



# **Conference on Covered Bonds**

# 1 February 2016

European Commission Charlemagne Building Alcide de Gasperi room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) Rue de la Loi 170 1049 Brussels



9:00 - 9:20

# Opening speech - Lord Jonathan Hill

Commissioner for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union, European Commission

9:20 - 10:40

#### Session 1:

## Covered Bonds Markets - Analysis of Market Trends

Discuss the Commission's economic analysis of covered bond market trends (Part I of the Consultation Paper), in particular the following:

- Did pricing of covered bonds converge and diverge before and after 2007, respectively?
- Would divergence in secondary market pricing constitute an evidence of market fragmentation between covered bonds from different Member States?
- 3. What are the key drivers to covered bonds' market performance in primary and secondary markets?
- 4. Are there any significant legal or practical obstacles to cross-border investment in and issuance of covered bonds in the European Union?
- 5. Is there an appropriate alignment in the regulatory treatment between covered bonds and other collateralised instruments?

Chair:

Mr. John Berrigan

Deputy Director General, Directorate-General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union,

European Commission

Panellists:

Mr. Waleed Bahjat El-Amir

Chairman, ECBC and Head of Group

Finance, UniCredit

Ms. Cornelia Holthausen

Principal Adviser, Directorate-General

Market Operations, ECB

Ms. **Hélène M. Heberlein** Managing Director and Head of Covered Bonds, Fitch Ratings

Mr. **Richard Kemmish**Founder at Richard Kemmish
Consulting Limited

#### 10:40 - 11:10 Coffee break

## 11:10 - 12:30 Session 2:

A more integrated Covered Bond Framework? The investor's perspective

Discuss pros and cons of more integration in EU covered bond markets (Part II of the Consultation Paper):

- Would investors and issuers benefit from a more integrated market?
- What has the market done so far to encourage standardisation and transparency? Is it enough?
- 3. What else can be done? Would legislative measures help?

Chair: Ms. Mette Toftdal Grolleman

Member of the Cabinet of Commissioner Jonathan Hill

Panellists: Mr. Philipp Waldstein

Member of the Management Board,

MEAG

Mr. Luca Bertalot

Secretary General, European Mortgage Federation - European Covered Bond

Council

Ms. Ana Cortés González

Vice President and Portfolio Manager,

PIMCO

Mr. Agustín Martín

Head of European Credit Research,

**BBVA** 

### 14:00 - 15:10

#### Session 3:

# A more integrated Covered Bond Framework? Assessing the options

Discuss the policy options suggested in Part II of the CP.

- Key aspects of cover bond legislation. Is there a need for greater convergence? If so, in relation to what?
- Views on the EBA Report on covered bond frameworks.
   Is it necessary to enhance legislative standards in accordance with EBA recommendations?
- 3. Views on potential EU law on covered bonds: Would it help? What should it deal with? What about a 29<sup>th</sup> regime?

Chair: Mr. Mario Nava

Director for Regulation and prudential supervision of financial institutions, Directorate-General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union, European Commission

Panellists: Mr. Jesper Berg

Director General, Danish Financial

Supervisory Authority

Dr. Louis Hagen

Chairman of the Management Board, Münchener Hypothekenbank eG

Prof. Sergio Nasarre Aznar

Civil Law Professor and Director of the Housing Chair, University Rovira i Virgili

Mr Bruno Deletré

CEO of Crédit Foncier de France and

Chairman, CBMC

#### 15:10 - 16:20

#### Session 4:

# Elements for an integrated covered bond framework

- 1. Public supervision
- 2. Dual recourse and insolvency/resolution
- 3. The cover pool: coverage requirements; eligibility criteria; management of pool risks
- 4. Transparency

Chair: Mr. Klaus Wiedner

Head of Unit for Bank regulation and supervision, Directorate-General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union, European

Commission

Panellists: Ms. Jane Soldera

Vice President - Senior Credit Officer, Moody's Investors Service Ltd.

Mr. Adam Farkas

Executive Director, European Banking

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Mr. Kim Laustsen

Chief Analyst, Group Capital Management, Nykredit

Dr. **Alexander Metallinos**Partner, Karatzas & Partners

16:20 - 16:35

Closing remarks - Mr. John Berrigan

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