

Notification template for Article 131 of the Capital Requirements Directive (CRD) – Other Systemically Important Institutions (O-SIIs)

Template for notifying the European Central Bank (ECB) and the European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB) of the setting or resetting of an O-SII buffer under Article 131(7) CRD and of the identity of O-SIIs under Article 131(12) CRD

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1. Notifying national authority	
1.1 Name of the notifying authority	National Committee for Macroprudential Oversight (NCMO)
1.2 Country of the notifying authority	Romania
2. Description of the measure	
2.1a Institution or group of institutions concerned	<p>The NCMO assessed the Romanian banking system from the perspective of the systemic entities based on the information regarding the reference date September 30, 2024. The choice of this reference date is driven by the recent significant developments in the banking sector, specifically the acquisition of a systemic bank (OTP Bank Romania S.A.) by the largest bank in the Romanian banking sector (Banca Transilvania S.A.). The scores could only be calculated based on the consolidated FINREP reported by the acquiring bank as of the reference date, September 30, 2024, which became available during November 2024. Thus, OTP Bank Romania S.A. was included in the consolidation perimeter of Banca Transilvania S.A. as of the reference date September 30, 2024.</p> <p>The NCMO evaluation observed the best practices recommended by EBA, i.e. the <i>Final Peer Review Report on the peer review of the Guidelines on criteria to</i></p>

¹ Council Regulation (EU) No 1024/2013 of 15 October 2013 conferring specific tasks on the European Central Bank concerning policies relating to the prudential supervision of credit institutions (OJ L 287, 29.10.2013, p. 63).

