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| Reply form for the Draft regulatory technical standards under the ELTIF Regulation |
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Responding to this paper

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) invites responses to the specific questions listed in the ESMA Consultation Paper on Draft regulatory technical standards under the ELTIF Regulation, published on the ESMA website.

*Instructions*

Please note that, in order to facilitate the analysis of the large number of responses expected, you are requested to use this file to send your response to ESMA so as to allow us to process it properly. Therefore, ESMA will only be able to consider responses which follow the instructions described below:

* use this form and send your responses in Word format (pdf documents will not be considered except for annexes);
* do not remove the tags of type <ESMA\_ QUESTION\_ELTIF\_RTS\_1> - i.e. the response to one question has to be framed by the 2 tags corresponding to the question; and
* if you do not have a response to a question, do not delete it and leave the text “TYPE YOUR TEXT HERE” between the tags.

Responses are most helpful:

* if they respond to the question stated;
* contain a clear rationale, including on any related costs and benefits; and
* describe any alternatives that ESMA should consider

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***Deadline***

Responses must reach us by **14 October 2015.**

All contributions should be submitted online at [www.esma.europa.eu](http://www.esma.europa.eu) under the heading ‘Your input/Consultations’.

***Publication of responses***

All contributions received will be published following the end of the consultation period, unless otherwise requested. **Please clearly indicate by ticking the appropriate checkbox in the website submission form if you do not wish your contribution to be publicly disclosed. A standard confidentiality statement in an email message will not be treated as a request for non-disclosure.** Note also that a confidential response may be requested from us in accordance with ESMA’s rules on access to documents. We may consult you if we receive such a request. Any decision we make is reviewable by ESMA’s Board of Appeal and the European Ombudsman.

***Data protection***

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# General information about respondent

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| Name of the company / organisation | INREV – European Association for Investors in Non-Listed Real Estate Vehicles |
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| Activity | Other Financial service providers |
| Are you representing an association? |[x]
| Country/Region | Europe |

# Introduction

Please make your introductory comments below, if any:

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**INREV response to ESMA consultation on the Draft regulatory technical standards under the ELTIF Regulation**

About INREV: the voice of the European non-listed real estate investment industry

INREV is the European Association for Investors in Non-Listed Real Estate Vehicles. We provide guidance, research and information related to the development and harmonisation of professional standards, reporting guidelines and corporate governance within the non-listed property funds industry across Europe.

INREV currently has 375 members. Our member base includes institutional investors from around the globe including pension funds, insurance companies and sovereign wealth funds, as well as investment banks, fund managers, fund of funds managers and advisors representing all facets of investing into non-listed real estate vehicles in Europe.

## Main issues raised by the consultation

INREV welcomes the opportunity to comment on further technical requirements related to European Long-Term Investment Funds. The issues addressed in the consultation, including determining when use of financial derivative instruments solely serves hedging purposes, when the life of an ELTIF is considered long-term and cost disclosure, are very important, as they provide additional clarity needed by investors and fund managers to determine the commercial viability of these investment vehicles.

While INREV has no comments on the specific issues raised in the consultation, we would like to use this opportunity to highlight other areas where additional clarity is vitally important. In particular, we note that the regulation requires that “investments in commercial property or housing should be permitted to the extent that they serve the purpose of contributing to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth or the Union’s energy, regional and cohesion policies.” Some further guidance on how these requirements are expected to be interpreted and implemented would be very welcome. We encourage ESMA to provide guidance in this area that the real estate industry could review and comment on.

In addition, under the regulation, investments in immovable property “should be clearly documented so as to demonstrate the long-term commitment in the property”. No guidance related to this criterion has been proposed to date; however, additional clarity on how this requirement is expected to be fulfilled is needed by investors and fund managers to determine the commercial viability of these investment vehicles as well. We would therefore urge ESMA to develop such guidance on both of these determinative conditions at its earliest convenience.

We remain at your disposal should you wish to discuss the above in more detail.

