



## European Deposit Insurance Scheme

What's going on? Or not?

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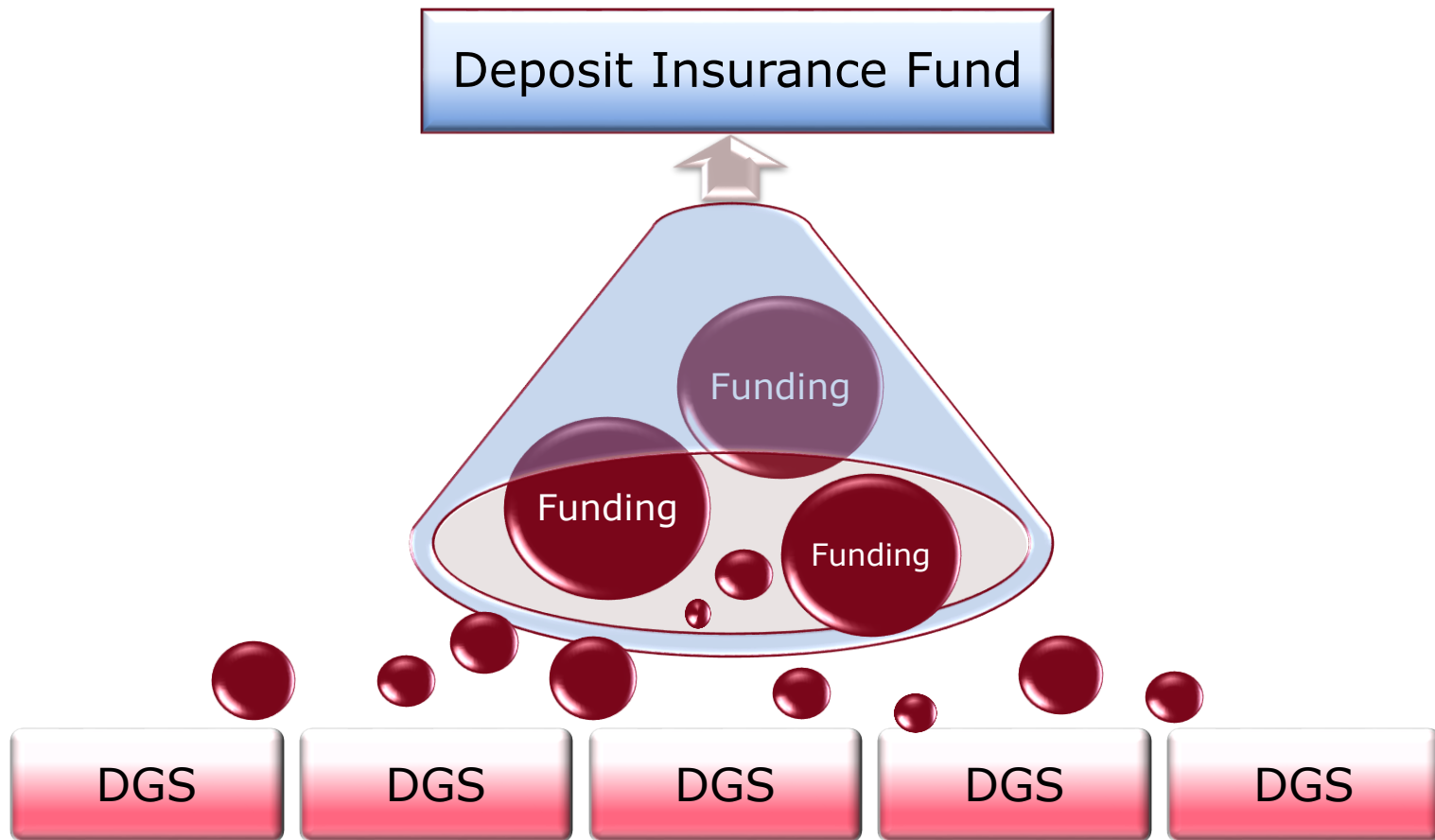
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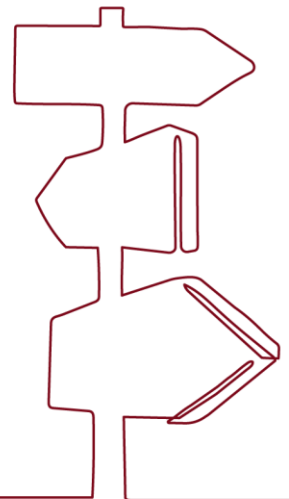


