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EONIA DESIGNATED CRITICAL

In the light of the extensive use of Eonia in the derivatives markets and its importance for financial stability, Eonia was designated as a critical¹ benchmark on 28 June 2017.

Eonia is the overnight unsecured interbank lending rate for the Eurozone. It is estimated that the use of Eonia in the euro overnight index swap (OIS) market exceeds 5,2 trillion EUR².

“We are pleased that Eonia has been declared critical and will pursue with our efforts in the context of the Eonia Review to ensure that it accurately reflects its Underlying Interest and meets all requirements for critical benchmarks established in the EU Benchmarks Regulation,” expressed Guido RAVOET, EMMI Secretary General.

The EU BMR foresees a prompt formation of a college of supervisors for critical benchmarks. “We hope that the Eonia college benefits from synergies from the Euribor college, and will thus be in place shortly”, added RAVOET.

Note for the editor:

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¹ Official Journal of the European Union <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1498740635033&uri=CELEX:32017R1147>

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