These benefits would be notably arge in countries characterised by medium-to-high debt, high macroeconomic volatility and limited alternative tools to smoothen shocks. A risk premium would not eliminate the debt-stabilisation benefits prought by GLBs. The fall in the probability of explosive debt paths could also reduce the premium	

can, however, be no substitute for pursuing sound economic and budgetary policies curbing national debts.	
Keywords: GDP-linked bonds, debt sustainability, sovereign risk	
Argentina : Selected Issues, 29/12/2017	IMF
http://www.imf.org/~/media/Files/Publications/CR/2017/cr17410.ashx	Country Report
Argentina's average tax wedge is the highest in Latin America and is comparable to that of OECD countries (IADB-OECD, 20162). However, Argentina does not have the fiscal space to cut the tax wedge for all workers. Against this background, this paper discusses whether there is a more efficient way of taxing labor that has a minimal cost in terms of foregone revenues.	
Income redistribution through taxes and transfers across OECD countries, 22/12/2017	OECD
http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/economics/income-redistribution-through-taxes-and-transfers-across- oecd-countries_bc7569c6-en	Working Paper
This paper produces a comprehensive assessment of income redistribution to the working-age population, covering OECD countries over the last two decades. The paper shows a widespread decline in redistribution across the OECD, both on average and in the majority of countries for which data going back to the mid-1990s are available. This was primarily associated with a decline in cash transfer redistribution while personal income taxes played a less important and more heterogeneous role across countries. In turn, the decline in the redistributive effect of cash transfers reflected a decline in their size and in particular by less redistributive insurance transfers. In some countries, this was mitigated by more redistributive assistance transfers but the resulting increase in the targeting of total transfers was not	
sufficient to prevent transfer redistribution from declining. Keywords :progressivity, redistribution, income inequality, taxes, transfers	

6. ÁLTALÁNOS GAZDASÁGPOLITIKA

Interview with Caixin Global	ECB
http://www.ecb.europa.eu/press/inter/date/2017/html/ecb.in171230.en.html	Interview
Interview with Benoît Cœuré , Member of the Executive Board of the ECB, conducted by Liwei Wang on 17 December and published on 30 December 2017	
IMF General Arrangements to Borrow to Lapse on December 25, 2018, 26/12/2017	IMF
http://www.imf.org/en/News/Articles/2017/12/26/pr17522-imf-general-arrangements-to-borrow-to-	Press Release
lapse-on-december-25-2018	
Related background policy paper:	
http://www.imf.org/~/media/Files/Publications/PP/2017/pp122617-general-arrangements-to-	
<u>borrow.ashx</u>	
ECB Economic Bulletin, 28/12/2017	ECB
http://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/ecbu/eb201708.en.pdf?9bf4b347036beba6a70f79d1271a2496	Publication
Contents:	
Overview of economic and monetary developments	
Boxes:	
What is driving metal prices?	
• Liquidity conditions and monetary policy operations in the period from 26 July to 31 October 2017	

 The recent strength of survey-based indicators: what does it tell us about the depth and breadth of real GDP growth? 	
• What can we learn from the ECB Survey of Professional Forecasters about perceptions of labour	
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 The oil market in the age of shale oil 	
 The impact of global value chains on the macroeconomic analysis of the euro area. 	
The employment consequences of SMEs' credit constraints in the wake of the Great Recession,	ECB
21/12/2017	Working Paper
http://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/scpwps/ecb.wp2117.en.pdf	
This article takes advantage of access to confidential matched bank-firm data relative to the Belgian	
economy to investigate how employment decisions of small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) have	
been affected by credit constraints in the wake of the Great Recession. Estimates suggest that SMEs borrowing money from pre-crisis less healthy banks were significantly more likely to be affected by a credit	
constraint and, in turn, to adjust their labour input downwards than pre-crisis clients of more healthy	
banks. Yet, findings also indicate that employment consequences of credit shortages have been essentially	
detrimental for SMEs experiencing a negative demand shock or facing severe product market competition.	
Finally, results show that credit-constrained SMEs adjusted their workforce significantly more at the	
extensive margin than their non-constrained counterparts, but also that they relied more intensively on	
temporary layoff schemes.	
Keywords: credit constraints, employment, matched bank-firm data, Belgium, Wage Dynamics Network	
(WDN)	
An Assessment of the 'Crédit d'Impôt pour la Compétitivité et l'Emploi' and the 'Pacte de Responsabilité	EU
et Solidarité', 22/12/2017 https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/economy-finance/eb032_en.pdf	Economic Brief
<u>inteps.//ec.eutopa.eu/into/sites/into/nies/economy-intance/ebosz_en.pur</u>	
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