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	<p><i>determine the conditions of application of Article 131(3) of Directive 2013/36/EU (CRD) in relation to the assessment of other systemically important institutions (O-SIIs) – November 2017 stating the following: “A best practice might be to use the year-end data of the year preceding the identification assessment of the systemic risk dimension, while allowing some flexibility for the use of other additional reference periods to account for structural changes to the composition of the banking system, to inform supervisory judgement or to account for year-end reference dates that may be of relevance to the jurisdiction”.</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="571 510 1455 1171"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name of institution</th> <th>LEI</th> <th>Cons</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Banca Transilvania S.A.</td> <td>549300RG3H390KE L8896</td> <td>Consolidated level</td> </tr> <tr> <td>UniCredit Bank S.A.</td> <td>5493003BDYD5VPG UQS04</td> <td>Sub-consolidated level</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Banca Comercială Română S.A.</td> <td>549300ORLU6LN5Y D8X90</td> <td>Sub-consolidated level</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BRD - Groupe Société Générale S.A.</td> <td>5493008QRHH0XCL J4238</td> <td>Sub-consolidated level</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Raiffeisen Bank S.A.</td> <td>549300RFKNCOX56 F8591</td> <td>Sub-consolidated level</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CEC Bank S.A.</td> <td>2138008AVF4W7F MW8W87</td> <td>Consolidated level</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Exim Banca Românească S.A.</td> <td>635400F6HLXKXNJ JX605</td> <td>Individual level</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name of institution	LEI	Cons	Banca Transilvania S.A.	549300RG3H390KE L8896	Consolidated level	UniCredit Bank S.A.	5493003BDYD5VPG UQS04	Sub-consolidated level	Banca Comercială Română S.A.	549300ORLU6LN5Y D8X90	Sub-consolidated level	BRD - Groupe Société Générale S.A.	5493008QRHH0XCL J4238	Sub-consolidated level	Raiffeisen Bank S.A.	549300RFKNCOX56 F8591	Sub-consolidated level	CEC Bank S.A.	2138008AVF4W7F MW8W87	Consolidated level	Exim Banca Românească S.A.	635400F6HLXKXNJ JX605	Individual level
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<p>4.2 Methodology and indicators used for designation of the O-SII (Article 131.3)</p>	<p>The methodology for identifying the systemic banks - which is implemented by the National Bank of Romania, as competent authority - is harmonized with <i>the EBA Guidelines on the criteria to determine the conditions of application of Article 131(3) of Directive 2013/36/EU (CRD) in relation to the assessment of other systemically important institutions (O-SIIs)</i>.</p> <p>The methodology employs two steps: 1) calculation of scores based on mandatory indicators recommended by the <i>EBA Guidelines on the criteria to determine the conditions of application of Article 131(3) of Directive 2013/36/EU (CRD) in relation to the assessment of other systemically important institutions (O- SIIs)</i>; 2) calculation of optional indicators (supervisory judgement).</p> <p>In the first step, the mandatory criteria and indicators are used, i.e.:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="571 1003 1447 1809"> <thead> <tr> <th>Criterion</th> <th>Indicator</th> <th>Value</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Size</td> <td>Total assets</td> <td>25%</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="3">Importance (including substitutability/financial infrastructure)</td> <td>Value of domestic payment transactions</td> <td>8.33%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Private sector deposits from depositors in the EU</td> <td>8.33%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Private sector loans to recipients in the EU</td> <td>8.33%</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="3">Complexity/cross-border activity</td> <td>Value of OTC derivatives (notional)</td> <td>8.33%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cross-jurisdictional liabilities</td> <td>8.33%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cross-jurisdictional claims</td> <td>8.33%</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="3">Interconnectedness</td> <td>Intra-financial system liabilities</td> <td>8.33%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Intra-financial system assets</td> <td>8.33%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Debt securities outstanding</td> <td>8.33%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>For all the evaluations performed in 2015 - 2024, the National Bank of Romania, as competent authority, has used the threshold of 275 basis points, based on discretions provided by the <i>EBA Guidelines on the criteria to determine the conditions of application of Article 131(3) of Directive 2013/36/EU (CRD) in relation to the assessment of other systemically important institutions (O- SIIs)</i>. The threshold of 275 basis points takes into account the specificities of the</p>	Criterion	Indicator	Value	Size	Total assets	25%	Importance (including substitutability/financial infrastructure)	Value of domestic payment transactions	8.33%	Private sector deposits from depositors in the EU	8.33%	Private sector loans to recipients in the EU	8.33%	Complexity/cross-border activity	Value of OTC derivatives (notional)	8.33%	Cross-jurisdictional liabilities	8.33%	Cross-jurisdictional claims	8.33%	Interconnectedness	Intra-financial system liabilities	8.33%	Intra-financial system assets	8.33%	Debt securities outstanding	8.33%
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Romanian banking sector and the resulting statistical distribution of the scores, thereby ensuring the homogeneity of the group of designated O-SIIs.

Six out of seven systemically important institutions listed in the Section 2.1a. were identified using the mandatory indicators recommended by the *EBA Guidelines on the criteria to determine the conditions of application of Article 131(3) of Directive 2013/36/EU (CRD) in relation to the assessment of other systemically important institutions (O-SIIs)*, as follows: **Banca Transilvania, UniCredit Bank, Banca Comercială Română, BRD - Groupe Société Générale S.A., Raiffeisen Bank and CEC Bank.**

In order to calculate the mandatory indicators, the harmonized definitions are used according the specifications in Table 2 of Annex 1 in the *EBA Guidelines on the criteria to determine the conditions of application of Article 131(3) of Directive 2013/36/EU (CRD) in relation to the assessment of other systemically important institutions (O-SIIs)* based on FINREP reports compiled according the implementing technical standard on an EU-wide common supervisory reporting framework.

The highest level of consolidation was used for compilation of the mandatory indicators.

