

## 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 measure<sup>2</sup>.

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1. Notifying national authority			
<b>1.1 Name of the notifying authority</b>	Financial Market Authority (FMA)		
<b>1.2 Country of the notifying authority</b>	Liechtenstein		
2. Description of the measure			
<b>2.1a Institution or group of institutions concerned</b>	<b>Name of institution</b>	<b>LEI</b>	<b>Consolidation level</b>
	LGT Bank AG	5493009EIBTCB1X12G89	Highest Level
	Liechtensteinische Landesbank AG	5299000E1FOAM50XLP72	Highest Level
	VP Bank AG	MI3TLH1I0D58ORE24Q14	Highest Level

<sup>1</sup> 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).

<sup>2</sup> On request by the notifying authority, it may be agreed with the Head of the ESRB Secretariat that this notification, or a part thereof, should not be published for reasons of confidentiality or financial stability.

<b>2.1b Changes to the list of institutions concerned</b>	<p>Please indicate under 2.1a any changes to the list as compared to the last notification, and provide an explanation, if applicable.</p> <p>No changes as compared to last notification.</p>																					
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<b>3.3 Disclosure</b>	<p>Information about the strategy for if the communicating the notified measure to the market.</p> <p>The results of the O-SII analysis are published on the website of the FMA Liechtenstein.</p> <p><a href="https://www.fma-li.li/de/aufsicht/finanzstabilitat-und-makroprudenzielle-aufsicht/ausschuss-fur-finanzmarktstabilitat/risikohinweise-und-empfehlungen.html">https://www.fma-li.li/de/aufsicht/finanzstabilitat-und-makroprudenzielle-aufsicht/ausschuss-fur-finanzmarktstabilitat/risikohinweise-und-empfehlungen.html</a></p>																					

