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Macroprudential Policy at the ECB – the assessment toolkit

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Overview

- **1** Macroprudential policy in the EU the institutional set-up
- 2 Stress Test for Macroprudential Purposes in the €area (STAMP€)
- **3 Policy-relevant simulations illustrative examples**
- 4 Concluding remarks

Monetary and prudential policies at the ECB and in the EU The "separation principle"



Source: ECB

Macroprudential policy in the EU



2.1. Stress Test Analytics for Macroprudential Purposes in the €area

An ECB e-book, staff tools for "macropru ST"



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STAMP€:

Stress-Test Analytics for Macroprudential Purposes in the euro area

Edited by Stéphane Dees, Jérôme Henry and Reiner Martin

Macroprudential stress tests: A new analytical tool

Vitor Constâncio

22 February 2017

The Global Crisis and its aftermath led to greater use of stress tests and to the establishment of macroprudential policy as a new policy area. In this column, ECB Vice-President Vitor Constâncio Introduces new suite of analytical tools that support the design and calibration of macroprudential policy. The tools go well beyond the requirements of the traditional solvency stress tests applied to banks, and include a broader set of institutions than just banks, an analysis of the financial cycle, as well as an assessment of systemic risk levels associated with the economic and financial shocks considered in adverse scenarios.



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objective being to identify and limit systemic risk. Early

use of stress tests and to the establishment of

identification of risks, supported by thorough

surveillance and early warning models to detect

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2.2. STAMP€workhorse – macro <-> micro / banks'reactions / feedbacks



Adapted from Henry J. and C. Kok (Eds.), ECB Occasional Paper 152, October 2013

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3.1. The Macroprudential Extension of the 2016 EBA/ECB ST (MPB)

Direct interbank contagion

X-axis: percentile of the distribution; Y-axis: bank losses on interbank exposures to banks falling below 6% CET1



• Systemic risks arising from interconnectedness usually appear to be contained further analysis needed on price contagion and funding stresses

- Interbank contagion related to direct bilateral exposures remains immaterial, below 10 basis points for most "simulated" interbank networks (unsecured)
- Investment funds and pension funds most strongly affected by spillovers from reduction in market values of bank stocks via FoF networks (country-specific)

Cross-sector spillovers

Losses triggered by reduction in market value of bank equity in % of total financial assets)

8%

10%

12%

3.2 Impact of higher long-term rates on financial institutions (FSR)

- Impacts of higher long-term interest rates (NII+ valuation losses) on banks' capital varies across risk scenarios.
- The share of bonds in total assets is much more limited for banks than for insurers, pension funds and investment funds.

Potential impact of an increase in long-term interest rates on banks' net interest income and MtM valuation losses under two risk scenarios



(net effect; CET1 percentage point)

Financial institutions' bond holdings (percentages of total assets)



Source: ECB calculations.

Note: The global risk aversion scenario also includes a funding cost shock which has a -0.25p.p. impact on the CET1 ratio.

Source: ECB calculations.

Note: December 2016 data for MFIs and Investment funds and June 2016 data for ICPFs.

3.3 Linking micro and macro to assess borrowers' measures

Integrated Dynamic Household Balance Sheet model

- Micro-macro model relating individual households and macro data
- Balance sheet data, cash flow, debt and collateral for 60,000+ households (150,000+ members) from 15 EU countries (HFCS).
 - Stress testing / sensitivity, conditional on scenarios.
 - Impacts of (borrower-based) macroprudential policy





See Gross and Población (2017), "Assessing the efficacy of borrower-based macroprudential policy using an integrated micro-macro model for European households", *Economic Modelling*, Vol. 61.

Conclusions – a lot has been done but further challenges to be faced!

1. STAMP€, ECB e-book reflecting an evolving toolkit

- A <u>'living' infrastructure</u> developed for macroprudential analyses
- **Dynamic balance sheets** and other **amplification + feedbacks**
- 2. Need to go beyond banks and beyond solvency
- Cooperation with ESAs: ST (Insurers, CCPs) + Repo market data
- Solvency and Liquidity ST: time dimension issue, crisis vs. stress

3. Implementation requirements

- **IT platforms** to handle **complex** models with close to "**big data**"
- Identify / <u>specify behaviour</u> of eg funds / asset managers
- Address data gaps especially needed for extension to non-banks

BACKGROUND

Dynamic vs Static Balance Sheets

Micro and Macro-sectoral networks

Contributions to the difference in CET1 ratios between static balance sheet and loan reduction

(basis points of the aggregate CET1 capital ratio)





An EU banking system "topography"

(2-tier structure with domestic (local) and global cores)



See Hałaj G. and C. Kok (2013), "Assessing interbank contagion using simulated networks," *Computational Management Science*, Springer, vol. 10(2).

B3 Contagion – spillovers to other sectors, Flow of Fund NETWORK

Cross-sectoral interconnections via a FoF network