The evaluation performed by the NBR, as competent authority, comprised all the credit institutions operating in Romania. The names and scores of institutions included in the current evaluation, which are based on financial reports for September 30, 2024, are listed below:

Banca Transilvania S.A. – 2187 basis points
UniCredit Bank S.A. – 1450 basis points
Banca Comercială Română S.A. – 1392 basis points
BRD - Groupe Société Générale S.A. – 1300 basis points
Raiffeisen Bank S.A. – 833 basis points
ING Bank N.V., Amsterdam – Bucharest branch – 689 basis points
C.E.C. Bank S.A. – 624 basis points
Exim Banca Românească S.A. - 263 basis points
ALPHA BANK ROMANIA S.A. – 244 basis points
Citibank Europe plc, Dublin - Romania branch – 243 basis points
GARANTI BANK S.A. – 188 basis points
VISTA BANK S.A. – 123 basis points
LIBRA INTERNET BANK S.A. – 103 basis points
BANCA COMERCIALĂ INTESA SANPAOLO ROMANIA S.A. – 86 basis points
FIRST BANK S.A. – 65 basis points
Patria Bank S.A. – 42 basis points
Credit Europe Bank S.A. – 33 basis points
ProCredit Bank S.A. – 31 basis points
BNP Paribas Paris – Bucharest branch – 28 basis points
BANQUE BANORIENT FRANCE S.A. - Romania branch – 20 basis points
TBI Bank EAD Sofia - Bucharest branch – 15 basis points
CREDITCOOP – 12 basis points
BNP Paribas Personal Finance SA Paris - Bucharest branch – 10 basis points
Tech Ventures Bank – 6 basis points
BANCA ROMÂNĂ DE CREDITE SI INVESTIȚII S.A. – 5 basis points
CREDEX (former Porsche Bank S.A.) – 2 basis points
Bank of China - Bucharest branch – 1 basis points
Alior Bank S.A. Varşovia (the branch has notified its closure until December, 31, 2024) – 0 basis points

No credit institution was excluded from the evaluation process. The evaluation comprised individual (solo) credit institutions and banking groups.

	<p>Only the non-bank institutions that are part in the banking groups have been included in the calculations. The independent non-bank institutions were not included in the assessment.</p>
<p>4.3 Supervisory judgement</p>	<p>The methodology employed by the National Bank of Romania, as competent authority, comprises the following indicators in the second step of evaluation (supervisory judgement):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The contribution of the credit institution to finance the real economy, calculated by the volume of loans to nonfinancial companies and the substitution degree of lending to nonfinancial companies; b) The contribution of the credit institution to financial intermediation, calculated by the volume of deposits from households and nonfinancial companies; c) The activity of the credit institution on the interbank market and quantifying the contagion effects; d) Assessment of systemically important institutions in the ReGIS payment system; e) Contagion vulnerability from the parent to subsidiary banks through the common lender channel (home country capital). <p>Consistency of results between the first step of evaluation (calculation of scores based on mandatory indicators) and the second step of evaluation (supervisory judgement) is achieved by using a minimum threshold of 2.75% for the optional indicators, which is equivalent to 275 basis points threshold set for the first step of analysis.</p> <p>The above mentioned criteria can be found in the list of indicators mentioned in Annex 2 - Optional indicators in the <i>EBA Guidelines on the criteria to determine the conditions of application of Article 131(3) of Directive 2013/36/EU (CRD) in relation to the assessment of other systemically important institutions (O-SIIs)</i>, namely: private sector loans; retail deposits, corporate deposits; interbank claims and/or liabilities; payment services provided to market participants or others; potential contagion through entities in conglomerate/shareholders.</p> <p>The evaluation performed based on the optional indicators (supervisory judgement), which includes quantitative and qualitative analyses, identified Exim Banca Românească S.A. as having a systemic character based on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The contribution of the credit institution to finance the real economy, calculated by the volume of loans to nonfinancial companies and the substitution degree of lending to nonfinancial companies – Exim Banca Românească S.A. is systemic for the reference date Q3 2024 (5.63%); b) The contribution of the credit institution to financial intermediation, calculated by the volume of deposits from households and nonfinancial companies – Exim Banca Românească S.A. is systemic for the reference date Q3 2024 (2.98%).
<p>4.4 Calibrating the O-SII buffer</p>	<p>The level of the O-SII buffer was set in accordance with the provisions of the Article 131 (5) and (8) of the <i>DIRECTIVE (EU) 2019/878 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 20 May 2019 amending Directive 2013/36/EU as regards exempted entities, financial holding companies, mixed</i></p>

financial holding companies, remuneration, supervisory measures and powers and capital conservation measures (CRD V), stipulating the followings:

(5) The competent authority or the designated authority may require each O-SII, on a consolidated, sub-consolidated or individual basis, as applicable, to maintain an O-SII buffer of up to 3% of the total risk exposure amount calculated in accordance with Article 92(3) of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013, taking into account the criteria for the identification of the O-SII. That buffer shall consist of Common Equity Tier 1 capital;

(8) Without prejudice to Article 133 and paragraph 5 of this Article, where an O-SII is a subsidiary of either a G-SII or an O-SII which is either an institution or a group headed by an EU parent institution, and subject to an O-SII buffer on a consolidated basis, the buffer that applies on an individual or sub-consolidated basis for the O-SII shall not exceed the lower of:

(a) the sum of the higher of the G-SII or the O-SII buffer rate applicable to the group on a consolidated basis and 1% of the total risk exposure amount calculated in accordance with Article 92(3) of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013; and

(b) 3% of the total risk exposure amount calculated in accordance with Article 92(3) of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013, or the rate the Commission has authorised to be applied to the group on a consolidated basis in accordance with paragraph 5a of this Article;

Four out of the seven identified systemically important banks in Romania based on the financial reports for September 2024 are subsidiaries of foreign banks from other Member States (IT - UniCredit Bank, AT – Banca Comercială Română, Raiffeisen Bank and FR – BRD - Groupe Société Générale), which were identified as G-SIIs/O-SIIs and have to maintain an G-SII/O-SII buffer at consolidated level. Thus, according to the information published on the ESRB website, the G-SII/O-SII buffer applicable in 2024/2025 to the mother banks having subsidiaries operating in Romania, which were identified as O-SII-s in Romania, is the following:

- (i) G-SII buffer of 1% and O-SII buffer of 1.5% for Italian bank UniCredit SpA;
- (ii) O-SII buffer of 1.75% for Austrian banks Erste Group Bank and Raiffeisen Bank International AG;
- (iii) G-SII buffer of 1% and O-SII buffer of 1% for the French bank Société Generale Group.

The level of the O-SII buffer applicable to the subsidiaries in Romania of the above mentioned banks takes into account the provisions of Article 131 (5) and (8) of CRD V.

The level of the O-SII buffer was calibrated according to the systemic importance of each credit institution, i.e. according to the score calculated in the first evaluation stage (consisting in determining the mandatory indicators recommended by the European Banking Authority), taking into account the characteristics of the national banking sector and the structure of the systemic banks group. The range of values related to the scores obtained by banks in the calculation of the mandatory indicators recommended by EBA is divided into six buckets with an equal value of 500 basis points, to which the values of the O-SII buffer are assigned in ascending order depending on the systemic importance of the institutions, in percentage steps equal to 0.5 percentage points (from 0.5% to 3%), as follows:

Buckets	Limits (min, max) (basis points)	O-SII buffer (% of total risk exposure amount)
1	275 – 500	0.5%
2	501 – 1000	1%
3	1001 – 1500	1.5%
4	1501- 2000	2%
5	2001 – 2500	2.5%