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<b>4.1 Scores of institutions or group of institutions concerned, as per EBA guidelines on the assessment of O-SIIs (Article 131.3 CRD)</b>	Please list here the names, overall scores and category scores of the O-SIIs identified based on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. size;</li> <li>b. importance for the economy of the relevant Member State or the Union, capturing substitutability/financial institution infrastructure;</li> <li>c. complexity, including the additional complexities from cross-border activity;</li> <li>d. interconnectedness of the institution or (sub-)group with the financial system.</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="571 1028 1445 1413"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name of institution</th> <th>Size</th> <th>Substitutability</th> <th>Complexity</th> <th>Interconnectedness</th> <th>Overall Score</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>LGT Bank AG</td> <td>5'268</td> <td>3'207</td> <td>6'194</td> <td>6'292</td> <td>5'240</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Liechtensteinische Landesbank AG</td> <td>2'490</td> <td>3'093</td> <td>2'130</td> <td>2'166</td> <td>2'470</td> </tr> <tr> <td>VP Bank AG</td> <td>1'429</td> <td>1'964</td> <td>1'217</td> <td>1'178</td> <td>1'447</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Please provide other relevant information (indicator values, methodology, calculations and formulas, data sources, information set used for denominators) in a separate Excel file.</p>	Name of institution	Size	Substitutability	Complexity	Interconnectedness	Overall Score	LGT Bank AG	5'268	3'207	6'194	6'292	5'240	Liechtensteinische Landesbank AG	2'490	3'093	2'130	2'166	2'470	VP Bank AG	1'429	1'964	1'217	1'178	1'447																								
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<p><b>4.3 Supervisory judgement</b></p>	<p>Have any of the institutions listed in 2.1 been identified by applying supervisory judgement as laid down in EBA guidelines on the assessment of O-SIIs? If yes, please list the respective institutions and provide information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. which of the optional indicators have been used to justify the supervisory assessment decisions, if any, and what the scores were;</li> <li>b. why these optional indicators are relevant for the Member State;</li> <li>c. why the bank is systemically important in terms of those particular optional indicators.</li> </ul> <p>None of the institutions listed were identified by applying supervisory judgement.</p>															
<p><b>4.4 Calibrating the O-SII buffer</b></p>	<p>Please provide information on the criteria and indicators used to calibrate the level of the O-SII buffer requirement and the mapping to institution-specific buffer requirements.</p> <p>With regard to the calibration methodology, the FMA has defined three buckets with different buffer rates depending on the score. The categories differentiate the institutions according to their level of systemic importance depending on the respective score. Each identified institution has to hold an O-SII buffer of at least 1 %. Currently, all of the three identified O-SIIs are allocated to Bucket 1, i.e. signalling “very strong” systemic importance.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="558 896 1458 1097"> <thead> <tr> <th>Scores</th> <th>Category</th> <th>O-SII Buffer</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0 – 349</td> <td>No systemic relevance</td> <td>–</td> </tr> <tr> <td>350 – 674</td> <td>Bucket 3 – considerable systemic importance</td> <td>1.0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>675 – 999</td> <td>Bucket 2 – strong systemic importance</td> <td>1.5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>≥ 1000</td> <td>Bucket 1 – very strong systemic importance</td> <td>2.0%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Scores	Category	O-SII Buffer	0 – 349	No systemic relevance	–	350 – 674	Bucket 3 – considerable systemic importance	1.0%	675 – 999	Bucket 2 – strong systemic importance	1.5%	≥ 1000	Bucket 1 – very strong systemic importance	2.0%
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<p><b>4.5 Effectiveness and proportionality of measure</b></p>	<p>Please provide a justification for why the O-SII buffer is considered likely to be effective and proportionate to mitigate the risk.</p> <p>The impact of the failure of a systemic bank on the domestic financial sector and the real economy is much larger than the impact of the failure of a non-systemic bank. By increasing the loss-absorbing capacity of systemic institutions, the probability of default is significantly reduced. Due to the large size of Liechtenstein’s O-SIIs relative to the domestic economy, we assess the applied O-SII buffers as being important for safeguarding financial stability.</p>															
<p><b>5. Sufficiency, consistency and non-overlap of the policy response</b></p>																
<p><b>5.1 Sufficiency of the policy response</b></p>	<p>For a macroprudential policy to be ‘sufficient’, the policy responses must be deemed to significantly mitigate, or reduce the build-up of, risks over an appropriate time horizon with a limited unintended impact on the general economy.</p> <p>Note that the ESRB will use the assessment of the macroprudential stance as relevant input in assessing the sufficiency of the macroprudential policy in the Member State.</p> <p>Please provide any additional information that the ESRB should consider in assessing the sufficiency of the policy response.</p> <p>The identification process of O-SIIs in Liechtenstein is based on the EBA guidelines (EBA/GL/2014/10). No supervisory judgement is applied. The bucketing approach with different buffer rates should consider differences in the degree of systemic importance. The measures taken are assessed to be sufficient.</p>															

<p><b>5.2 Consistency of application of the policy response</b></p>	<p>For a macroprudential policy to be 'consistent', the policy instruments meet their respective objectives, as outlined in ESRB/2013/1<sup>3</sup>, and must be implemented in accordance with the common principles set out in the relevant legal texts.</p> <p>Note that the ESRB assessment of consistency will consider whether the same systemic risks are addressed in a similar way across and within the Member States over time.</p> <p>Please provide any additional information that the ESRB should consider in assessing the consistency of the policy response.</p> <p>The application of an O-SII buffer is both time and cross-country consistent.</p>
<p><b>5.3 Non-overlap of the policy response</b></p>	<p>For a policy instrument to be 'non-overlapping', it should aim to address a systemic risk that either differs from a risk addressed by other active tools in the same Member State, or be complementary to another tool in that Member State which addresses the same systemic risk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Are other policy instruments used to address the <u>same</u> systemic risk?</li> <li>- If yes, please explain the need for more than one instrument to address the same systemic risk and how the different instruments interact with each other.</li> </ul> <p>No other active instrument addresses the same systemic risks. An analysis and update of the SyRB has taken place to account for potential overlaps.</p>
<p><b>6. Cross-border and cross-sector impact of the measure</b></p>	
<p><b>6.1 Assessment of cross-border effects and the likely impact on the Internal Market (Recommendation ESRB/2015/2<sup>4</sup>)</b></p>	<p>Assessment of the cross-border effects of implementation of the measure.</p> <p>a. Assessment of the spillover channels operating via risk adjustment and regulatory arbitrage. The relevant indicators provided in Chapter 11 of the ESRB Handbook on Operationalising Macroprudential Policy in the Banking Sector<sup>5</sup> and the <a href="#">Framework to assess cross-border spillover effects of macroprudential policies</a> of the ECB Task Force on cross-border spillover effects of macroprudential measures can be used.</p> <p>b. Assessment of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o cross-border effects of implementation of the measure in your own jurisdiction (inward spillovers);</li> <li>o cross-border effects on other Member States and on the Single Market of the measure (outward spillovers);</li> <li>o overall impact on the Single Market of implementation of the measure.</li> </ul> <p>The measure applies to Liechtenstein banks at the consolidated level.</p> <p>Theoretically, there could be an impact on individuals or companies outside of Liechtenstein through cross-border credits or exposures of subsidiaries and branches. However, given the current capitalisation of the identified banks – well above the regulatory requirements, including buffers – the FMA expects the impact to be very low (or even inexistent).</p>

