

## **Written agreement for the establishment and functioning of the college of European Central Counterparty N.V. (hereinafter EuroCCP)**

### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. In accordance with Article 18(5) of Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories (“the Regulation” or “EMIR” ), as amended by Regulation (EU) 2019/2099 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 as regards the procedures and authorities involved for the authorisation of CCPs and requirements for the recognition of third-country CCPs , Commission Delegated Regulation (EC) No 876/2013 of 28 May 2013 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to regulatory technical standards on colleges for central counterparties as amended by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 2020/2145 of 1 September 2020 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) No 876/2013 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards changes to the composition, functioning and management of colleges for central counterparties (“the RTS”), this agreement (“the Written Agreement”) between the members of the college for EUROCCP is intended to establish the practical arrangements for the establishment and functioning of the college for EUROCCP (the “College”) and to facilitate the effective operation of the College in accordance with EMIR and the RTS.
- 1.2. This Written Agreement does not create any additional legally binding obligations on the College Members which are not specified in EMIR or the RTS. The function of colleges is to facilitate the exercise of the tasks specified in EMIR and the tasks assigned to College Members as well as the composition, establishment and management of colleges have been articulated by the legislator in EMIR as legal obligations and, therefore, are binding and directly applicable to all College Members. Practical arrangements laid down in the RTS form part of this Written Agreement.
- 1.3. This Written Agreement is intended to be consistent with EMIR and the RTS. If, however, there is any conflict between a provision of EMIR (or the RTS) and this Written Agreement, the provisions of EMIR (or the RTS) will take precedence.
- 1.4. This Written Agreement does not supersede or prevent a College Member from organising or participating in any other bilateral or multilateral arrangements for regulatory, supervisory or oversight purposes with regard to EUROCCP.

## **2. Defined Terms**

- 2.1. De Nederlandsche Bank (hereinafter DNB), for the purpose of this Written Agreement, is the Competent Authority designated by the Member State of establishment of EUROCCP to establish, manage and chair the college for EUROCCP, pursuant to Article 18(1) of EMIR.
- 2.2. College Member for the purpose of this Written Agreement is an authority that qualifies for membership of the College, including, where applicable, as a result of the decision of DNB, in accordance with Article 18(2) of EMIR.

## **3. Formation of the College**

- 3.1. In accordance with Article 18(1) of EMIR, DNB must establish a college within 30 calendar days of the submission of a complete application by EUROCCP for authorisation as a CCP under EMIR.
- 3.2. In accordance with Article 18(5) of EMIR, the establishment and functioning of the College will be based on a Written Agreement between all of the College Members.
- 3.3. In order to ensure that the deadline for the establishment of the College is met, the steps that will be taken by DNB in establishing the College, and the relevant timeframes, are as follows:
  - 3.3.1. Within 5 calendar days of receipt of a complete application for authorisation under EMIR, DNB will determine which authorities are College Members in accordance with Article 18(2) of EMIR, in particular points (b) to (c) and (d) to (h) thereof. DNB will provide ESMA with a copy of the analysis on which it has based its determination.
  - 3.3.2. Within 7 calendar days of receipt of a complete application for authorisation under EMIR, DNB will provide the College Members with:
    - 3.3.2.1. a copy of this Written Agreement for their review and approval;
    - 3.3.2.2. a full list of College Members, including the categories in points (b) to (c) and (d) to (h) of Article 18(2) in which they qualify;
    - 3.3.2.3. a fully reasoned explanation of any circumstances where the provisions of this Written Agreement depart from ESMA's Guidelines regarding written agreements between members of CCP colleges (the Guidelines), highlighting the differences between this written agreement and the standard written agreement included in the Guidelines on written agreements between college members.

