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# The euro area macroprudential framework: governance and policy actions

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## Macroprudential policy: shared responsibility between the ECB and National Authorities in the SSM / euro area

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#### SSM / euro area

## Macroprudential Supervision

(financial stability)

### National Authorities and ECB

("top up" powers for CRD and CRR tools; National Authorities only for other tools) European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB)

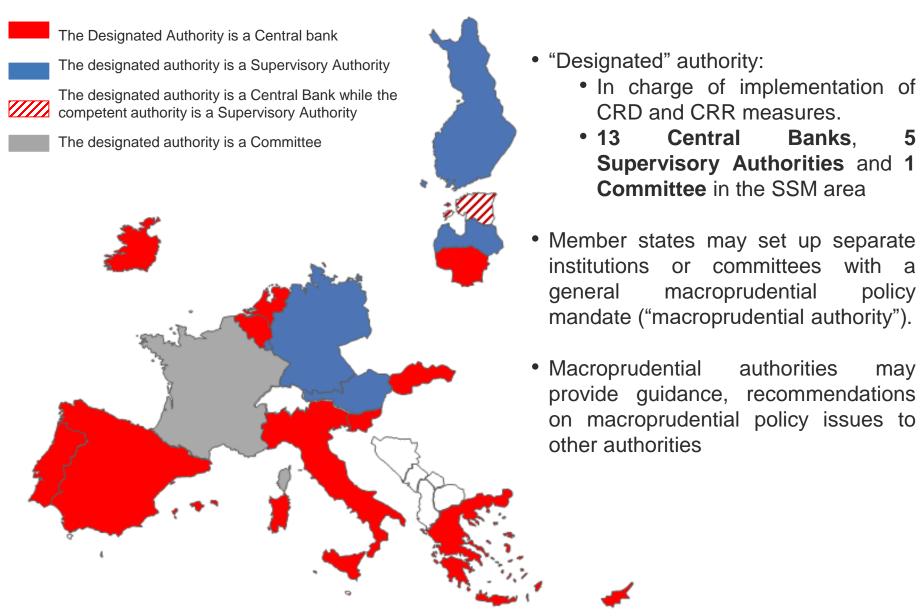
## Microprudential Supervision

(soundness of individual institutions)

ECB (direct supervision of SIs) and National Authorities

European Supervisory Authorities (EBA, ESMA, EIOPA)

#### National designated and macroprudential authorities in the SSM area

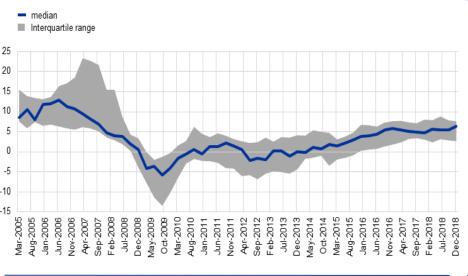


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#### Post-crisis macro-financial conditions in the euro area

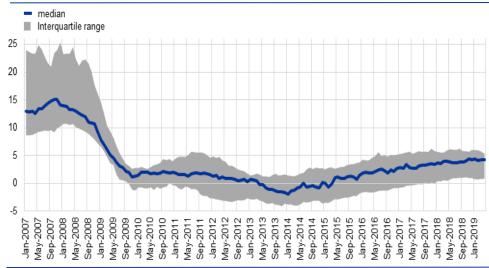
- Moderate credit recovery (with country dispersion)
- Strong property price growth in some countries
- Steady increase in bank capital ratios

#### Residential Real Estate prices, y-o-y growth rates (%)



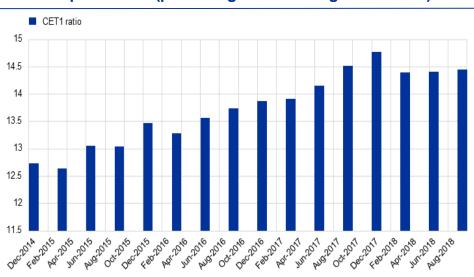
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#### MFI loans to NFCs and HHs, annual growth rate (%)



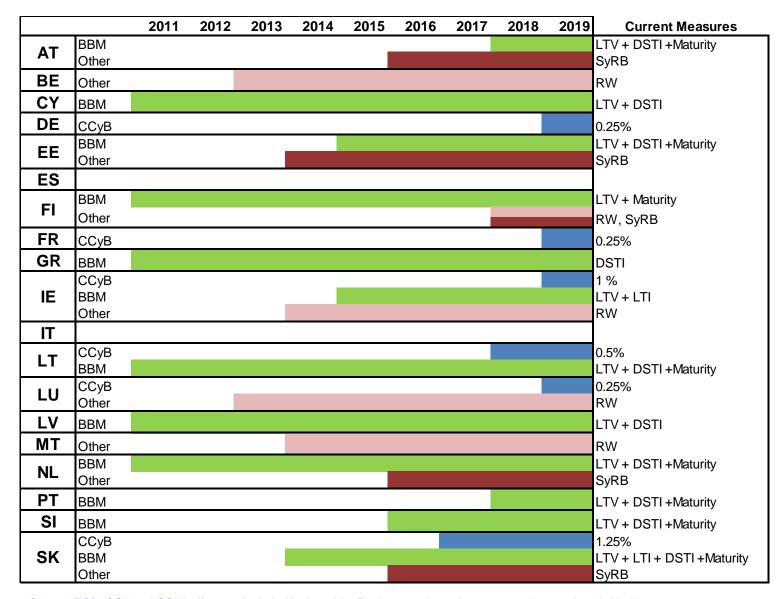
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#### **CET1** capital ratios (percentage of risk weighted assets)



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#### Discretionary macroprudential policy measures in the SSM



Source: ECB. OSII and GSII buffers not included in the table. For borrower based measures, also non-legally binding measures are included in the table. Legenda: BBM: borrower-based measures; CCyB: countercyclical capital buffer; SyRB: systemic risk buffer; LTV: loan-to-value ratio; LTI: loan-to-income ratio; DSTI: debt service-to-income ratio; RW: risk weights

#### The ECB's role so far

- Create common analytical grounds
  - Work at the Eurosystem's Financial Stability Committee
  - Data initiatives (e.g. macroprudential dataset and crisis dataset)
  - Shared analytical tools for the assessment of systemic risk, e.g.:
    - Indicators and models for monitoring and policy analysis
    - Framework for the Countercyclical Capital Buffer (CCyB)
    - Other Significant Institutions (OSIIs) buffers: floor methodology

Foster the adoption of best practices and facilitate decisions

"Top up": not necessary so far, but key lever to spur action

#### Open issues and challenges

 Macroprudential policy increasingly active in the EA, but a number of open issues remain:

#### Governance

- Complexity of decision-making
- Coordination among different authorities (including microprudential)
- Centralization vs decentralization
- Effectiveness of the overall macroprudential toolkit
  - The low level of CCyB: have we addressed procyclicality?
  - Incomplete set of instruments:
    - Borrower-based measures not always available
    - More targeted (e.g. sectoral) countercyclical buffers, e.g. for corporate
    - Non-banks