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1. Do you agree that the abovementioned pieces of legislation and associated regulatory framework are relevant for the purpose of the present advice on Article 9(3) of the ELTIFs Regulation? Which other pieces of legislation and associated regulatory framework do you identify for that purpose?

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1. Do you think that the main risks that are necessary to be covered at the level of the ELTIF are currency, inflation and interest rate risks? If no, which types of risk would the manager of an ELTIF potentially have to cover in your view?

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1. Do you think that the approach to hedging should not limit ex ante the scope of risks that ought to be covered by the manager of the ELTIF?

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1. On the contrary, do you think that the approach to hedging should be tailored to the specific case of ELTIFs, and their possible eligible investments? Do you think that in this case the risks that might have to be covered by the manager of the ELTIF should be limited to the types of risk that were mentioned in question 2?

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1. Do you identify any consequences in terms of costs or scope of the eligible investments of the ELTIF if the risks that might be covered at the level of the ELTIF are limited to those that were mentioned in the impact assessment of the Commission?

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1. Do you agree with the proposed approach? Should you disagree, please provide reasons and propose an alternative approach and justify it.

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1. Do you agree with the risks identified and the related proposed criteria? Would you suggest the introduction of any additional/alternative risks/criteria? Please provide details and explain your position.

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1. Do you agree with the proposed valuation criteria? Would you suggest the introduction of any additional/alternative criteria? Please provide details and explain your position.

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1. Do you agree that the abovementioned pieces of legislation and regulatory material are relevant for the purpose of the RTS on Article 25(3) of the ELTIFs Regulation? Which other pieces of legislation and regulatory material do you consider relevant for that purpose?

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1. Do you agree with the abovementioned assumptions?

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1. Do you agree that the types of costs mentioned in the present paragraph are annual costs that could be expressed as a percentage of the capital?

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1. Do you think that performance related fees would be relevant costs to be taken into account in the case of ELTIFs?

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1. How would you include performance related fees in the overall ratio referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 25?

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1. Do you agree that the types of costs mentioned in paragraph 54 are fixed costs and that an assumption on the duration of the investment is necessary to calculate these costs in the numerator of the overall ratio mentioned in Article25(2), provided that this overall ratio is a yearly ratio?

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1. Do you agree that the types of costs mentioned in paragraph 54 may be considered as fixed costs in the case of an ELTIF?

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1. Do you agree with the proposed requirements? Would you suggest the introduction of any additional/alternative requirements? Please provide details and explain your position.

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1. What would you consider as appropriate specifications for the technical infrastructure of the facilities?

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1. In the event that the RTS enter into force after the date of application of the ELTIF Regulation and authorisations are granted between the date of application of the ELTIF Regulation and the date of application of the proposed RTS, do respondents see a need for specific transitional/grandfathering provisions for the proposed RTS?

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1. Do you agree with the above-mentioned reasoning in relation to the possible costs and benefits of the options as regards hedging? Which other costs or benefits would you consider in this context?

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1. Do you agree with the assessment of costs and benefits above for the proposal on the sufficient length of the life of the ELTIF? If not, please explain why and provide any available quantitative data on the one-off and ongoing costs (if any) that the proposal would imply.

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1. Do you agree with the assessment of costs and benefits above for the proposal on the criteria for the assessment of the market for potential buyers? If not, please explain why and provide any available quantitative data on the one-off and ongoing costs (if any) that the proposal would imply.

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1. Do you agree with the assessment of costs and benefits above for the proposal on the criteria for the valuation of the assets to be divested? If not, please explain why and provide any available quantitative data on the one-off and ongoing costs (if any) that the proposal would imply.

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1. Do you agree with the above-mentioned reasoning in relation to the possible costs and benefits of the option taken by ESMA as regards common definitions, calculation methodologies and presentation formats of costs of ELTIFs? Which other types of costs or benefits would you consider in this context?

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1. Do you agree with the assessment of costs and benefits above for the proposal on the facilities available to retail investors? If not, please explain why and provide any available quantitative data on the one-off and ongoing costs that the proposal would imply.

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