- 3.3.3. Where a competent authority of a clearing member referred to in point (ca) of Article 18(2) of EMIR or a central bank of issue referred to in point (i) of Article 18(2) of EMIR wishes to participate in the College of EUROCCP, it will submit its request to DNB justifying its request. In the case of a competent authority referred to in point (ca) of Article 18(2) of EMIR, when reviewing the justification provided in accordance with point (ca) of Article 18(2) of EMIR, DNB may consider, among other things, the level of contributions to the default fund of EUROCCP of the clearing members for which the requesting competent authority is the competent authority and the systemic importance of EUROCCP to the Member State of the requesting competent authority. In the case of a central bank of issue referred to in point (i) of Article 18(2) of EMIR, when reviewing the justification provided in accordance with point (i) of Article 18(2) of EMIR, DNB may consider, among other things, the relative share of the currency in EUROCCP's average end-of-day open positions across all financial instruments cleared by EUROCCP, the systemic importance of EUROCCP to the currency area and the currency denomination of OTC derivatives subject to the OTC clearing obligation under EMIR cleared by EUROCCP. DNB will respond to the requesting competent authority or central bank within 20 calendar days of the receipt of the request either consenting to or rejecting the request. Where DNB does not grant the request, it shall also provide full and detailed reasons in writing within the same timeframe. Where DNB grants the request, it shall provide the requesting competent authority or central bank with a copy of this Written Agreement for their review and approval. Where new members join a college pursuant to points (ca) or (i) of Article 18(2) of EMIR, DNB will immediately notify other members of the college.
- 3.3.4. DNB may commence the steps required to establish the College ahead of its determination of the completeness of EUROCCP's application.
- 3.3.5. Within 12 calendar days of receipt of a copy of this Written Agreement for their review and approval, College Members, including those who are members of the college pursuant to points (ca) and (i) of Article 18(2), will return a signed copy of this Written Agreement to DNB and will also provide DNB with the name, telephone number, email address and any other relevant contact details for the members of staff at the College Member that will act as the primary and secondary representatives for that College Member at the College (the "contact details").
- 3.3.6. Where a College Member does not return a signed copy of this Written Agreement to DNB within 12 calendar days, that College Member must provide DNB with a fully reasoned explanation of why it has not signed the Written Agreement within the envisaged timeframe. Where the written agreement does not depart from the standard written agreement included in the Guidelines on written agreements between college members, that College Member must justify to ESMA such non-compliance with the Guidelines (pursuant to Article 16(3) of the ESMA Regulation in the case of College Members to which the ESMA Regulation applies). The failure of a College Member to sign the Written Agreement may result in infringement proceedings in accordance with Article 258 of the TFEU, as well as the actions provided for in Articles 265 and 271(d) of the TFEU.

- 3.3.7. The College will be considered to be established once a signed copy of this Written Agreement has been received from all College Members. Within 5 calendar days of the College being established, DNB will confirm to College Members the fact that the College has been established and the contact details of all College Members.
- 3.4. Every year, within 30 calendar days of the anniversary of the date of the last review of the composition of the College, DNB will determine/confirm which authorities are College Members in accordance with Article 18(2) of EMIR. DNB will provide ESMA with a copy of the analysis on which it has based its determination/confirmation. DNB will inform College Members of their eligibility to continue to participate (including the categories in points (b) to (i) of Article 18(2) in which they qualify in the College within 25 calendar days of the anniversary of the date of the last review of the composition of the College.
- 3.5. Each College Member will notify DNB promptly of any changes in its statutory tasks that impact on its eligibility to participate in a college. Following this notification, DNB shall update the college composition within 30 calendar days from the date of receipt of the notification.
- 3.6. DNB will publish on its website and notify to ESMA a list of the members of the college within 30 calendar days after the college's establishment. DNB will update the list without undue delay after any change to the composition of the college, including in respect of any non-voting members referred to in points (ca) and (i) of Article 18(2) of EMIR.
- 3.7. Each College Member will notify DNB promptly of any changes to the contact details of its representative(s). DNB will circulate a copy of such changes to all College Members.
- 3.8. Subject to the agreement of all College Members, additional authorities may be invited by DNB to attend specific meetings of the College (or specific sessions thereof) as observers. For the avoidance of doubt, such an invited authority may be a Non-EEA Authority. Observers are not expected to attend meetings of the College on a permanent basis and have no voting rights.

