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## **AMENDMENTS**

### **4 - 10**

**Draft report**  
**Sirpa Pietikäinen**  
(PE416.665v02-00)

on the recommendation for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC)  
No 2533/98 of 23 November 1998 concerning the collection of statistical  
information by the European Central Bank

Proposal for a regulation – amending act  
(13411/2008 – C6-0351/2008 – 2008/0807(CNS))



**Amendment 4**  
**Daniel Dăianu**

**Proposal for a regulation – amending act**  
**Recital 7 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the European Central  
Bank*

*Amendment*

***(7a) In order to enhance transparency, the statistical data collected from financial sector institutions by the ESCB should be made publicly available but a high level of data protection should be guaranteed.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*The current financial crisis proves the need for more transparency and availability of data from the financial sector institutions.*

**Amendment 5**  
**Daniel Dăianu**

**Proposal for a regulation – amending act**  
**Recital 8**

*Text proposed by the European Central  
Bank*

*Amendment*

(8) Furthermore, it is important to ensure close cooperation between the ESCB and the European Statistical System (ESS), notably to foster exchange of confidential data between the two systems for statistical purposes, in the light of Article 285 of the Treaty and Article 5 of the Statute.

(8) Furthermore, it is important to ensure close cooperation between the ESCB and the European Statistical System (ESS) ***in order to avoid duplication in statistical data collection***, notably to foster exchange of confidential data between the two systems for statistical purposes, in the light of Article 285 of the Treaty and Article 5 of the Statute.

Or. en

### *Justification*

*The aim of the close cooperation between the ESCB and the ESS should be to avoid overlapping in statistical data collection and to reduce costs.*

#### **Amendment 6** **Daniel Dăianu**

#### **Proposal for a regulation – amending act**

#### **Article 1 – point 2 – point a**

Regulation 2533/98/EC

Article 2 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the European Central  
Bank*

1. For the fulfilment of the ECB's statistical reporting requirements, the ECB, assisted by the national central banks in accordance with Article 5.2 of the Statute, shall have the right to collect statistical information for the development, production and dissemination of European Statistics within the limits of the reference reporting population and of what is necessary to carry out the tasks of the ESCB. In particular, information may be collected to fulfil the ECB's statistical reporting requirements **including** in the area of monetary and financial statistics, payments and payment systems statistics, financial stability statistics, balance of payments and international investment position statistics.

*Amendment*

1. For the fulfilment of the ECB's statistical reporting requirements, the ECB, assisted by the national central banks in accordance with Article 5.2 of the Statute, shall have the right to collect statistical information for the development, production and dissemination of European Statistics, **including euro area statistics**, within the limits of the reference reporting population and of what is necessary to carry out the tasks of the ESCB. In particular, information may be collected to fulfil the ECB's statistical reporting requirements in the area of monetary and financial statistics, payments and payment systems statistics, financial stability statistics, balance of payments and international investment position statistics.

Or. en

### *Justification*

*The collection of reliable euro area statistics would help the delivery of effective monetary policies.*

**Amendment 7**  
**Daniel Dăianu**

**Proposal for a regulation – amending act**  
**Article 1 – point 2 a (new)**  
Regulation 2533/98/EC  
Article 2 a (new)

*Text proposed by the European Central  
Bank*

*Amendment*

***(2a) The following article is inserted:***

***Article 2a***

***"In order to minimise the reporting burden, avoid duplication, and guarantee a coherent approach to the production of European Statistics, the ESCB and the ESS shall cooperate closely, while complying with the statistical principles laid down in Article 3."***

Or. en

*Justification*

*The aim of the close cooperation between the ESCB and the ESS should be to avoid overlapping in statistical data collection and to reduce costs.*

**Amendment 8**  
**Sirpa Pietikäinen**

**Proposal for a regulation – amending act**  
**Article 1 – point 4 – point g**  
Regulation 2533/98/EC  
Article 8 – paragraphs 11 to 13