<sup>3</sup> Recommendation of the European Systemic Risk Board of 4 April 2013 on intermediate objectives and instruments of macro-prudential policy (ESRB/2013/1) (OJ C 170, 15.6.2013, p. 1)

<sup>4</sup> 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).

<sup>5</sup> Available on the ESRB's website at [www.esrb.europa.eu](http://www.esrb.europa.eu).

<p><b>6.2 Assessment of leakages and regulatory arbitrage within the notifying Member State</b></p>	<p>Referring to your Member State's specific characteristics, what is the scope for "leakages and regulatory arbitrage" in your own jurisdiction (i.e. circumvention of the measure/leakages to other parts of the financial sector)?</p> <p>Is there scope for "leakages and regulatory arbitrage" in other jurisdictions?</p> <p>Since the buffer is applied at the consolidated level, jurisdictional shifts of activities within the banking groups due to regulatory arbitrage are impossible. Additionally, given the high capitalisation of the identified institutions, the incentives to circumvent the measures are very limited</p>																																				
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<p><b>7.3 O-SII requirement for a subsidiary (Article 131.8 CRD)</b></p>	<p>If the O-SII is a subsidiary of an EU parent institution subject to a G-SII or O-SII buffer on a consolidated basis, what is the G-SII or O-SII buffer rate on a consolidated basis of the parent institution?</p> <p>Does the cap for the subsidiary prevent the implementation of a higher O-SII buffer based on the domestic buffer setting methodology?</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="571 1906 1422 2029"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name of O-SII subsidiary</th> <th>Name of the EU parent of the O-SII subsidiary</th> <th>Buffer applicable to O-SII EU parent</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name of O-SII subsidiary	Name of the EU parent of the O-SII subsidiary	Buffer applicable to O-SII EU parent			%																														
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<b>8.1 Contact person(s)/mailbox at notifying authority</b>	<p>Contact person(s) (name, phone number and e-mail address) and mailbox for further inquiries.</p> <p>Martin Gächter, Head of Financial Stability / Macroprudential Supervision  <a href="mailto:martin.gaechter@fma-li.li">martin.gaechter@fma-li.li</a>, +423 236 7392</p> <p>Sophia Döme, Economist Financial Stability / Macroprudential Supervision  <a href="mailto:sophia.doeme@fma-li.li">sophia.doeme@fma-li.li</a>, +423 236 7493</p> <p>Martin Meier, Economist Financial Stability / Macroprudential Supervision  <a href="mailto:martin.meier@fma-li.li">martin.meier@fma-li.li</a>, +423 236 7574</p>		
<b>8.2 Any other relevant information</b>	-		
<b>8.3 Date of the notification</b>	<p>Please provide the date on which this notification was uploaded/sent.</p> <p>27/10/2021</p>		