#### **4. Working language of the College**

- 4.1. The working language of the College, including the language in which DNB will communicate with College Members, when, for example, it produces its risk assessment report (under Article 19(1) of EMIR), or its model validation reports (under Articles 41(2) and 49(1) of EMIR), and the language in which the College will operate and reach any joint opinion (under Article 19(1) of EMIR) will be English.
- 4.2. Where a notification is made or an application is submitted in any of the following cases, including any additional information related thereto, in an official language of

the European Union that is not English, DNB will provide College Members with an English translation of all relevant documentation necessary for the College to form an opinion on:

- 4.2.1. an application of EUROCCP for authorisation pursuant to Article 17 of EMIR (application for authorisation);
- 4.2.2. an application of EUROCCP for an extension of its business to additional services or activities not covered by its initial authorisation pursuant to Article 15 of EMIR (application for extension);
- 4.2.3. a notification of a 'proposed acquirer' or 'proposed vendor' pursuant to Article 31(2) of EMIR and any additional information provided pursuant to Article 31(3) of EMIR (notification of changes in shareholding);
- 4.2.4. an application of EUROCCP pursuant to Article 35(1) of EMIR (application for outsourcing);
- 4.2.5. an application of EUROCCP pursuant to Article 41(2) of EMIR (application to adopt models and parameters);
- 4.2.6. an application of EUROCCP pursuant to Article 49(1) of EMIR (application to amend its models and parameters); or
- 4.2.7. an application of EUROCCP pursuant to Article 54(1) of EMIR (application for an interoperability arrangement).

Where such English translation is provided by EUROCCP, DNB has no responsibility for the translation.

## **5. Applications subject to an opinion of the college**

- 5.1. Where an application or a notification of a type listed in paragraph 4.2 of this Written Agreement is submitted to DNB, DNB will provide each College Member with an electronic ('soft') copy of the application or notification, and any documentation provided in support of such application or notification, in the official language of the European Union in which they are submitted within 7 calendar days of the receipt of the application or notification (except in the case of an application for authorization under Article 14 of EMIR which will be provided to College Members within 7 calendar days of the College having been established, pursuant to paragraph 3.3.7 of this Written Agreement). Where the application or notification is not complete and is further complemented with any additional information, within 7 calendar days of the receipt of such additional information, DNB will transmit it to each College Member. Within 7 calendar days of the application having been determined by DNB to be complete, DNB will notify all College Members.

- 5.2. Where EUROCCP's application or notification was submitted to DNB in an official language of the European Union that is not English then DNB will provide College Members with the English translation of the documentation referred to in paragraph 4.2 of this Written Agreement sufficiently in advance of any vote of the College on a joint opinion in accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 19(1) of EMIR.
- 5.3. DNB will indicate to College Members the timeframe within which they should raise any points of interest or concern they have with regards to the application or notification. DNB will, to the extent possible, endeavour to take these views into account during the preparation of its risk assessment and in any event will provide feedback to the relevant College Member on how these views have been taken on board. DNB will endeavour to provide such feedback sufficiently in advance of any vote of the College on a joint opinion in accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 19(1) of EMIR.
- 5.4. DNB will schedule a meeting of the College to consider the risk assessment produced by DNB under the second subparagraph of Article 19(1) of EMIR, any validation by DNB of the models and parameters used by EUROCCP pursuant to Articles 41(2) or 49(1) of EMIR, any validation by ESMA of significant changes to the models and parameters used by EUROCCP pursuant to Article 49(1) of EMIR, DNB's recommendation on whether to approve the application and to reach a joint opinion under the second subparagraph of Article 19(1) of EMIR. The opinion will include any recommendations adopted by the College in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 19(1a) of EMIR and paragraph 5.5 of this Written Agreement or submitted by a central bank of issue in accordance with the second sub-paragraph of Article 19(1a) of EMIR. College Members will be provided with at least 14 calendar days to review and consider the risk assessment of EUROCCP and recommendation, prior to the meeting of the College. College Members should strive to submit any comments, or issues, for discussion by the College at least 7 calendar days in advance of the College meeting, including any proposals for recommendations.
- 5.5. Prior to the vote on the college opinion, the College will discuss the risk assessment, and, where relevant, any proposal for recommendations and ESMA opinion, and vote on any proposal for recommendations submitted by college members other than central banks of issue.
- 5.6. Without prejudice to the fourth subparagraph of Article 17(4) of EMIR, and if no joint opinion of the College is reached, at the meeting held under paragraph 5.4 of this Written Agreement, then DNB will schedule another meeting to be held within a sufficient timeframe as to enable the College to adopt a majority opinion within 30 calendar days of the College's receipt of the risk assessment as is required pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 19(1) of EMIR or, in the case of a validation, to 49(1c) of EMIR.

