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Subject: European banks face bleak outlook following collapse of Credit Suisse

The collapse of Silicon Valley Bank has created a domino effect, bringing down the Credit Suisse and thereby sending shock waves through the European banking sector. The Swiss bank has suffered a 25% fall in its share price, plummeting to a record low. Trading has been suspended in the Credit Suisse, the Société Générale and a number of Italian banks (UniCredit, FinecoBank and Monte dei Paschi). As was only to be expected, the Swiss bank's collapse is bringing down other bank shares in its wake, with the Euro Stoxx Banks index down 6.6% to its lowest level since early January. The French BNP Paribas is down by at least 11.5% and the Greek banks are also feeling the pressure with shares in Alpha Bank tumbling by 8.8%. Commerzbank and Deutsche Bank are also down by 9.5%. As a result, the European Stoxx 600 is down 2.50% at 438 points, the German DAX has fallen by 2.73%, the British FTSE 100 by 2.57%, the French CAC 40 by 3.33% and the Italian FTSE MIB by 3.46%.

In view of this:

Can the Commission say how it plans to shield European banks from the threat of collapse?

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