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**Focus on Loan Origination Funds** 

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#### **CMU** – Focus on loan origination funds



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**Preliminary Findings** 



#### A specific EU regime for direct lending funds?

- ➤ Not a new subject: see ESMA position paper 2016
- Substantial growth in the private debt funds industry
- ➤ An essential element to help financing the EU economy
- ➤ No evidence of systemic risk



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### Direct Lending Recognized as a Legitimate Activity for AIFMS

#### **Proposal**

- New activities included in collective management of AIF (Annex I of AIFMD):
  - Originating loans
  - Servicing securitisation special purpose entities
- New top-up activity for AIFMs: credit servicing "in accordance with [Directive 2021/2167 on credit servicers and credit purchasers]"



#### Considerations

- Loan origination: part of "investment management" or separate activity?
- What about local regimes/restrictions on loan origination?
- Credit servicing as a top-up activity



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#### Organizational Requirements at AIFM Level

#### **Proposal**

- AIFMs to adopt specific policies, procedures and processes covering :
  - granting of credit,
  - assessing the credit risk
  - administering and monitoring their credit portfolio



#### Considerations

- A reflection of industry best practices
- Anticipated in a number of jurisdictions



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#### Restrictions at AIF Level

#### Proposal



60% Loan origination



20% on Borrower Restriction



5% Risk Retention



#### Considerations

- Reducing risk to the financial system
- Overshooting the mark?



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#### Reporting and Transparency Requirements

#### **Proposal**

- ESMA shall develop draft RTS specifying the details to be reported



#### Considerations

- A more granular reporting with respect to private debt funds is generally welcomed
- Uncertainty on information that should be disclosed to investors



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#### First reactions

- Facilitation of cross-border loan origination
- Harmonisation of minimum requirements
- ... but
- Scope of loan origination activities?
- 75
- Removal of local barriers to loan origination by AIFs?
- Opening the door to "product" regulation under AIFMD?
- Is the proposal adapted to the private debt funds industry?
- Open questions, definitions, new concepts... implementing measures?



#### Next steps



- Review by the EU Parliament and the Council of the EU
  - EU Parliament
  - France taking the presidency in H1 2022, followed by the Czech Republic in H2 2022
- 24-months implementation timeline





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