- 5.7. DNB will communicate for review and comment, its draft written response to the application, to all College Members no fewer than 3 calendar days before such response is provided to the applicant.
- 5.8. Where recommendations have been included in the joint opinion, DNB should regularly update the College on the implementation of any action to comply with those recommendations.

## **6. Meetings of the College**

- 6.1. The College will meet in person at least annually and, if deemed necessary by DNB, each time that the College is required to reach a joint opinion under the second subparagraph of Article 19(1) of EMIR. Where DNB calls for other meetings of the College these may be held as in person meetings or as teleconference or videoconference calls. College Members should endeavour to participate in person at any such meeting of the College. Where it is not feasible for a College Member to physically attend an in-person meeting, they might participate by teleconference or videoconference call with such participation counting towards the quorum of the meeting.
- 6.2. The representative attending a College meeting on behalf of a College Member should have sufficient delegated authority to vote at the College meeting on behalf of the College Member they represent.
- 6.3. College Members may request that a meeting of the College be held by informing DNB of such request. The requesting College Member should outline in its request those matters that it proposes that the College needs to discuss. DNB will respond to such requests within 14 calendar days and where the request is accepted will schedule a meeting to be held within 30 calendar days. Where DNB does not consider that a meeting of the College is necessary, DNB will respond to the requesting College Member with an explanation of DNB's reason for not considering that a meeting of the College is necessary, including an explanation of how DNB proposes to address the concerns raised by the College Member that requested the additional meeting.
- 6.4. DNB will chair all meetings of the College.
- 6.5. DNB will distribute a draft agenda for each meeting of the College, other than for meetings to distribute the information in emergency situations as described in paragraph 11.1 of this Written Agreement, at least 14 calendar days before each meeting. Where a College Member wishes to contribute to the agenda of a meeting, in particular by adding points to the agenda of a meeting, it should submit its request to DNB at least 10 calendar days prior to the meeting of the College. Wherever practical, the Agenda for a College meeting will be finalised at least 7 calendar days before the date of a meeting of the College.

- 6.6. The following agenda points will be tabled for discussion by the College at least annually:
  - 6.6.1. Adoption of the minutes of the previous College meeting.
  - 6.6.2. A report of DNB's supervisory activities with regard to EUROCCP since the previous meeting of the College.
  - 6.6.3. A report of DNB's planned supervisory strategy and engagement plan with regard to EUROCCP for the period until the next scheduled meeting of the College.
  - 6.6.4. An update on DNB's evaluation of the significant risks that EUROCCP is exposed to and which EUROCCP poses, including specific consideration of any risks posed by any interoperability arrangement to which EUROCCP is a party.
  - 6.6.5. An update on the operational performance, functional and organizational setup and strategic plans of EUROCCP.
- 6.7. College Members, including DNB, will endeavour to distribute any written material to be considered at a meeting of the College not less than 7 calendar days before the meeting.
- 6.8. Pursuant to Article 4 of the RTS on CCP College, the quorum for meetings of the College is two-thirds of the College Members.
- 6.9. Where a decision is tabled for a vote by the College, including any vote of the College on a joint opinion in accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 19(1) of EMIR, and the quorum requirements are not met (either where DNB ascertains that this will be the case in advance of the meeting or at the time of the meeting) then DNB shall organise a subsequent in person meeting as soon as is practically possible and, in any case on such a timeframe as is necessary to meet the various deadlines provided for in EMIR. DNB will give as much notice of such subsequent meeting as is practically possible and will, to the extent practical, endeavour to distribute the information specified in paragraphs 6.5 and 6.7.
- 6.10. Any votes taken at a meeting of the College will be held by an open show of hands or explicit expression of vote in case of a meeting held by teleconference or videoconference call. Once cast, a vote cannot be withdrawn or amended by a College Member. Prior to the vote being taken, College Members from each Member State will inform DNB which authorities from their Member State will be eligible to cast a vote, in particular where the voting caps set out in Article 19(3) of EMIR apply. The outcome of any vote (including records of individual votes) will be clearly recorded in the minutes of the meeting.



