

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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The ESRB will forward this notification to the European Commission, to the European Banking Authority (EBA) and to the competent and designated authorities of the Member States concerned without delay and will publicly disclose the names of the O-SIIs on its website. This notification will be made public by the ESRB once the relevant authorities have adopted and published the notified macroprudential measure².

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1.1 Name of the notifying authority	Komisja Nadzoru Finansowego (KNF)																			
1.2 Country of the notifying authority	Poland																			
2. Description of the measure																				
2.1a Institution or group of institutions concerned	<p>Based on data available as of 31 December 2024, 10 Polish legal entities were identified as O-SIIs. The names and LEI code of them are as following. The O-SII buffer is applicable at the highest level of consolidation.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name of institution</th><th>LEI</th><th>Consolidation level</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Powszechna Kasa Oszczędności Bank Polski SA</td><td>P4GTT6GF1W40CVIMFR43</td><td>consolidated and individual level</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bank Polska Kasa Opieki SA</td><td>5493000LKS7B3UTF7H35</td><td>consolidated and individual level</td></tr> <tr> <td>mBank SA</td><td>259400DZXF7UJKK2AY35</td><td>consolidated and individual level</td></tr> <tr> <td>Santander Bank Polska SA</td><td>259400LGXW3K0GDAG361</td><td>consolidated and individual level</td></tr> <tr> <td>ING Bank Śląski SA</td><td>259400YLRTOBISHBVX41</td><td>consolidated and individual level</td></tr> </tbody> </table>		Name of institution	LEI	Consolidation level	Powszechna Kasa Oszczędności Bank Polski SA	P4GTT6GF1W40CVIMFR43	consolidated and individual level	Bank Polska Kasa Opieki SA	5493000LKS7B3UTF7H35	consolidated and individual level	mBank SA	259400DZXF7UJKK2AY35	consolidated and individual level	Santander Bank Polska SA	259400LGXW3K0GDAG361	consolidated and individual level	ING Bank Śląski SA	259400YLRTOBISHBVX41	consolidated and individual level
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In the stage 2 (referring to 4.3), the score of the identified O-SIIs is the following:

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Powszechna Kasa Oszczędności SA	1 928	1 723	1 604	1 959	1 804
Santander Bank Polska SA	1 113	1 078	1 806	1 288	1 321
Bank Polska Kasa Opieki SA	1 223	1 257	805	1 324	1 152
ING Bank Śląski SA	953	1 084	1 624	804	1 116
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BNP Paribas Bank Polska SA	613	621	790	611	659
Bank Handlowy w Warszawie SA	273	515	766	403	489
Bank Millennium SA	509	557	350	445	465
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<p>5.2 Consistency of application of the policy response</p>	<p>The O-SII buffers contribute to fulfilling objective 2(e) of ESRB 2013/1 to “Strengthen the resilience of financial infrastructures”. The consistency of application of the policy response is realized by applying one methodology on all banks and by annual review. In line with the methodology, the buffer rates depend on the O-SII scores, which represent the relevance of the institutions and their impact on the financial sector.</p>																											

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