



THE ACPR IN A FEW WORDS

Introducing the Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution



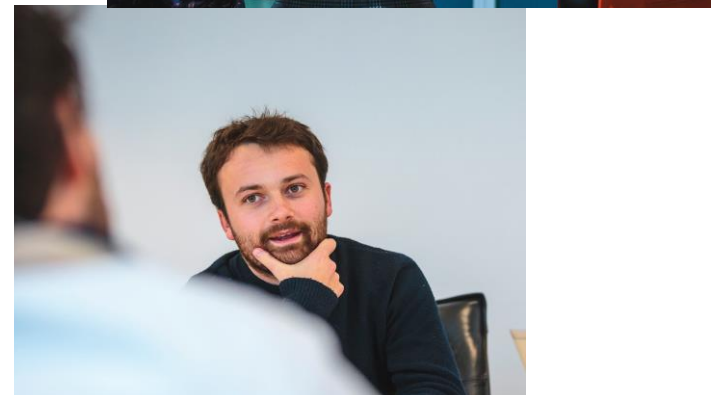
WHAT IS THE ACPR?

The *Autorité de contrôle prudentiel⁽¹⁾ et de résolution⁽²⁾⁽³⁾* is an administrative authority attached to the *Banque de France* responsible for carrying out the supervision of the banking and insurance sector in France

(1) **Prudential supervision** consists in the monitoring the financial soundness of institutions, in particular their capital base, liquidity and risk management arrangements in accordance with the regulations in force

(2) **Resolution** consists in the implementation of crisis prevention and resolution measures as alternatives to liquidation, in the fields of banking and insurance

(3) The French prudential control and resolution Authority



WHY WAS THE ACP* CREATED IN 2010?

Following the global financial crisis of 2008, Christine Lagarde, the French Minister for the Economy, announced the creation of a new authority in France, tasked with the supervision of banks and insurers 3 objectives:

- ensuring financial stability
- protecting customers
- strengthening French influence in international and European fora

In 2010, the *Autorité de contrôle prudentiel* (ACP) is established, with a new competence: consumer protection, in particular *via* the control of the marketing of financial products

ACP =

MERGER

Licensing Authorities

- The French credit institutions and investment firms Committee (CECEI)
- The French insurance undertakings Committee (CEA)

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Supervisory Authorities

- The French banking Commission
- The French insurance and mutual insurance undertakings supervisory Authority (ACAM)

WHAT ARE THE KEY MILESTONES TO REMEMBER? (1/2)



2010

- **Establishment of the ACP** (March)

- Creation of **3 European supervisory agencies**

The EBA, EIOPA and ESMA*



2013

The ACP is given a new mandate: **resolution**, and becomes the **ACPR**



2015

Entry into force of the **Single Resolution Mechanism (SRM)**



2011

Establishment of the **joint ACP-AMF Unit** dedicated to customer protection



2014

Entry into force of the **Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM)**

*European Banking Authority – “EBA”

European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority – “EIOPA”

European Securities and Market Authority – “ESMA”

WHAT ARE THE KEY MILESTONES TO REMEMBER? (2/2)

2016

- Creation of the **Fintech Unit** dedicated to **Fintech undertakings and innovation** (entry point for innovative project initiators...)
- Extension of the ACPR's resolution powers to the **insurance sector**
- Creation of the **Financial Stability Unit** which coordinates the ACPR and the Banque de France's financial stability efforts: risk analysis, macroprudential policy, international regulatory issues...

2021

Creation of a **unified Directorate dedicated to the fight Against Money Laundering and to Countering Terrorist Financing (AML-CFT)**

2023

Creation of the **Collectif Agir pour la Planète (CAP)** to disseminate a culture of climate and environmental risks within the ACPR and the Banque de France

2020

- **First climate stress tests** conducted with banks and insurers
- Targeted measures to safeguard financial stability in light of the economic crisis caused by the **Covid-19 pandemic**

2022

Establishment of a crisis unit at the beginning of **the war in Ukraine**. Close follow-up of the banking and insurance sectors and cyber risk.



AN AUTHORITY ATTACHED TO THE BANQUE DE FRANCE (BDF), MEANING?



The Governor of the Banque de France, Mr François Villeroy de Galhau, is the Chairman of the ACPR, Mr Jean-Paul Faugère, Vice-Chairman of the ACPR, serves on the General Council of the Banque de France



ACPR staff is **employed by the Banque de France**

The ACPR uses the **support functions of the BDF** with a view to mutualising resources (HR management, property management, IT, etc.)