- 6.11. Where considered appropriate by DNB, or where requested by a College Member, a vote may be taken by written procedure, on a proposal from DNB circulated to the College:
- (a) stating the time and date by which votes must be cast;
  - (b) where, exceptionally, the period for casting votes is less than 14 calendar days from the submission of the risk assessment, giving the reason for the short period;
  - (c) justifying the use of written procedure as opposed to a vote taken at a meeting of the College; and
  - (d) providing any other material considered necessary for making the decision that has not previously been provided to the College.
- 6.11.1. Votes on decisions being taken by written procedure shall be in written form and a failure to vote shall be considered a vote for the proposal.
- 6.11.2. The result of a written procedure shall be notified without delay to the College.
- 6.11.3. College Members may request to DNB that any aspect of an issue that has been the subject of written procedure be discussed at the next meeting of the College. Such a request shall not affect the use or the result of a written procedure.
- 6.12. Minutes of meetings of the College will be distributed to College Members by DNB no more than 21 calendar days following a meeting of the College. Such minutes will be subject to comment by College Members for a period of at least 7 calendar days but no more than 21 calendar days and will be tabled for adoption at a subsequent meeting of the College. Alternatively, such minutes can be adopted by written procedure.
- 6.13. DNB will provide College Members with the following information as and when such information is available:
- The information specified in Article 5 of the RTS on CCP colleges;
  - Details of any change to the models or parameters applied by the CCP;
  - [Specific information to be defined by the College];
- 6.14. The transmission of information between College Members will be done by e-mail or another secure means of communication, as agreed from time to time by the College. College Members will always be informed on an equal basis.

## **7. Qualifying Holdings**

- 7.1. Where DNB, upon completion of its assessment in accordance with Article 31(5) of EMIR, and after considering the opinion of the college according to Article 32(1) of EMIR, decides to oppose a proposed direct or indirect acquisition of a qualifying

holding in EUROCCP, DNB will notify the College within 3 calendar days of this decision.

## **8. On-going Risk Review**

- 8.1. Without prejudice to Article 21 of EMIR, where DNB intends to review the arrangements, strategies, processes and mechanisms implemented by EUROCCP to comply with EMIR or to evaluate the risks to which EUROCCP is, or might be, exposed, it shall consult and be informed by the views of College Members.
- 8.2. Where DNB performs a review or evaluation of EUROCCP under Article 21 of EMIR, it will provide detailed results of the findings of the review or evaluation to College Members within 30 calendar days of the finalisation of such review or evaluation or by 14 calendar days prior to the next meeting of the College, whichever is earlier. DNB's report will include details of any actions arising for EUROCCP, DNB or any third party as a result of the review or evaluation and any penalties to be imposed on EUROCCP.
- 8.3. A College Member will be entitled to raise any points of interest or concern it has with regard to DNB's review or evaluation. DNB will endeavour to take into account these views during the finalisation of its review and evaluation to the extent possible and provide feedback to the relevant College Member on how its views have been taken on board.

## **9. Organisation and Coordination of Activities between College Members**

- 9.1. For operational efficiency the College may wish, in accordance with Article 18(4)(c) of EMIR, to entrust one or more College Members with tasks relevant for the College's role with regard to EUROCCP.
- 9.2. Any entrustment of tasks, for instance via the establishment of dedicated task forces, will be voluntarily entered into by the College Members in question and should be structured in such a way as to not impact on the operation of this Written Agreement or on the ability of other College Members to participate fully and effectively in the College. An entrustment of tasks shall not result in a change in the allocation of voting rights between College Members.
- 9.3. DNB will be responsible for meeting any requests for information made to the College from authorities other than College Members. DNB may request the assistance of a College Member with regard to such requests.

