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CPIS data: an ECB view at uses, limitations and potential improvements

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Overview

- **Importance of CPIS statistics**
  - Comprehensive information
  - Exchange of bilateral data

- **Harmonised methodology**

Uses

- **Composition of portfolio investment**
  - by instrument types (changes in expectations)
  - by investor's residency (attractiveness)
  - to assess imbalances and financial stability

- **Liabilities estimated from data on creditors**

- **Indicators of financial integration**

Limitations

- **Some countries are not (yet) reporting**

  – petroleum exporters, some financial centres, some reserve holding economies

- **Classification by respondents**

  – residency of issuer and country of issue

  – maturity of debt securities

- **Coverage of household holdings**

  – How to assess "third party holdings"?

Potential improvements

- **Harmonisation of classifications across countries**

    - **Collect data security-by-security**

    - **Base classifications on securities database**

- **Coverage of reporting countries**

    - **Persuade more main holders of reserves to participate in the SEFER (preserving confidentiality)**

Potential improvements (cont'd)

- **Improve timeliness of data release**

  – **Aim at one year after the reference period**

- **Links towards the forthcoming CDIS**

  – **Identify equity of listed companies in CDIS**

- **Improve coverage of third party (mainly households) holdings**

  – **Envisage survey of resident custodians about holdings of non-residents (if legal impediments can be overcome)**