**4th European Banking Supervisors XBRL Workshop on 30th January to 3rd February 2006
Request for Participation**

Dear CEBS member

In January 2005, CEBS launched a formal consultation [CP04] on a common reporting framework that credit institutions and investment firms will use to report their solvency ratios under the CRD. The consultation period for common reporting of the solvency ratio closed at the end of April 2005. CEBS launched another consultation on reporting according to IFRS [CP06], which closed in July 2005. Following the consultation papers' responses, CEBS is preparing feedback documents in order to finalise the frameworks (which will be published before the end of the year): common reporting on solvency ratio and IFRS compliant financial reporting.

These proposals respond to requests from the banking industry for improvements in reporting procedures. They have been addressed by the European Commission and discussed at the ECOFIN Council, which encouraged CEBS to work on these issues.

Under the new frameworks, the basic elements to be reported will be similar throughout the EU. However, most institutions will not be required to report the entire set of items included in the prudential and financial reporting framework. Each national supervisor will decide how much detail it will require, as a function of the practices and the degree of sophistication of the institutions in its national market. The inclusion of the entire set of potential data elements in a common framework will ensure that when the same information is requested by different national supervisors, the information will be requested in the same format. This will reduce the compliance burden for reporting institutions.

Greater commonality of approaches, also in terms of technology platform used, will aim at reducing Supervisors compliance burden and limiting the burden of change on small, local institutions. This should contribute to removing a potential obstacle to financial market integration. Common reporting will also make it easier for supervisors to co-operate and exchange information. This will help to reduce differences in implementation and contribute to a more level playing field across Europe. CEBS will seek to ensure that the common reporting frameworks are applied in all Member States.

The implementation of the Capital Requirement Directive - CRD and the adoption of IFRS is providing the EU with a unique opportunity to harmonise the data framework, as all competent authorities and banking institutions will need to adapt to new reporting requirements.

The adoption of a common technical protocol based on the XML, namely the XBRL language, will allow institutions to take full advantage of the common reporting frameworks, and is recommended by CEBS.

In this regard CEBS will in the beginning of next year provide a preliminary but complete XML/XBRL coding, the XBRL COREP taxonomy, of the framework on reporting the solvency ratio and is planning to issue the same coding regarding the common framework on IFRS financial reporting, namely FINREP. Even though this is not intended to prejudice national decisions about the technical processes used to transmit data to supervisors, XBRL is already regarded in several countries as the future reporting electronic standard, for supervisory as well as financial and other reporting and it is CEBS' role to provide to its members any assistance to develop its implementation in the national context.

CEBS started his efforts in helping the European Supervisors to endorse the common reporting frameworks leveraging on a technology such as XBRL at the beginning of 2005, organising dedicated workshops aimed at sharing knowledge and experiences among supervisors for the evaluation of XBRL as the preferable and ideal technology for digital reporting in the supervisory environment.

For this reason, following all the important achievements reached so far, and the expectations risen during the 3rd Workshop in Brussels in September[1], CEBS is very pleased to invite you to attend the **4th European Banking Supervisors XBRL Workshop** on **30th January to 3rd February 2006** organized by CEBS along with *XBRL in Europe*[2].

The main purposes of this workshop are to **transfer the XBRL expertise** to the European Supervisors as well as **improving the collaboration** in the implementation across Europe. Yet, the workshop is aimed at providing Supervisors with the specific technical support and knowledge in order to make them start XBRL COREP and XBRL FINREP real implementations.

The four days agenda has been specifically defined to provide **practical and technical training** regarding the XBRL technology behind FINREP and COREP, the rationale of their templates implementation, as well as taxonomy building and taxonomy extension training. In this regard it has been envisaged a specific **exhibition area for software** vendors, so that having the opportunity for Supervisors to directly confront with industry's solutions.

The **first two days** (Monday noon to Wednesday noon) are oriented to general training on XBRL[3], explained by Walter Hamscher, an international reference in the XBRL community. This **training** is **optional**, oriented only to supervisors whishing this kind of learning. In case of enough available space, other non-supervisory attendants may have the opportunity to join the training.

The last two days (Wednesday noon to Friday noon) is the hands on XBRL implementation experience for Supervisors[4], with a number of speakers from the CEBS XBRL Development Team (see agenda below). The exhibition will take place in this time, just in front of the meeting room. Due to limitations of space, **only supervisors, special guests and exhibitors will attend** these sessions.

Additionally CEBS' intent is to have also the technical report from observers of the European Banking Federation (EBF), which will explain XBRL FINREP and XBRL COREP implementation from the perspective of commercial banks.