	6	More than 2500	3%
	<p>The setting of intervals used in the calibration was based on the following principles: (i) ensuring a proportional length of the intervals, (ii) symmetrical division of the distribution of historical scores and (iii) setting consistent capital requirements between the two regulatory frameworks, CRD IV and CRD V.</p> <p>The calibration of the O-SII buffer is adapted to the characteristics of the national banking sector and ensures the correlation between the degree of systemic importance of the institution, on the one hand, and the additional capital requirement applicable to it, on the other hand, while having the following strengths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the proposed calibration ensures a high degree of predictability of the calibration methodology and objectivity in the interval design; (ii) the design of intervals took into account the historical data represented by the scores obtained by banks; (iii) given that the historical distribution contains more values at the bottom than at the top, the 30-30-30-10 division implies a more equitable correlation between the score obtained and the level of the attributable O-SII buffer; (iv) the presence of two intervals having values higher than the maximum historic score ensures that, in the context in which the process of concentration of the Romanian banking sector is expected to continue in the future, institutions that will increase their systemic footprint may have higher requirements than at the present moment; (v) in choosing the value of the O-SII buffer for each interval, account was also taken of ensuring an efficient transition between the structural buffer applicable under CRD IV and that of CRD V, given the current economic conditions characterized by high inflationary pressures, geopolitical instability, supply chain disruptions and limited fiscal space; (vi) the chosen calibration methodology represents the optimal option for the implementation of the three mentioned principles. 		
<p>4.5 Effectiveness and proportionality of measure</p>	<p>The use of the O-SII buffer as a macroprudential instrument is effective in achieving the intermediate objective of "limiting the systemic impact of misaligned incentives with a view to reducing moral hazard", contributing to strengthening the resilience of large institutions which promotes the consolidation of the resilience of the financial system as a whole.</p> <p>The business decisions at an institution level have the objective to maximize profits, but negative externalities may occur for both the real economy and the banking sector as a whole. The objectives of imposing additional capital requirements for systemically important institutions consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) increasing their capacity to absorb losses, with positive effects on lowering the systemic risk generated by the size of institutions, i.e. the likelihood of facing financial difficulties or lower the severity of their potential negative impact. From this perspective, the O-SII buffer may prove effective; (ii) correcting the advantages that the entities considered "too big to fail" enjoy due to implicit government guarantees. Therefore, the O-SII buffer may be accounted as a proportional measure as it ensures an equal treatment for all banks in the domestic market. <p>The macroprudential instrument consisting in higher capital requirements for the systemically important institutions (O-SII buffer) takes into account the structural dimension of systemic risk, i.e. the distribution of risk in the financial system. In the case of large institutions, the systemic risk arises from asset size and varies insignificantly over the economic cycle.</p>		

	<p>In Romania, the group of systemically important institutions (i) holds 78.9% of total assets of the Romanian banking sector as of September 2024, (ii) provides the bulk of financial services for the real economy: 75.9% of the stock of loans, 76.7% of the deposits from households and companies, 64.1% of payment transactions, (iii) considering the complexity criterion, they trade 92.9% of derivatives in OTC markets, hold 95.4% of total cross-jurisdictional claims and 74.3% of total cross-jurisdictional liabilities of the banking sector, and (iv) considering the interconnectedness criterion, they provide 78.4% of the intra-financial system assets and use 72.8% of intra-financial system liabilities, issuing 99.2% of total debt securities outstanding.</p>
5. Sufficiency, consistency and non-overlap of the policy response	
<p>5.1 Sufficiency of the policy response</p>	<p>According to the <i>ESRB Recommendation of 4 April 2013 on intermediate objectives and instruments of macro-prudential policy</i> (ESRB/2013/1), the O-SII buffer is the only macroprudential instrument which is recommended to be used by the national designated authorities in achieving the intermediate objective of "limiting the systemic impact of misaligned incentives with a view to reducing moral hazard".</p> <p>In Romania, starting with January 2022, the level of the O-SII buffer was calibrated according to the systemic importance of each credit institution. Therefore, there is an equitable correlation between the score obtained by the systemic banks and the level of the attributable O-SII buffer.</p> <p>In the light of these arguments, the policy response regarding implementation of the macroprudential instrument applicable to the systemic banks may be considered as being sufficient.</p>
<p>5.2 Consistency of application of the policy response</p>	<p>The O-SII buffer is used in achieving the intermediate objective of "limiting the systemic impact of misaligned incentives with a view to reducing moral hazard" in accordance with the provisions of <i>ESRB Recommendation of 4 April 2013 on intermediate objectives and instruments of macro-prudential policy</i> (ESRB/2013/1). The use of the macroprudential instrument represented by the O-SII buffer will contribute to strengthening the resilience of large institutions which promotes the consolidation of the resilience of the financial system as a whole.</p> <p>In Romania, the O-SII buffer has been implemented since 2016.</p>
<p>5.3 Non-overlap of the policy response</p>	<p>There is no other macroprudential policy instruments used to address the structural risk represented by the size of the systemic banks.</p> <p>Other macroprudential instruments address different identified risks, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the countercyclical capital buffer (CCyB) – the buffer is designed to counter procyclicality in the financial system, by dampening excessive credit growth during the upswing of the financial cycle and providing capital reserves in case of a downturn. - Pillar II capital requirements – this instrument is institution – specific, being intended to counterbalance the risks assumed in the banking activity specific to each institution (credit risk, operational risk, market risk, currency risk, legal risk etc.). The Pillar II requirements tackle risks from a microprudential perspective. - the systemic risk buffer (SyRB) – the buffer is intended to improve the quality of the balance sheet of the credit institutions in terms of curbing the NPL ratio and increasing the coverage ratio.
6. Cross-border and cross-sector impact of the measure	

