# **Financial Regulatory Reform**

# After the Crisis: An Assessment

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### The Core Elements of Post-Crisis Reform

- Making financial institutions more resilient.
- 2 Ending "too-big-to-fail."
- Making derivatives markets safer.
- Transforming shadow banking.
- Improving trade competition.

The first four are the "core elements" of the FSB 2015 Progress Report.

### Making financial institutions more resilient

### Example: Improving CET1 capital ratios of EU banks

■<9% ■9-12% ■>12%



### Making financial institutions more resilient

What is the impact of regulating dealer-bank capital structure on market making?



### More equity to fund more assets



### Legacy shareholders have subsidized creditors



Higher capitalization implies a value transfer from legacy shareholders to creditors.

### **Debt overhang**



For shareholders to break even, the new assets must be purchased at a profit that exceeds the value transfer to creditors.

### Impact of supplementary leverage ratio rule on repo markets

Debt overhang dampens repo intermediation incentives, widening bid-offer spreads



The modeled impact on repo bid-ask spread is  $2 \times SLR \times credit$  spread.

### Estimated impact of SLR on USD repo-rate bid-ask spread



Average within-quarter difference between overnight GCF and Tri-party repo rates. Data sources: Bloomberg and BONY Mellon

### Decline in GCF repo net lending volume



Source: Martin (2016)

### Total repo volumes in Europe

ICMA semi-annual repo market survey (outstanding amounts)

In EUR bn



Source: ECB, from ICMA repo market survey 8 December 2015

### Making Derivatives Markets Safer

### Example: Clearing of swaps in central counterparties



### Making Derivatives Markets Safer

Significant progress with reducing swap exposures, especially from compression trading



Data source: Bank for International Settlements

### **Improving Trade Competition**

### Legacy bilateral OTC markets were inherently uncompetitive



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Example objective: Migration of active products to all-to-all trade platforms



## Typical response of market design

Buy-side firms request quotes at multilateral trading platforms



### But with excessive fragmentation across platforms



## **Reducing fragmentation improves competition**



## At corporate bond platforms Dealer competition lowers buy-side trade costs



Source: Hendershott and Madhavan (2014)

### **Fragmented two-tiered OTC markets**