## **10. Information Requests to EUROCCP**

- 10.1. Should a College Member (the 'requesting College Member') require specific information or data with regards to EUROCCP, it should inform DNB. The requesting College Member should copy the request to all College Members to ensure that DNB does not receive more than one request for such information or data. Such request should include an explanation of why such information is required for the purposes of enabling that College Member to carry out its duties in accordance with Article 84(1) of] EMIR.
- 10.2. If DNB considers that the request is not for the purposes of enabling the requesting College Member to carry out its duties in accordance with Article 84(1) of EMIR, then DNB will provide the requesting College Member with feedback on why it considers this to be the case. DNB will copy such response to all College Members.

## **11. Emergency Situation**

- 11.1. Pursuant to Article 24 of EMIR, DNB and all College Members, are responsible for assessing whether EUROCCP is facing an emergency situation. For guidance, any situation on which there is (or is a serious threat of) a major disruption to the functioning of EUROCCP, or there is significant evidence to indicate that there is a high risk of a default of a major participant of EUROCCP, or such a default has occurred will typically be considered an emergency situation.
- 11.2. In the event of an emergency situation, as described in paragraph 11.1, DNB (or where relevant another College Member) will share with College Members the following information, where possible and without undue delay:
  - 11.2.1. details of the emergency situation;
  - 11.2.2. actions likely to be taken by DNB or, where relevant, by another authority;
  - 11.2.3. actions being taken by EUROCCP, including under its default rules, recovery or emergency procedures;
  - 11.2.4. if applicable, details of any default protections exercised and/or recovery powers deployed by EUROCCP; and,
  - 11.2.5. if applicable, details of failure-to-settle procedures used (by currency if relevant);
  - 11.2.6. details on the prospective implications of disruptions to EUROCCP's performance and for the full and timely provision of its services to its clearing members and interoperable infrastructures; and

- 11.2.7. any other available information that would be of particular relevance to other College Members.
- 11.3. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Written Agreement should constrain the ability of DNB or any other College Member to take timely action during an emergency situation.
- 11.4. DNB, or the relevant College Member, may choose to distribute the information specified in Paragraph 11.2 by email or by means of a conference call or in- person meeting, as is considered appropriate at the time.
- 11.5. College Members shall cooperate closely, wherever necessary and according to national law, with other relevant authorities (including central banks, finance ministries and resolution authorities) with regard to an emergency situation in respect of EUROCCP.
- 11.6. In order to facilitate effective cooperation in an emergency situation, a protocol regarding the operation of the College in an emergency situation is provided in the Annex. This protocol will indicate the type of information that Chairing Authority and College Members are expected to share in an emergency situation, how such information will be communicated and the timeframes in which communication would likely occur, in various different crisis scenarios. Such protocol will be regularly tested in coordination with the emergency situation testing of the CCP itself.
- 11.7. DNB will coordinate the emergency management activities of the College. DNB will take account of the views of other College Members with regard to the management of such emergency situations, except where a decision is required urgently in line with Article 20(3) of EMIR.

## **12. Withdrawal of Authorisation**

- 12.1. Where DNB considers that one of the circumstances set out in Article 20(1) of EMIR for the withdrawal of EUROCCP's authorization applies, then DNB will inform the College before it commences its review of whether to withdraw the authorisation of EUROCCP as provided for in Article 20(2) of EMIR. However pursuant to Article 20(3) of EMIR, in situations in which a decision on the withdrawal of authorisation is urgently required, then the provisions of paragraph 12.6 and 12.7 will apply.
- 12.2. Should a College Member request that DNB perform a review of whether EUROCCP remains in compliance with the conditions under which authorisation was granted (under Article 20(4) of EMIR), DNB will notify all College Members of this request and will formally respond to the request within 14 calendar days. All College Members will be notified of DNB's response. If DNB decides not to undertake a requested review then

it will provide the requesting authority and College Members with feedback on the reasons for not doing so.

