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| Reply form for the Call for Evidence on a Comprehensive Approach for the Simplification of Financial Transaction Reporting |
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**Responding to this paper**

ESMA invites comments on all matters in this call for evidence and in particular on the specific questions. Comments are most helpful if they:

* respond to the question stated;
* indicate the specific question to which the comment relates;
* contain a clear rationale; and
* describe any alternatives ESMA should consider.

ESMA will consider all comments received by **19th** **September 2025.**

**Instructions**

In order to facilitate analysis of responses to the Call for Evidence, respondents are requested to follow the below steps when preparing and submitting their response:

1. Insert your responses to the questions in the Call for Evidence in the present response form.
2. Use this form and send your responses in Word format (**pdf documents will not be considered except for annexes**);
3. Please do not remove tags of the type <ESMA\_QUESTION \_CASR\_1>. Your response to each question has to be framed by the two tags corresponding to the question.
4. If you do not wish to respond to a given question, please do not delete it but simply leave the text “TYPE YOUR TEXT HERE” between the tags.
5. When you have drafted your response, name your response form according to the following convention: ESMA\_CASR\_nameofrespondent\_RESPONSEFORM. For example, for a respondent named ABCD, the response form would be entitled ESMA\_CASR\_ABCD\_RESPONSEFORM.
6. Upload the form containing your responses, **in Word format**, to ESMA’s website (www.esma.europa.eu under the heading “Your input – Open Consultations” -> Call for evidence on a comprehensive approach for the simplification of financial transaction reporting”).

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**Who should read this paper**

# This paper is primarily addressed to all financial market participants and in particular reporting entities and market infrastructures, as well as to trade associations and other stakeholders involved in financial regulation, investor education, and retail investment market developments. It seeks input on major cost drivers linked to derivative regulatory reporting and the identification of possibilities on integration, streamlining and simplification.

# The paper is also relevant to competent authorities, with competences in the context of MiFIR, EMIR, SFTR regulation.

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**General information about respondent**

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| Name of the company / organisation | Związek Banków Polskich |
| Activity | Banking sector |
| Are you representing an association? |[x]
| Country/Region | Poland |

**Questions**

1. Do stakeholders agree with the description of the key challenges outlined above? Is there any other issue linked to multiple regulatory regimes with duplicative or inconsistent requirements that is not reflected in this section? Out of the 10 sources of costs identified in this section and the ones that you may add, what are the three main cost drivers in your view?

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Members of the Polish Bank Association (Związek Banków Polskich) have reported the inconvenience of duplicate reporting obligations or excessive reporting requirements. Below are some identified areas with such problems.

Financial market participants perceive excessive reporting to the repository, separate reporting under EMIR and separate reporting under MIFID II. Currently derivatives transactions are subject to dual reporting (to ARM and to the EMIR repository), which is unnecessary and generates additional costs. It may be worth merging these two requirements into a single reporting. In our view, the existing legal regime not only leads to duplication of work, but also generates unnecessary operational risks. The existence of two parallel almost similar obligations makes it necessary to ensure that the data reported under two different orders, and often concerning the same transactions, is consistent, which may lead to an increased risk of errors.

It is worth noting that the proposed amendments to RTS 22 introduce additional fields and a requirement to tag financial instruments, which in practice aim to align ARM requirements with those known from EMIR reporting. This raises the question of the appropriateness of continuing to maintain two separate reporting regimes whose scopes and technical requirements are beginning to overlap to a significant extent.

Our observations show that not all data required for ARM reporting is linked to investment decisions. The reporting of such incidents is redundant and creates unnecessary administrative burdens. In our opinion, incidental issues and those not directly related to the investment intention should be excluded from the reporting obligation. Examples of such information are o incentive programmes and inheritance of financial instruments, which, by their nature, do not give rise to risks typical of investing.

Reporting to the APA (Approved Publication Arrangement) is not easily accessible to retail clients, the data is mainly visible in professional systems (e.g. Bloomberg). At the same time, this reporting generates significant costs and burdens for supervised entities, although it does not seem to bring more value to retail clients or fulfil the original purpose. The objective of reporting via the APA was to provide market participants with equal access to transaction information, with the aim of reducing information asymmetries and enhancing post-trade transparency in the market. In practice, for those serving retail clients, transactions arising from events such as inheritances, gifts or other civil law contracts are mainly reported. The vast majority of the volumes of these transactions do not have the potential to have a real impact on the price of financial instruments. In addition, the data reported via the APA is simultaneously subject to other reporting obligations under regulations such as MiFID, MiFIR or CSDR. To date, not a single consolidated information provider (CTP) has been established as a source of information for market participants. As a result, the idea of transaction transparency has not been realised - in order to have reliable transaction information, one would have to collect information from all APAs. Currently, the accrual of time for the information to be submitted to the APA starts from the moment the terms are confirmed and is 15 minutes. This is controversial in that the settlement of the transaction can occur on the day of confirmation of the terms (D+0) as well as on subsequent days - meaning that the parties to the transaction can influence the timing of the appearance of the information anyway if they so wish. In addition, the instructions may not be collated and the transaction may not take place.

