

ESMA's Digital and Data strategies support supervision of EU financial markets

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), the EU's financial markets regulator and supervisor, has adopted a new [Digital Strategy](#) and updated its [Data Strategy](#). They reflect ESMA's commitment to smarter regulatory reporting and technology-driven supervision, promote synergies and innovation while reducing unnecessary complexity.

The digital strategy aims to continue ESMA's digital transformation, while the Data Strategy update is oriented to capitalise on opportunities to simplify, better integrate and streamline data management and technology.

ESMA Chair, Verena Ross, said:

“ESMA is committed to smarter regulation and supervision, and this drives our dual focus on digitalisation and simplification. These two strategies support a digitally mature, resilient and agile authority that understands the importance of data for its community.

By helping to drive the digital transformation of the European System of Financial Supervision (ESFS) we reinforce a more efficient, transparent, and resilient financial ecosystem for the EU.”

The new **Digital Strategy 2026–2028** sets out a roadmap for innovation, efficiency, and resilience. The key objectives include:

- Building EU digital synergies
- Enhancing digital capabilities of ESMA and the European System of Financial Supervision (ESFS)
- Bolstering operational efficiency
- Establishing a secure and future-ready ecosystem.

The **Data Strategy 2023–2028** has been updated to reflect the focus on burden reduction, the evolving technological landscape, and ESMA's desire for unlocking efficiency opportunities. While its key objectives remain the same, the key new actions include:

- Flagship initiatives related to streamlining supervisory reporting, relating to transaction data and in the funds domain

- Expanding the capacity of the ESMA Data Platform to benefit national and European authorities
- Implementing next phases of the MiCA joint supervisory tool for crypto-market monitoring
- Finalising the development of the European Single Access Point (ESAP).

These goals are in line with ESMA's wider [simplification and burden reduction initiative](#) launched last year.

With the alignment of both the digital and data strategies, ESMA ensures that innovation and technology translate into tangible benefits for stakeholders, with more possibilities for synergies and digital transformation across ESMA and the ESFS at large.

Next steps:

ESMA's Data and Digital work will be guided by the roadmaps under both strategies. By 2029 ESMA expects to converge the two into one unified strategy.

Notes for editors

- [ESMA's launch of simplification and burden reduction initiative](#)
 - [Simplification and Burden reduction factsheet](#)
1. ESMA is the European Union's EU's financial markets regulator and supervisor. Its mission is to enhance investor protection and promote stable and orderly financial markets.
 2. It achieves this objective through three strategic priorities:
 - fostering effective markets and financial stability,
 - strengthening supervision of EU financial markets,
 - enhancing protection of retail investors,and two thematic drivers:
 - enabling sustainable finance; and
 - facilitating technological innovation and effective use of data.
 3. ESMA achieves its mission within the European System of Financial Supervision (ESFS) through active cooperation with the European Banking Authority (EBA), the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA), the European Systemic Risk Board, and with national authorities with competencies in securities markets (NCAs).

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