

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**  
**OF**  
**THE MACROPRUDENTIAL MEASURES COMMITTEE**

<b>ESTABLISHMENT</b>	The Macroprudential Measures Committee (MMC) was established by the Governor in September 2016.
<b>PURPOSE</b>	The Central Bank uses its macroprudential policies to promote financial stability in Ireland and to mitigate the impact of negative shocks on the real economy. Policy decisions consider the balance between the risks facing the economy and financial system and their resilience. The MMC is the advisory committee regarding all macroprudential policies taken by the Central Bank. The MMC advises the Governor or the Commission as the relevant decision-maker on the regular reviews of national macroprudential measures and makes recommendations about revisions to these rules.
<b>SCOPE &amp; OBJECTIVES</b>	<p>Several macroprudential measures have been activated for the banking system. These include: borrower-based measures (BBMs) such as mortgage rules; the counter-cyclical capital buffer (CCyB); the other systemically important institution buffer (O-SII); the reciprocation of macroprudential policies of other EU Member States and Articles 124 and 164 of the Capital Requirements Regulation (CRR). The systemic risk buffer (SyRB) is also part of the Central Bank’s macroprudential toolkit.</p> <p>The MMC will be supported by the Macro-Financial Division (MFD), which will coordinate any work programmes specified by the MMC. In line with legislation and the current delegations, decision making will remain with the relevant entities (the Commission for mortgage rules; the Governor for the CCyB and the O-SII buffers etc.).</p> <p>The Secretary of the MMC will provide regular updates to the Financial Stability Committee (FSC) on the recommendations of the MMC pertaining to the review of the Bank’s macroprudential policy instruments. As a matter of course, this can be done by written procedure, items tabled for discussion or by an oral update. Updates may also be provided to the Executive Leadership Committee (ELC) as required.</p> <p>The scope of the MMC will evolve in line with shifts in the nature of macroprudential interventions in the Irish financial system and our forward looking, systematic approach to the setting of macroprudential policy. The MMC will advise the relevant decision-maker in the event that a macroprudential policy measure is required for the non-bank sector.</p>
<b>MEETINGS</b>	It is envisaged that the MMC will meet twice a quarter, or more regularly or less frequently at its discretion and in line with the work programme, given the importance of reviewing the CCyB on a quarterly basis and the calendar for the annual reviews of BBMs, the O-SII framework, the reciprocation framework and Articles 124 and 164 CRR.

	<p>A record of proceedings will be prepared for every meeting of the Committee. An account of the meetings of the MMC will be published, on the Central Bank website, taking into account any statutory or internal constraints around publication of discussions or decisions.</p>
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	<p>The membership of the MMC consists of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Governor;</li> <li>2. The Deputy Governor (Monetary and Financial Stability);</li> <li>3. The Deputy Governor (Financial Regulation);</li> <li>4. The Director of Financial Stability;</li> <li>5. The Director of Economics &amp; Statistics;</li> <li>6. The Director of Credit Institutions Supervision; and</li> <li>7. The Head of MFD as Secretary.</li> </ol> <p>Membership of the MMC may evolve in line with shifts in the nature of macroprudential interventions in the Irish financial system. In the event that a macroprudential measure for the non-bank sector is being discussed, the Director General Financial Conduct and the Director of the relevant supervisory area will attend.</p>
<b>ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS</b>	<p>Member attendance is required unless prohibited by business travel or any other unavoidable absence such as illness. The quorum for a meeting of the MMC to proceed is the presence of at least three members.</p> <p>The Committee may expand participation at its meetings in relation to papers under discussion. The number of observers is to be kept to a minimum.</p>
<b>CHAIR</b>	<p>The Committee is chaired by the Governor. The Alternate Chair is the Deputy Governor (Monetary and Financial Stability).</p>
<b>OTHER PARTICIPANTS</b>	<p>The Chair may invite other staff members and external experts to attend meetings as required.</p>
<b>OPERATING PROCEDURES</b>	<p>Forward agenda items are required to be notified by members in advance of meetings. On receipt of same by the MMC Secretariat (<a href="mailto:mmcsecretariat@centralbank.ie">mmcsecretariat@centralbank.ie</a>), items are incorporated onto the forward agenda. In order to allow sufficient time for MMC members to prepare for meetings, papers should be submitted to <a href="mailto:mmcsecretariat@centralbank.ie">mmcsecretariat@centralbank.ie</a> by the deadline specified on the forward agenda. Exceptionally, papers may be finalised outside of meetings by written procedure. Retention of records and papers for each meeting are managed by the Secretariat.</p> <p>The Terms of Reference will be reviewed on an annual basis or more frequently if required. The General Secretariat Division will be notified of revisions to the Terms of Reference.</p>

**Date for next review: July 2023**