



Interest rates benchmarks in the context of the EU framework

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A new risk free-rate: What the European Commission wants to achieve

The EU Commission is an observer in the working group on euro RFR, because work on an alternative risk-free rate is strategic

A seamless transition from EONIA into ESTER is a priority for the EU Commission

The EU Commission would support a publication of ESTER as soon as possible to facilitate the transition into the derivative markets

What about EURIBOR?

EURIBOR reform is crucial given the important role it plays in retail mortgages and consumer credit contracts

The EU Commission sees good prospects for a reformed EURIBOR.

An early authorisation of EURIBOR, e.g., by August 2019, would give certainty to market participants

Continuous participation in the EURIBOR panel is essential for authorisation

Developing a fall-back for EURIBOR remains crucial (art. 28.2 BMR)

Extension of the transitional period

The extended transitional period for critical benchmarks is now an amendment both in the ESA review and the low carbon benchmark proposal.

Both proposals are in co-decision:

- ***Council has not yet reached a general approach and***
- ***Parliament (ECON) not yet voted its report;***

No trilogue foreseen before early next year and the EP will break for elections in March 2019: timing is therefore tight and the future of the amendments is uncertain.