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INTRODUCTION

In order to ease the functioning of the passport of prospectuses and to provide clarity for market participants in relation to the use of languages in the different competent authorities, CESR has compiled the relevant information in each Member State in alphabetical order.

The table below provides, in a columnar format, the following information:

- Languages accepted for the scrutiny of the Prospectus: this column includes the languages that each CESR member accepts when acting as home competent authority for the purpose of the scrutiny of the prospectus.
- Requirements in relation to the translation of the Summary: Article 19 of the Prospectus Directive allows the competent authority of the host Member State to require the summary of the prospectus to be translated into its official language(s) when prospectuses are being passported into its State. This column provides information for each CESR member when acting as host competent authority on whether or not a translation of the summary of a prospectus passported is required. In addition, it clarifies which are the language(s) acceptable for the translation of the summary when requested.

This table has been compiled with the information provided by CESR members who are responsible for the content. This document will be updated, when necessary, on the basis of new information provided by CESR members.



LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE SCRUTINY OF THE PROSPECTUS AND REQUIREMENTS OF TRANSLATION OF THE SUMMARY

AUTHORITY	Languages accepted for the scrutiny of the prospectus	Requirements in relation to the Translation of the Summary (for passport of prospectuses)
Finanzmarktaufsicht (AUSTRIA)	English and German.	The Financial Market Authority does not require a translation of the summary into German language if the Prospectus is published in English.
Commission bancaire et financière et des assurances (BELGIUM)	French, Dutch and English.	The Commission Bancaire, Financiere et des Assurances requires the translation of the summary in French and Dutch if there is a public offer in Belgium (no translation in French and Dutch is required if there is only an admission on a regulated market in Belgium). The issuer or offeror can choose to translate the summary in only one of those languages, but in that case it is not allowed to make any advertisement in the other language.
Financial Supervision Commission (BULGARIA)	For the purpose of the scrutiny the prospectus should be drawn up in Bulgarian language where an offer to the public is made or admission to trading on a regulated market is sought in Bulgaria or in Bulgaria and other Member State. Where an offer to the public is made or admission to trading on a regulated market is sought in one or more Member State, excluding Bulgaria, the prospectus should be drawn in Bulgarian or English language.	language.
Securities and Exchange Commission (CYPRUS)	- For the purposes of Article 19.1 the language that is currently accepted by CySEC is Greek.	request a Greek translation of the summary with the exemption of prospectuses relating to non-equity securities with a denomination



	- For the purposes of Article 19.4 the prospectus should be drawn up either in Greek or in a language customary in the sphere of international finance (English), at the choice of the issuer, offeror or person asking for admission to trading, as the case may be.	
Czech National Bank (CZECH REPUBLIC)	Czech and English.	For English prospectuses a translation of the summary into Czech is required.
Finanstilsynet (DENMARK)	Finanstilsynet accepts Danish. As to Article 19.2 for the purpose of the scrutiny Finanstilsynet accepts Danish, Norwegian, Swedish or English.	Finanstilsynet requires a translation of the summary into Danish with the exception of an issue of non-equity securities with a denomination of at least EUR 50.000.
Financial Supervision Authority (ESTONIA)	Estonian and English.	Finantsinspektsioon requires an Estonian translation of the summary.
Finanssivalvonta (FINLAND)	Finnish and Swedish. However, English can also be accepted on special grounds.	Rahoitustarkastus requires a translation of the summary in Finnish or Swedish with the exception of an issue of non-equity securities with a denomination of at least EUR 50.000.
Autorité des marchés financiers (FRANCE)	English and French.	When the prospectus has not been established in French, a translation of the summary in French is required except for admission to trading of non-equity securities having at least a denomination of EUR 50.000.
Bundesanstalt für Finanz- dienstleistungsaufsicht (GERMANY)	German and English.	For English prospectuses a translation of the summary into German is required, unless exclusively non-equity securities with a denomination of at least EUR 50.000 are admitted to trading on a regulated market.
Capital Market Commission (GREECE)	~ When the offer to the public is made or admission to trading on a regulated market is sought in Greece, and Greece is the home Member State then the language of the prospectus can only be Greek. ~ When the offer to the public is made or admission to trading on a regulated market is sought in one or more Member States excluding Greece, and Greece is the home Member State then the language of the prospectus can either be Greek or a language customary in the sphere of international finance at the choice of the issuer, offeror or the person asking for admission to trading. ~ When the offer to the public is made or admission to trading on a regulated market is sought in one or more Member States including	Greek translation of the summary on a case by case basis with the exemption of prospectuses relating to non-equity securities with a denomination of at least EUR 50.000.