<p>6.1 Assessment of cross-border effects and the likely impact on the Internal Market (Recommendation ESRB/2015/2³)</p>	<p>The higher capital requirements following the implementation of the O-SII buffer will increase the resilience of systemically important banks in Romania, which will positively affect both (i) the stability of the financial system and the real economy at a domestic level and (ii) the soundness of the international banking groups at consolidated level.</p> <p>With respect to the impact on the internal market, 93.18% of total exposures in the balance sheet of the Romanian banks as of Q3 2024 are of a domestic nature. Moreover, 90.17% of exposures to household and non-financial companies come from domestic debtors. The Romanian banking sector has a relatively modest importance on the foreign markets in terms of both assets and cross-border loans. Direct cross-border loans and through branches account for approximately 6.23% of the total loans in the balance sheet of the Romanian banking sector, most of them being loans granted to other financial institutions (only 0.27% of total loans are cross border loans granted to household and non-financial companies). Moreover, these figures become insignificant when compared to the European banking sector (according the latest available figures – Consolidated Banking Data - the share of the Romanian banking sector in the total assets of the Euro Zone banking sector was only 0.5% as of Q3 2024). Under these circumstances, our assessment is that the above-mentioned measure has little potential to generate significant cross-border effects via the risk adjustment spillover channel. In addition, we have to mention that four out of seven systemically important banks in Romania are subsidiaries of large EU foreign banks, that are G-SIIs or O-SIIs in their home countries and therefore they are subject to G-SII/O-SII buffers. By implementing the O-SII buffer at the level of the subsidiaries in Romania, a level playing field is ensured both domestically and at the EU level. In the case of subsidiaries of foreign banks, the level of O-SII was set considering the provisions of CRD V and was correlated with the capital requirements applicable to the mother banks in the home countries.</p> <p>As the capitalization of large Romanian banks is adequate, the implementation of the O-SII buffer will not require new capital contributions from the shareholders. Even though the O-SII buffer is in place, the banks will still have enough capital reserves to be able to resume lending to the real economy in a sustainable manner.</p>												
<p>6.2 Assessment of leakages and regulatory arbitrage within the notifying Member State</p>	<p>The scope for leakages and regulatory arbitrage is expected to be limited as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the capital requirements consisting in the O-SII buffer should be maintained at the highest level of consolidation (i.e. at consolidated, sub-consolidated or individual level, as applicable) therefore preventing the shifts of activities within groups; (ii) the bulk of banking activity concentrates on domestic counterparties; <p>The capitalization of large banks is adequate; hence the institutions are not bound to reduce or transfer their activities.</p>												
<p>7. Combinations and interactions with other measures</p>													
<p>7.1 Combinations between G-SII and O-SII buffers (Article 131.14)</p>	<p>The NCMO has not identified any institutions as G-SIIs within its jurisdiction.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="571 1541 1437 1686"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="571 1541 922 1585">Name of institution</th> <th data-bbox="922 1541 1209 1585">O-SII buffer</th> <th data-bbox="1209 1541 1437 1585">G-SII buffer</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="571 1585 922 1619"></td> <td data-bbox="922 1585 1209 1619" style="text-align: center;">%</td> <td data-bbox="1209 1585 1437 1619" style="text-align: center;">%</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="571 1619 922 1653"></td> <td data-bbox="922 1619 1209 1653" style="text-align: center;">%</td> <td data-bbox="1209 1619 1437 1653" style="text-align: center;">%</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="571 1653 922 1686"></td> <td data-bbox="922 1653 1209 1686" style="text-align: center;">%</td> <td data-bbox="1209 1653 1437 1686" style="text-align: center;">%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name of institution	O-SII buffer	G-SII buffer		%	%		%	%		%	%
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<p>7.2 Combinations with systemic risk buffers (SyRBs) (Article 131.15 CRD)</p>	<p>Currently, a systemic risk buffer (SyRB) is applicable to all Romanian credit institutions, in order to strengthen the resistance to shocks of the financial infrastructure. Therefore, all the systemically important institutions are subject to a systemic risk buffer requirement.</p> <p>The level of the systemic risk buffer is set at 0 percent, 1 percent or 2 percent, according to the 12 months’ average of the non-performing loans ratio and the</p>												