The ACPR adopts its budget, which is **annexed to that** of the BDF



The ACPR's revenues consist mainly of **contributions paid by supervised entities**.

Employment and resources caps are set by the French Parliament, and incorporated into the Finance Act



The ACPR acts within the framework of **the Banque de France's missions**:

Financial stability ← ACPR

Monetary Strategy

Services to the economy



WHAT ARE THE ACPR'S MAIN MISSIONS? (1/2)

The ACPR performs **four main missions** of general interest:

1

Preserving financial stability, both that of the system as a whole and that of each institution (banking and insurance sectors)

- **Licensing new players:**
 - Granting and managing changes to licenses, authorisations, registrations
 - Ownership changes, mergers or portfolio transfers, governance decisions (appointment of effective managers and managers of key insurance functions)...
 - collaborating with the AMF on several authorisation activities
- Carrying out the **ongoing supervision of the financial position of supervised entities and ensuring the enforcement of prudential regulations**
- Contributing to **the development of prudential rules** for banks and insurance companies, at the international and European level, in order to prevent risks pertaining to the stability of the financial system (systemic risks)

WHAT ARE THE ACPR'S MAIN MISSIONS? (2/2)

2 **Combating money laundering and terrorist financing** through the supervision of the preventive measures implemented by institutions


3 **Protecting the customers** of banking and insurance undertakings

4 **Implementing crisis prevention mechanisms** for the banking and insurance sectors, as well as **“resolution”** mechanisms in the event of an institution's bankruptcy






WHAT ARE ITS OTHER KEY TASKS?



Representing France as a supervisory authority at the international and European level, contributing to the strengthening of financial sector regulations



Enhancing, sharing and disseminating our expertise in the financial sector in academia, among supervised institutions... (studies and research, conferences, seminars)



Contributing to the **risk assessment** of the financial system, taking into account emerging risks (cyber risk, climate risk)



Fostering dialogue, supporting **Fintech players** and preparing next generation supervision methods (Suptech)



WHICH REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR BANKING & INSURANCE SUPERVISION?

Highly harmonised international and European regulations

Definition of international standards

BCBS

Basel Committee on Banking Supervision



International Association of Insurance Supervisors



Financial action task force Intergovernmental AML-CFT body

Proposal and adoption of legislation at the European level



European Commission



European Council



European Parliament

Publication of guidelines, clarification of European directives or regulations, verification of their application by national supervisors



European Banking Authority



European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority

National implementation



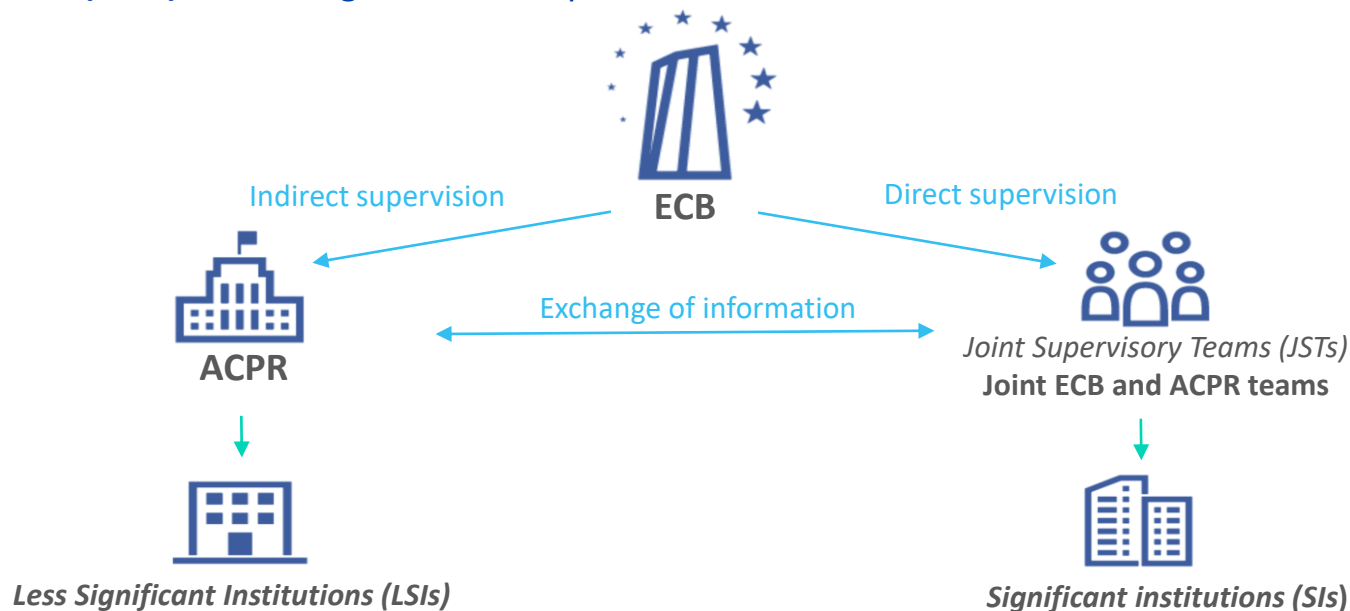
Law (especially for the transposition of directives), decrees