	Greece, then the language of the prospectus must be Greek and a language customary in the sphere of international finance or a language accepted by the host Member State at the choice of the issuer, offeror or the person asking for admission to trading.	
Hungarian Financial Supervisory Authority (HUNGARY)	Hungarian and English.	The Hungarian Financial Supervisory Authority requires that the summary is translated into Hungarian language.
Financial Supervisory Authority (ICELAND)	Icelandic and English.	The FME requests a translation of the summary into Icelandic with the exception of issues of non-equity securities with a denomination of at least EUR 50.000.
Irish Financial Services Regulatory Authority (IRELAND)	Irish and English.	The summary must be translated into Irish or English. It is not necessary for an issuer of non-equity securities with a denomination of at least EUR 50.000 to translate the summary.
Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa (ITALY)	- Where an offer to the public is made or admission to trading on a regulated market is sought only in Italy as the home Member State, the prospectus shall be drawn up in Italian Where an offer to the public is made or admission to trading on a regulated market is sought in Italy as the host Member State, the prospectus may be drawn up, at the choice of the issuer, offeror or person asking for admission to trading, either in Italian or in English.	on a regulated market of non-equity securities with denomination of
Financial and Capital Market Commission (LATVIA)	- For public offers or admission to trading only in Latvia, the prospectus must be drafted in Latvian For public offers or admission to trading in Latvia and in other countries, the prospectus can be drafted in Latvian or in English For public offers or admission to trading in a country different than Latvia, the prospectus can be drafted in Latvian or in English.	The Finansu un Kapitala Tirgus Komisija requires the translation of the summary in Latvian (in all cases).
Securities Commission (LITHUANIA)	-Where the securities are offered publicly or admission to trading on a regulated market is sought in the Republic of Lithuania (home Member State) only, the prospectus shall be drawn in the Lithuanian language. - Where the securities are offered publicly or admission to trading on a regulated market is sought in one or several Member States except the Republic of Lithuania the prospectus submitted for	In case the prospectus has been drawn up in a language other than Lithuanian the translation of the summary of the prospectus to Lithuanian is required.



	approval of the Securities Commission upon the choice of the issuer shall be drawn up in the Lithuanian language or the language used in the area of international finance (English).	
	- Where the securities are offered publicly or admission to trading on a regulated market is sought in the Republic of Lithuania and one or several Member States of the European Union the prospectus submitted to the Securities Commission for approval shall be drawn up in the Lithuanian language or another language acceptable to the Securities Commission (English).	
Commission de surveillance du secteur financier (LUXEMBOURG)	English, French, German and Luxembourgish.	When the prospectus is not drafted in English, French, German or Luxembourgish, the CSSF requires the translation of the whole prospectus (included the summary if required) into one of these languages.
Autoriteit Financiële Markten (THE NETHERLANDS)	Dutch and English.	The Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets does not require an additional translation of the summary in Dutch language if the prospectus is drawn up in English.
Kredittilsynet (NORWAY) Please note that tasks are fully delegated in accordance with Article 21.2. of the Prospectus Directive to Oslo Børs,	Norwegian, English, Danish and Swedish.	Oslo Børs does not require a translation of the summary into Norwegian if the prospectus being passported is published in English, Danish or Swedish. If however the subscription/application form is prepared in Norwegian, we will require a Norwegian translation of the summary.
Polish Financial Supervision Authority (POLAND)	 Polish - where an offer to the public is made or admission to trading on a regulated market is sought only or also in Poland. Polish or English - where an offer to the public is made or admission to trading on a regulated market is sought in one or more Member States excluding Poland. 	1. The approved version of the prospectus along with its translation into Polish or Polish and English shall be passported to PFSA; and 2. Prospectus (its full version) shall be published in Poland either in Polish or English; and 3. If published in English, a summary of the Prospectus in Polish is required.
Comissão do Mercado de Valores Mobiliários (PORTUGAL)	Portuguese and English .	CMVM requires that the summary is translated into Portuguese. Such translation is not required for prospectuses relating to non-equity securities with a denomination of at least EUR 50.000 or for prospectus of non-equity securities which are intended to a market or market segment which by its characteristics is only accessible to institutional investors.



National Securities	Romanian and English	The Romanian National Securities Commission requires the
Commission		translation of the summary in Romanian language.
(ROMANIA)		
Comisión Nacional del	Spanish and English.	The CNMV requires the translation of the summary into Spanish
Mercado de Valores		with the exception of prospectuses relating to non-equity securities
(SPAIN)		with a denomination of at least EUR 50.000.
National Bank of Slovakia		National Bank of Slovakia requires (in all possible cases) translation
(SLOVAK REPUBLIC)	Slovak language. In the case where securities are offered to the	
	public or admission to trading on a regulated market is sought only	
	in another Member State the prospectus may be drawn up either in	
	the Slovak language or in a language customary in the sphere of international finance.	
	Languages accepted for prospectuses passported from other Member	
	States are Slovak, English and Czech.	
Securities Market Agency	7 0	The Securities Market Agency requests the translation of a
(SLOVENIA)	customary in the sphere of international finance (in practice it	prospectus summary into the Slovene language.
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Finansinspektionen	Finansinspektionen accepts Swedish. On special grounds other	Finansinspektionen requires a Swedish translation of the summary
(SWEDEN)	languages could be accepted, for example Danish, Norwegian or	
	English.	prospectuses relating to non-equity securities with a denomination
		of at least EUR 50.000.
Financial Services Authority	English.	The FSA requires a translation of the summary where the prospectus
(UNITED KINGDOM)		is drawn up in a language other than English that is customary in
		the sphere of international finance. Guidance as to what is
		customary in the sphere of international finance may be found in
		PR4.1.5A of the UKLA's Prospectus Rules.