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Public engagement

At the national level, regulators are considering how to engage the public by organising a structured and comprehensive information process. They should be guided by the Principles for Openness and Transparency.

In addition, stakeholders are provided with the opportunity to engage in the stress test process at the European level. The details of transparency aspects in the implementation, reporting and follow-up of the stress tests have been settled in a Working Paper.

On 17 January 2012, the first public meeting was held in Brussels to discuss the stress test process. The event was well attended with over 150 delegates and included presentations on the three peer review topic groups, peer review timetable and perspectives from a range of stakeholders (please see the Agenda). The two moderated question and answer sessions covered a wide range of issues and a lively discussion. A summary note of the days event, including the question and answer session, has been prepared (please see Conclusions). All of the meeting presentations and speeches are also available via this website. In an effort to keep the public informed of progress, a monthly update has also been prepared (please see February and March updates). Additionally, a set of frequently asked questions and answers has been prepared and posted on the website (see "frequently asked questions").

Furthermore, an opportunity to submit suggestions via the internet to be considered in the peer review process was provided from 1 to 20 January 2012 at the Commission's Joint Research Centre website. (please see the Public Feedback on the EU Stress Tests).

An additional public meeting was held on 8 May 2012 (please see the Agenda), again in Brussels, to take stock of the progress of the stress test process, and particularly of the peer review. For more information and to download speaker presentations please see the dedicated page for the meeting.

Again, an opportunity to submit comments via the internet was provided between 26 April and 6 May 2012, at the European Commission's Joint Research Centre website.

In the framework of Peer Review of the National Action Plans associated with post-Fukushima lessons learned and stress test peer review recommendations and suggestions (which were developed and made public by the end of 2012) a working paper "ENSREG Transparency of Peer Review of National Action Plans" dealing with communication and transparency issues was elaborated. In this context, stakeholders had the opportunity to put questions and to file comments on these National Action Plans via the ENSREG website between 25 February and 20 March 2013.

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