- 12.3. DNB may, at its discretion, request the assistance or the views of any College Member with regards to the reviews specified in paragraphs 12.1 and 12.2. College Members will endeavour to fulfil such requests.
- 12.4. DNB will inform College Members in writing of the results of its review. College Members wishing to express a view on the results of the review should do so in writing to DNB. DNB will consider any such responses received and will respond in writing to the College Members concerned.
- 12.5. DNB may organise a meeting (by conference call or in-person as is considered appropriate at the time) of the College to consult College Members on the results of the review.
- 12.6. In situations in which DNB determines that an urgent decision on whether to withdraw the authorisation of EUROCCP is required, DNB will inform the College as soon as possible of:
  - 12.6.1. The grounds for DNB's assessment that an urgent decision is required (an 'emergency review').
  - 12.6.2. The timescale for DNB's emergency review.
- 12.7. DNB will, to the extent practical in the circumstances, take into account any views, comments or concerns expressed by College Members with regard to an emergency review. DNB will notify the College Members of the results of the emergency review and any action taken no later than EUROCCP is informed of DNB's decision. DNB will organise a meeting (either by conference call or in-person, as is considered appropriate at the time) of the College to discuss any issues and actions arising from DNB's emergency review as soon as is practical following the taking of any action resulting from the emergency review.

### **13. Dispute Resolution**

- 13.1. The College Members will endeavour to resolve any disputes in the operation of the College or during the adoption of opinions of the College through informal discussion between the College Members. Such discussion may be bilateral or multilateral. DNB shall always be informed of any dispute.
- 13.2. Should informal discussions not resolve a dispute; the College Members involved in the dispute will appropriately escalate the issue internally within their organisations.

- 13.3. Should discussions between the College Members not resolve the dispute within 30 calendar days of the issue being escalated pursuant to paragraph 13.2, then the dispute will be referred to ESMA in accordance with Article 17(4) of EMIR.

#### **14. Confidentiality**

- 14.1. Pursuant to the professional secrecy requirements provided for in Article 83 of EMIR, and any other similar legal obligations such as those resulting from other European or national laws, College Members confirm that any confidential information received by virtue of their participation in the College shall only be used, and further transmitted relevant to the performance of their respective duties and in circumstances permitted under law.
- 14.2. Where further transmission of information received by virtue of participation in the College is permitted or required under law, then the relevant College Member shall not, to the extent possible under law, disclose such information without first obtaining the prior consent of DNB or College Member that provided the information concerned.
- 14.3. Where the law to which a College Member is subject may prevent that College Member from obtaining prior consent for further disclosure in particular circumstances, then it shall inform DNB at the time of agreeing with this written agreement, specifying those circumstances.
- 14.4. Before a Non-EEA Authority can attend particular college meetings (or part of college meetings) pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 3.7, that Non-EEA Authority will be required to demonstrate to DNB that it is subject to equivalent professional secrecy obligations as those contained in Article 83 of EMIR and provide confirmation of such in writing.

#### **15. Entry into force of this Written Agreement**

- 15.1. This Written Agreement will enter into force upon formation of the College in accordance with paragraph 3.3.6 of this Written Agreement.

#### **16. Amendment of this Written Agreement**

- 16.1. Any College Member is eligible to propose an amendment of this Written Agreement.
- 16.2. Any amendment shall be proposed in writing and shall be distributed by email or by other secure means of communication to all College Members. The proposing College Member shall include a description of the rationale for the proposed change and the

proposed new text of the Written Agreement in its notification to the other College Members.

- 16.3. Acceptance of the proposed amendment will be subject to the agreement of all College Members pursuant to Article 18(5) of EMIR.

**17. Termination of this Written Agreement**

- 17.1. This Written Agreement will remain in effect without an end date unless and until either:

- 17.1.1. EUROCCP ceases to be authorised under EMIR; or,

- 17.1.2. there is no longer a statutory basis for the operation of the College.

at which time the College will be terminated with immediate effect, following prior notice to college members.

<p>Chairing authority:</p> <p>De Nederlandsche Bank</p> <hr/> <p>Signatory:</p>  <hr/> <p>Name, function:</p> <p>drs. I.P.J.H. van Dijk, Division Director Payments and Market Infrastructures</p> <hr/> <p>Date: 06-07-2021</p> <hr/>	<p>Participating authority:</p> <hr/> <p>Signatory:</p> <hr/> <p>Name, function:</p> <hr/> <p>Date:</p> <hr/>
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