Views, instructions, ACPR notices

AT THE OPERATIONAL LEVEL, HOW IS SUPERVISION ORGANISED?

In the European Union, the supervision of credit institutions takes place under the **Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM)**, which organises the supervision of banks between the ACPR and the ECB



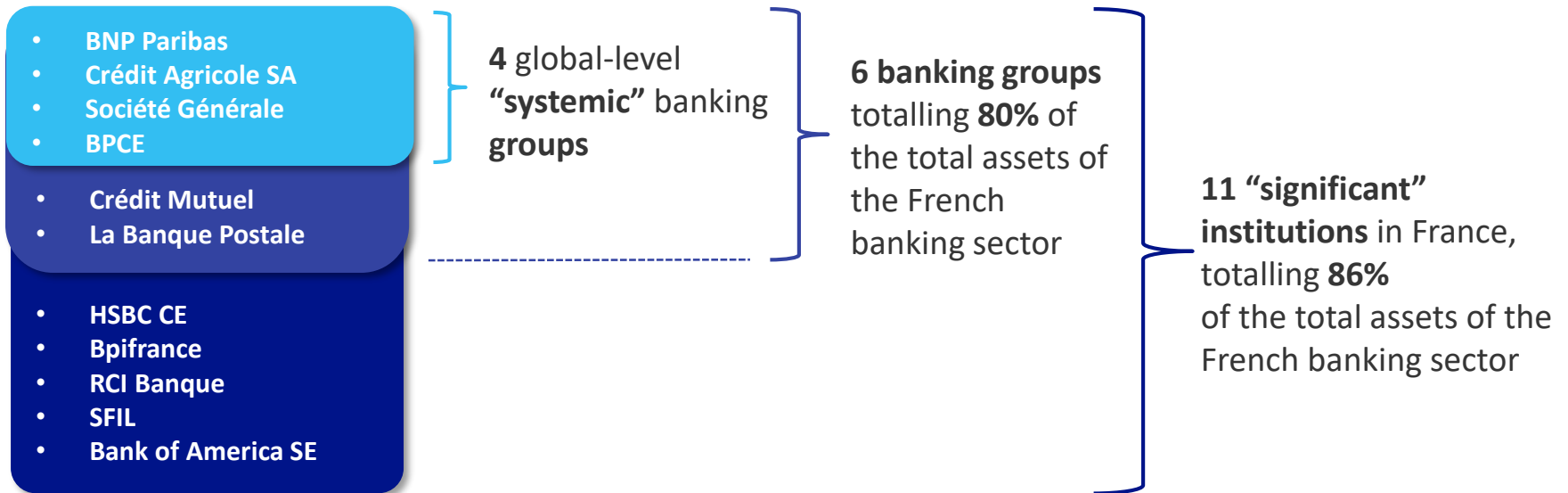
The supervision of **insurance undertakings (and LSIs)** is **directly** conducted by the ACPR

Customer protection missions, as well as **anti-money laundering and terrorist financing missions**, are also carried out directly by the ACPR for both sectors (banking & insurance)

The Single Resolution Mechanism (**SRM**), the second pillar of the Banking Union, is based on the same principles as the SSM

WHY DO WE DISTINGUISH BETWEEN “SIGNIFICANT BANKING INSTITUTIONS” AND “LESS SIGNIFICANT INSTITUTIONS”?

