

EXECUTIVE TRAINING COURSE

PROGRAMME

Introduction to Bank Resolution

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Introduction

This introductory course provides a starting point for understanding the impacts of the 2007-2008 global financial crisis and the challenges posed by the “Too-Big-To-Fail” dilemma that triggered a global and complex regulatory reform that led to the set up of the EU bank resolution framework.

The programme offers participants the tools and insights needed to address the challenges of bank recovery and resolution within the Banking Union, by dissecting the EU Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive (BRRD) and Single Resolution Mechanism Regulation (SRMR), and highlighting their key objectives and applications. This introductory course covers the preparation for resolution (“resolution planning” – MREL) and the resolution timeline and process, including the relevant institutional arrangements. Particular emphasis is given to this respect, firstly in analysing the “conditions for resolution” (taking into account the resolution actions taken by the Single Resolution Board, SRB) and secondly in navigating the related State aid considerations. Discussions with speakers and other participants will zoom in on the role of funding in resolution, including the Single Resolution Fund (SRF) under the SRM Regulation and the related Intergovernmental Agreement; and on the importance of the cross-border cooperation arrangements, such as Crisis Management Groups and Resolution Colleges.

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Format | Online – pre-recorded materials and live classes

Level | Introductory

Approach | Qualitative

Learning Objectives

- Understand the context for the establishment of the EU bank resolution framework: grasp the impact of the 2007-2008 financial crisis and the “Too-Big-To-Fail” dilemma on regulatory reforms
- Identify key elements of the EU Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive (BRRD) and the Single Resolution Mechanism Regulation (SRMR)
- Comprehend the fundamentals of resolution planning learning about MREL, resolution preparation, resolution timeline, and relevant institutional arrangements
- Identify the conditions for resolution and understand the actions taken by the Single Resolution Board
- Examine State aid challenges and their implications in bank resolution
- Understand funding in resolution learning about the Single Resolution Fund (SRF) and its governance
- Understand the role of Crisis Management Groups and Resolution Colleges in cross-border bank resolution
- Develop practical insights by engaging in case studies and discussions to deepen understanding of resolution in practice

Target audience

The course is designed for junior professionals working in law firms and consultancy firms, government officials, junior staff from supervisory, resolution, and financial authorities, as well as students.

Format

The course will span **across 5 weeks**, with a total duration estimated **between 13 and 15 hours**. The exact duration of the course will depend on prior exposure to the topic of bank resolution and individual engagement with the course contents and activities.

Most of the course consists of video lectures and activities that can be performed at your own pace. In addition, there will be group activities and moments for virtual exchanges with the course instructors and the other course participants during three interactive live classes:

- **Live class 1: Institutional arrangements for resolution (Thu 16 April, 1:00 to 2:30 PM CET)**
- **Live class 2: Resolution planning and tools (Tue 21 April, 1:00 to 2:30 PM CET)**
- **Live class 3: State aid (Tue 12 May, 1:00 to 2:30 PM CET)**

Live classes will take place on MS Teams. Participation to live classes is mandatory, active participation is encouraged.

OUTLINE OF THE COURSE

Module 0: video lectures and live class

The consequences of the 2007-2008 global financial crisis and the “Too-Big-To-Fail” problem

Module 1: video lectures

Background and fundamentals of bank resolution

Module 2: video lectures and live class

The resolution process

Module 3: video lectures

Introduction to resolution planning and resolvability assessment

Module 4: video lectures

Navigating through MREL and TLAC rules

Module 5: video lectures

The funding of bank resolution

Module 6: video lectures and live class

The role of state aid and of DGS in resolution

Module 7: video lectures

Resolution in practice: real-life cases within the Banking Union

Module 8: video lectures

International cooperation in resolution



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