*Text proposed by the European Central  
Bank*

*Amendment*

***(g) the following paragraphs 11 to 13 are  
added:*** ***deleted***

***"11. Without prejudice to national provisions on the exchange of confidential statistical information other than information covered in this***

*Regulation, the transmission of confidential statistical information between an ESCB member that collected the information and an ESS authority may take place provided that this transmission is necessary for the efficient development, production or dissemination or for increasing the quality of European Statistics within the respective spheres of competence of the ESS and the ESCB. Any transmission beyond the first transmission must be explicitly authorised by the ESCB member that collected the information.*

*12. If confidential data are transmitted between an ESS authority and an ESCB member, these data shall be used exclusively for statistical purposes and only be accessible to staff working in statistical activities within their specific domain of work.*

*13. The protection measures referred to in Article 19 of Regulation (EC) No [XX] shall apply to all confidential data transmitted between an ESS authority and an ESCB member pursuant to paragraphs 11 and 12 above, and to Article 20(1a) of Regulation (EC) No [XX]. The ECB shall publish an annual confidentiality report on the measures adopted to safeguard the confidentiality of the statistical data.”;*

Or. en

*Justification*

*These paragraphs are moved to a new article 8 a.*

**Amendment 9**  
**Daniel Dăianu**

**Proposal for a regulation – amending act**  
**Article 1 – point 4 – point g**  
Regulation 2533/98/EC  
Article 8 – paragraph 11

*Text proposed by the European Central  
Bank*

*Amendment*

11. Without prejudice to national provisions on the exchange of confidential statistical information other than information covered in this Regulation, the transmission of confidential statistical information between an ESCB member that collected the information and an ESS authority may take place provided that this transmission is necessary for the efficient development, production or dissemination or for increasing the quality of European Statistics within the respective spheres of competence of the ESS and the ESCB. Any transmission beyond the first transmission must be explicitly authorised by the ESCB member that collected the information.

11. Without prejudice to national provisions on the exchange of confidential statistical information other than information covered in this Regulation, the transmission of confidential statistical information between an ESCB member that collected the information and an ESS authority may take place provided that this transmission is necessary for the efficient development, production or dissemination or for increasing the quality of European Statistics, ***including euro area statistics***, within the respective spheres of competence of the ESS and the ESCB. Any transmission beyond the first transmission must be explicitly authorised by the ESCB member that collected the information.

Or. en

*Justification*

*The collection of reliable euro area statistics would help the delivery of effective monetary policies.*

**Amendment 10**  
**Sirpa Pietikäinen**

**Proposal for a regulation – amending act**

**Article 1 – point 4 a (new)**

Regulation 2533/98/EC

Article 8 a (new)

*Text proposed by the European Central  
Bank*

*Amendment*

***(4a) The following article is added:***

***"Article 8a***

***Cooperation between the ESS and the  
ESCB***

**1. Without prejudice to national provisions on the exchange of confidential statistical information other than information covered in this Regulation, the transmission of confidential statistical information between an ESCB member that collected the information and an ESS authority may take place provided that such transmission is necessary for the efficient development, production or dissemination or for increasing the quality of European Statistics within the respective spheres of competence of the ESS and the ESCB. Any transmission in addition to the first transmission must be expressly authorised by the ESCB member that collected the information.**

**2. If confidential data are transmitted between an ESS authority and an ESCB member, those data shall be used exclusively for statistical purposes and shall be accessible only to staff working in statistical activities within their specific domain of work.**

**3. The protection measures referred to in Article 19 of Regulation (EC) No [XX] shall apply to all confidential data transmitted between an ESS authority and an ESCB member pursuant to paragraphs 11 and 12, and to Article 20(1a) of Regulation (EC) No [XX]. The ECB shall publish an annual confidentiality report on the measures adopted to safeguard the confidentiality of the statistical data.”.**

Or. en

#### *Justification*

*The inclusion of the three paragraphs proposed by the ECB in a new article concerning the cooperation between the ESS and the ESCB would add more clarity to the Council regulation, thus stressing the fact that both systems have their own confidentiality regimes and that cooperation between both systems should be enhanced (see Amendment 8).*