³ Recommendation of the European Systemic Risk Board of 15 December 2015 on the assessment of cross-border effects of and voluntary reciprocity for macroprudential policy measures (ESRB/2015/3) (OJ C 97, 12.3.2016, p. 9).

coverage ratio of NPL with provisions reported by each individual credit institution, in accordance with the methodology established in the implementation process of the SyRB:

Non-performing loans ratio	Coverage ratio of NPL with provisions	Buffer rate (% of CET1 capital applied to total RWA)
< 5%	> 55%	0%
> 5%	> 55%	1%
< 5%	< 55%	1%
> 5%	< 55%	2%

The rationale behind these two indicators, the NPL and coverage ratio, lies on the need to support the credit risk management, since an increase in the stock of NPLs can have considerable negative effects on the performance of the banking activities.

The SyRB is applicable to all exposures. Both O-SII buffer and SyRB apply to highest level of consolidation. Once with the entrance into force into the national legislation of CRD V's provisions, the rates of the sum of the O-SII buffer and SyRB is applicable to systemically important banks.

Given that the highest O-SII buffer is 2.5% and the highest SyRB level is 2%, the sum between the SyRB and O-SII buffer rate is below 5% for all credit institutions identified as systemically important.

For Q1-Q2 2025 the level of SyRB and O-SII buffer stand as follows:

Name of institution	SyRB rate	SyRB application level	Sum of G-SII/O-SII and SyRB rates
Banca Transilvania S.A.	0%	Consolidated	2.5%
UniCredit Bank S.A.	0%	Sub-consolidated	1.5%
Banca Comercială Română S.A.	0%	Sub-consolidated	1.5%
BRD - Groupe Société Générale S.A.	0%	Sub-consolidated	1.5%
Raiffeisen Bank S.A.	0%	Sub-consolidated	1%
CEC Bank S.A.	1%	Individual	2%
Exim Banca Românească S.A.	1%	Consolidated	1.5%

7.3 O-SII requirement for a subsidiary (Article 131.8 CRD)	The cap for the Romanian credit institutions subsidiaries of EU parent institutions subject to a G-SII or O-SII buffer on a consolidated basis does not prevent the implementation of a higher O-SII buffer based on the domestic buffer setting methodology, in accordance with the provisions of the Article 131(8) of CRD V.		
	Name of O-SII subsidiary	Name of the EU parent of the O-SII subsidiary	Buffer applicable to O-SII EU parent
	UniCredit Bank S.A.	UniCredit Group	1.5%
	Banca Comercială Română S.A.	Erste Group Bank AG	1.75%
	BRD - Groupe Société Générale S.A.	Group Société Générale	1%
	Raiffeisen Bank S.A.	Raiffeisen Bank International AG	1.75%
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8.2 Any other relevant information	N/A		
8.3 Date of the notification	17/12/2024		