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1. Do stakeholders agree with the proposed principles and related description? Is there any other aspect/principle that should be considered?

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1. What are the key advantages of option 1a and how do these benefits address the issues in section 3?

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1. What are the key limitations and potential risks of option 1a? For example, do you consider the adaptation of the emir template to cover the data points used for market abuse surveillance as meeting the general objective of reducing the reporting burden, and why?

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1. What components are missing or not adequately addressed in option 1a? Why are these elements important, and how might their inclusion change the evaluation or implementation of option 1a?

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1. What are the key advantages of option 1b and how do these benefits address the issues in section 3?

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1. What are the key limitations and potential risks of option 1b?

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1. What components are missing or not adequately addressed in option 1b? Why are these elements important, and how might their inclusion change the evaluation or implementation of option 1b?

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1. What are the key advantages of option 2a and how do these benefits address the issues in section 3?

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1. What are the key limitations and potential risks of option 2a?

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1. What components are missing or not adequately addressed in option 2a? Why are these elements important, and how might their inclusion change the evaluation or implementation of option 2a?

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1. What are the key advantages of option 2b and how do these benefits address the issues in section 3? What regimes should be included in such an option beyond EMIR, MiFIR and SFTR?

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1. What are the key limitations and potential risks of option 2b?

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1. What components are missing or not adequately addressed in option 2b? Why are these elements important, and how might their inclusion change the evaluation or implementation of option 2b?

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1. Which of the two main options (1. “removal of duplication in current frameworks” or 2. "report once") and related sub-options identified do you believe should be prioritised, and why?

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1. Are there any additional options that should be considered on top of option 1 and 2? For example, do you identify other potential intermediate solutions, combinations of elements from the identified options, or phased approaches? If so, what are their main characteristics, the reasons for considering them, and the key advantages they would bring?

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1. Should the reporting channels, and flows be modified to ensure consistent reporting, and if so, how? Under which option/s do you consider these changes should be implemented?

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1. In this regard, and based on the current order book requirements for trading venues and the availability of information, what are the advantages and disadvantages of transferring the reporting of on-venue transactions under MiFIR and EMIR to trading venues?

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1. Additionally, what are your views on enhancing ESMA role as data hub by developing a framework where entities would report consistent and harmonised data directly to ESMA? Should this option consider direct reporting to ESMA coupled with EU and national authorities’ access to the centrally held data, eliminating multiple submissions?

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1. In the case of centralisation of reporting, please expand on the advantages and disadvantages as well as the implementation challenges and opportunities? Under this scenario, what additional elements should be considered (i.e. Operational aspects, technical implementation, etc.)

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1. Do you consider that other technologies (e.g. DLT and Smart Contracts) should be considered as a way to simplify the reporting process?

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1. Where do you think the cost associated with dual sided reporting is generated? What would be the cost impact of removing dual-sided reporting (e.g. Substituting reconciliation requirements with other measures such as audits against internal record systems as required in the U.S. or increase interaction among counterparties and NCAs)? Do you consider that dual sided reporting may reduce the ability of reporting entities to fully control the data submitted to authorities? Do you consider that the reporting should be strictly from one side?

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1. Would you consider the modification of reporting frequency useful under the general objective of reducing the reporting burden, and why? What would be the specific proposals in this regard?

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1. Proportionality measures: how do you consider proportionality can be taken into account in the context of burden reduction in regulatory reporting? What specific measures would you propose and how would you quantify their impact?

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1. Question for reporting entities under EMIR: what is the one-off cost of implementing EMIR requirements to date? This cost should include all cost lines, such as familiarisation with obligations, staff recruitment, training, legal advice, consultancy fees, project management and investment/updating in it. Do you identify any other relevant one-off cost line?

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1. Question for reporting entities under EMIR: what is your estimated average cost per transaction (on-going cost) to comply with the reporting requirements under EMIR? This cost should include not only the fees associated with reporting through trade repositories (which usually includes data collection and information storage) but also the total cost, including any other cost lines, such as, IT maintenance and support, training, data processing and audit fees. Do you identify any other relevant ongoing cost line?

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1. Question for reporting entities under MiFIR: what is the one-off cost of implementing mifir requirements to date? This cost should include all cost lines, such as familiarisation with obligations, staff recruitment, training, legal advice, consultancy fees, project management and investment/updating in it. Do you identify any other relevant one-off cost line?

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1. Question for reporting entities under MiFIR: what is your estimated average cost per transaction (on-going cost) to comply with the reporting requirements under MiFIR? This cost should include not only the fees associated with reporting through Approved Reported Mechanisms but also the total cost, including any other cost lines, such as, IT maintenance and support, training, data processing and audit fees. Do you identify any other relevant ongoing cost line?

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1. Question for reporting entities under EMIR or MiFIR: Are there other cost-factors that we should consider when estimating the cost saving over a long term horizon?

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1. What are the anticipated investments and transition costs associated with implementing option 1a, 1b, 2a and 2b (e.g. Decommissioning of legacy systems, adapting systems to new changes and future evolving requirements, etc.)? Please provide a detailed breakdown of these costs, including any one-off and ongoing expenses. What is the estimated average cost saving per transaction?

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