The key concern of this classification is to identify institutions the failure of which is likely to cause a “systemic” crisis, either at a global scale or at the level of the European Union (cause significant disruptions to the financial system as a whole and to the economic activity of several countries)



Sources: [ECB](#), [ACPR](#)

WHAT ARE THE KEY FIGURES OF THE ACPR FOR 2020? (1/2)



HEADCOUNT & BUDGET

1 065

full-time
equivalent (FTE)

(see Annex 3)

237,7

million EUR
budget

AUTHORISATIONS & SANCTIONS

223

licensing and authorisations
decisions

6

rulings made by the
sanctions committee

WHAT ARE THE KEY FIGURES OF THE ACPR FOR 2020? (2/2)



SUPERVISED INSTITUTIONS BY THE ACPR

657

supervised institutions
in the banking sector
(see Annex 2)

660

supervised insurance and
mutual insurance
undertakings

INTERMEDIARIES REGISTERED WITH ORIAS AND SUPERVISED BY THE ACPR

65 000

Intermediaries supervised by
the ACPR for business practices

of which
26 000

Intermediaries supervised by the ACPR
for the fight against money laundering
and terrorist financing (AML-CFT)

ON-SITE INSPECTIONS

97

on prudential matters

95

on business practices

43

on the fight against money laundering
and terrorist financing (AML-CFT)

Source: 2023 annual report

WHAT ARE THE ACPR'S DECISION-MAKING BODIES?

SUPERVISORY BODY

Plenary session

Sectoral insurance
sub-college⁽²⁾

Restricted session⁽¹⁾

Sectoral banking
sub-college⁽²⁾

SANCTIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION BODY

WHAT ARE THE OTHERS BODIES?

ADVISORY COMMISSIONS

Prudential cases

AML-CFT⁽³⁾

Business Practices

Climate and Sustainable Finance

Scientific Committee

AUDIT COMMITTEE

- (1) **The supervisory body's restricted sessions** cover individual issues that may have a significant impact on the banking and insurance sectors and on financial stability. It examines also issues relating to the supervision of financial conglomerates
- (2) **The sectoral sub-colleges**, banking, insurance, are tasked with appraising individual cases as well as general issues specific to their sector
- (3) **Combating money laundering and terrorist financing**

ORGANISATION CHART OF THE SECRETARIAT GENERAL

General Secretariat of the ACPR

- Banking Supervision Directorates 1 and 2
- On-site Inspection Delegation
- Insurance Supervision Directorates 1 and 2
- Cross-functional and Specialised Supervision Directorate
- Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Directorate
- Business Practices Supervision Directorate

Supervision

- Authorisation Directorate
- Fintech Innovation Unit
- Resolution Directorate
- Sanctions Committee Division

Ex-ante and ex-post supervision

- Legal Affairs Directorate
- International Affairs Directorate
- Risk Analysis Directorate
- ACPR Data Manager
- Quality and Methodology Division

Cross-sectional functions

- Human Resources and Support Functions Directorate
- Communication unit

Support functions

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

VISIT OUR WEBSITES



 acpr.banque-france.fr



 abe-infoservice.fr

A public service website dedicated to informing, alerting and guiding financial sector customers

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ANNEX 1: ACPR LOCATIONS

- 📍 Paris Saint-Lazare: place de Budapest (Intown building) and rue de Londres
- 📍 Lille (ACPR offices in the BDF branch)
- 📍 Tours (ACPR offices in the BDF branch)



ACPR offices, Intown building, Saint-Lazare

ANNEX 2: ENTITIES AUTHORISED TO OPERATE IN FRANCE

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657

supervised institutions
in the banking sector

Credit institutions (authorised in France and Monaco)	331
Investment firms	98
Financing companies	144
Payment institutions	55
Account information service providers	10
Electronic money institutions	19

Other institutions authorised by the ACPR: 214 (5 third-party financing companies and 209 bureaux de change)

Branches of European Economic Area institutions under freedom of establishment: 179

660

supervised insurance
and mutual insurance
undertakings

Insurers: insurance companies, supplementary occupational pension institutions, reinsurance companies, third-country branches (Insurance Code)	302
Provident institutions (Social Security Code)	34
Mutual undertakings (Mutual Insurers Code)	324

ANNEX 3: FOCUS ON THE DIVERSITY AT THE ACPR BANQUE DE FRANCE

The **Banque de France** is committed to fostering respect for diversity in all its forms, to fighting against discrimination, to promoting gender equality and guaranteeing a quality work environment.

→ More information on the [Banque de France website](#) (Corporate Social Responsibility section)



DID YOU KNOW?

At the ACPR, which employs 1 065 ETP:

- average age: 40 years old
- 49 % women / 51 % men

As at 31/12/2023