# Quick Reminder: The whole EDIS Proposal of 2015 on a Single Slide



## Ongoing political and technical discussions since 2015 – One Proposal per Year

- Nov 2016: Draft report by rapporteur Esther de Lange
  - Unlike the Commission's proposal, the draft report primarily envisaged a system of liquidity support only
  - NDGSs would continue to have financial resources of their own (0.4% of covered deposits), enabling them to take alternative measures and compensate depositors on their own authority
  - Banks would pay their contributions to the responsible national DGS, not directly to the DIF
- Oct 2017: Communication of the COM
- End of 2018: Ad-hoc Working Party of the Council
  - Mutual Lending
  - Hybrid Model (Lending and DIF)
  - COM Proposal
- End of 2019?



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Enter GERMANY



## 2019: Germany finally enters the stage...

- Guest contribution by German Minister of Finance Olaf Scholz published in Financial Times on 6 November 2019
- Proposal for next steps towards completing the banking union
- Includes a proposal for a European deposit insurance mechanism

## well, kind of...

- Chancellor Merkel did not support the proposal
- So, not an official German proposal

## Key differences between COM Proposal and “German Proposal”

The European deposit reinsurance scheme put forward by the German Finance Ministry moves away from the European Commission’s 2015 proposal

Difference 1	2 Stages
Difference 2	Role of national deposit insurance schemes
Difference 3	Funding
Difference 4	Introduction of Backstops

## Structure and Establishment of a DIF

- Creation of a **European deposit insurance fund** (DIF)
- Administered by the **SRB**
- The resources would be accumulated in the DIF **in addition** to the NDGs resources
- The DIF would have **national compartments**
- Provision of **liquidity** to the NDGSs when needed, in the form of repayable loans



# Access to Liquidity

## Principle of national responsibility

Step 1	It would only be possible to call on the DIF once <b>national resources</b> are exhausted
Step 2	Access to <b>resources of the DIF</b> But: European contribution would be capped
Step 3	Need for additional resources have to be covered by the <b>Member State</b> in question
Step 4	If the Member State has not sufficient capacity, the <b>European Stability Mechanism (ESM)</b> could support the Member State with normal programme resources

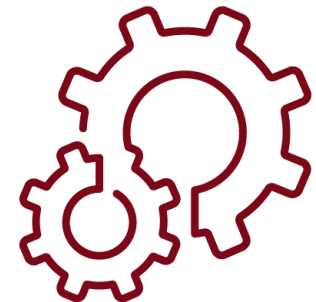
## Two Phases of Reinsurance

### **1) Liquidity assistance**

Once target level of NDGSs has been achieved (2024)

### **2) Reinsurance model with – limited – loss-bearing component (“conceivable”)**

But only, once all the other elements of the banking union have been implemented.



At first glance:

Potential increase of the  
resilience of the banking  
union



## Heading towards the right direction

- Restricted to Temporary Liquidity Assistance
- No loss coverage (in first stage)
- NDGSs remain fully operational and responsible
- Direct claim against national DGS
- Increase of depositor confidence
- Sustainability
- Calculation of contributions in accordance with DGSD (at least for national funds)



*Depositor Confidence  
and BU Resilience*

## But still many open questions

- Legal uncertainty regarding
  - calculation of contributions
  - legal claim of depositors and obligated entity
  
- Scope (e.g. credit unions)
  
- Safeguards
  - Which DGS can/shall participate?
  - Consequences of failure to comply?
  
- Level playing field?
  - Different coverage levels
    - Handling of THB
    - Target level
    - Payment Commitments
  - Different mandates



## The Road ahead

The **High Level Working Group (HLWG)** set up in December 2018 to carry out technical work on a roadmap for beginning political negotiations on EDIS presents report to the Eurogroup by the end of 2019.

Three subgroups discuss:

- overall architecture of banking union and the role of EDIS in a completed banking union;
- design of EDIS; and
- prerequisites/conditionality for the next steps and their sequence.

During the past few years, it has become clear that the current so-called 'three pillars' (bank supervision, bank resolution and deposit insurance) are just not enough. They alone do not take us towards the goal of a lastingly stable banking union. Priority should take **eliminating the fragmentation of the European banking market.**



Thank you for your attention!

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