

Briefing note

ESMA liquidity assessment of bonds for Q3-2018 under MiFID II/R & ESMA completeness indicators for trading venues related to bond liquidity data 31 October 2018

- (i) ESMA announced on [31 October](#) that the third quarterly liquidity assessment for bonds under MiFID II/R had been made available through the [Financial Instruments Transparency System \(FITRS\)](#) in XML format. The list of ISINs has subsequently been published through the [FITRS interface](#).

According to the data published through the FITRS interface (as of 15 November 2018):

- **466 bonds have been deemed liquid in Q3.** *Note: In the announcement of 31 October ESMA referred to 470 bonds that were deemed liquid. Most instruments are government bonds. Two Italian government bonds have matured (IT0005139099 - 15/10/2018; and IT0004922909 - 01/11/2018).*
- Additional data and corrections submitted to ESMA may result in further updates within each quarter, published in FITRS (which shall be applicable the day following publication).
- The liquidity assessments will be **applicable from tomorrow, 16 November 2018**, until 15 February 2019.

The list of ISINs deemed liquid by ESMA, including further details on the issuer, coupon, maturity, amount outstanding (based on data from Bloomberg) is **attached** to this briefing.

- (ii) ESMA also [published](#) on 31 October the completeness indicators related to bond liquidity data following the [announcement](#) of 27 September 2018.
- ESMA stated that “In order to increase the incentives for trading venues to deliver data for the performance of (the double volume cap [for equities] and) bond liquidity calculations on a timely basis, ESMA will publish two completeness indicators”:
 - **The Completeness Ratio**, an indicator that provides information on the completeness of a particular venue taken in isolation, irrespective of the performance of other venues.

- **The Completeness Shortfall**, a measure that gives an indication of a venue's performance in terms of completeness compared to other trading venues. It reflects the percentage of missing data for which a particular venue is responsible.
- The completeness indicators were published on [ESMA's website](#). The file containing bond liquidity completeness indicators including the underlying formulas can be found [here](#).
- The data completeness indicators will be updated on a quarterly basis going forward.

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