We would like to add on behalf of CEBS that this 4th XBRL Workshop for European Supervisors, given its practical technical implementation focus, is expected to prove to be a fundamental starting point for all Supervisors for the common reporting frameworks endorsement at a local level, but nevertheless in the wider European Single Market integration context.

Due to time constraints, your interest for attending this workshop (specifying if you will also attend the training session) would be highly appreciated ASAP. Some further details will then be sent to you. I take the opportunity to already thank the Bank of Spain for hosting this event.

Looking forward to meeting you,
Sincerely yours,

Pierre-Yves Thoraval   Marc Pickeur   Olivier Servais
COREP Chairman   FINREP Chairman   XBRL in Europe

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[1] 1st and 2nd European Banking Supervisors XBRL Workshops were hosted by the Bank of Spain, in February and April 2005, as part of the COREP XBRL project.
[2] *XBRL in Europe* is a two-year project, financed by the European Commission within the 6th Framework Programme, to accelerate use of XBRL in Europe. *XBRL in Europe*, along with CEBS, hosted the 1st European XBRL conference for Financial Services in London on 29 June 2005, and the 3rd COREP-XBRL workshop in Brussels on 13-16 September 2005.
[3] Laptop is required. The professional trainer fee is 1.000€ + Spanish (16%) VAT. Attendees will receive a formal invoice from a PriceWaterhouseCoopers office, after attending training.
[4] Laptop recommended for selected sessions (see agenda). No fees in these sessions.

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Start	End	Duration	*Topic*	*Sub Topic*	*SPEAKER*
MONDAY 2006/1/30			**XBRL Introduction**		
13.00	**14.15**	**01.15**		*Lunch*	
14.15	14.30	00.15	Welcome words		Host
14.30	15.45	01.15	XBRL Training	*Laptop*	Walter Hamscher
15.45	**16.00**	**00.15**		*Coffee break*	
16.00	17.30	1.30	XBRL Training	*Laptop*	Walter Hamscher
TUESDAY 2006/1/31			**Training Day**		
09.00	11.00	02.00	XBRL Training	*Laptop*	Walter Hamscher
11.00	**11.15**	**00.15**		*Coffee break*	
11.15	13.00	01.45	XBRL Training	*Laptop*	Walter Hamscher
13.00	**14.15**	**01.15**		*Lunch*	
14.15	16.00	01.45	XBRL Training	*Laptop*	Walter Hamscher
16.00	**16.15**	**00.15**		*Coffee break*	
16.15	17.30	01.15	XBRL Training	*Laptop*	Walter Hamscher
WEDNESDAY 2006/2/1			**Training morning, Workshop afternoon**		
09.00	11.00	02.00	XBRL Training	*Laptop*	Walter Hamscher
11.00	**11.15**	**00.15**	*Coffee break*		
11.15	12.30	01.15	XBRL Training	*Laptop*	Walter Hamscher
12.30	13.00	00.30	XBRL Training Feedback		Ignacio Boixo
13.00	**14.15**	**01.15**	*Lunch & Workshop reception*		
14.15	14.30	00.15	XBRL Workshop objectives		Olivier Servais, Ignacio Boixo
14.30	15.00	00.30	Invitation to visit the Industry Exhibition Zone		Olivier Servais
15.00	15.20	00.20	XBRL International update		Walter Hamscher
15.20	15.40	00.20	XBRL in Europe update		Olivier Servais
15.40	16.00	00.20	Project plan update		Ignacio Boixo
16.00	**16.30**	**00.30**	*Coffee break & exhibition visit*		
16.30	17.00	0.30	COREP Templates		M. Llano & D. Hamm
17.00	17.30	0.30	FINREP Templates		Mark Creemers
THURSDAY 2006/2/2			**Supervisors and XBRL**		
09.00	09.40	0.40	Building Blocks of a COREP Taxonomy (names, IDs, datatypes, labels, abstract elements, etc)	*Laptop*	Project Team
09.40	10.20	0.40	Hands on Practice (2 - 3 different taxonomies)	*Laptop*	Project Team
10.20	11.00	0.40	Building a COREP Taxonomy Template (cubes, grey cells, etc)	*Laptop*	Project Team

11.00	11.30	00.30	Coffee break & exhibition visit		
11.30	12.15	0.45	Hands On Practice (2 templates)	*Laptop*	Project Team
12.15	13.00	0.45	Hands on Customizing COREP (extensibility)	*Laptop*	Project Team
13.00	14.20	01.20	Lunch & exhibition visit		
14.20	15.10	00.50	Hands on Customizing COREP (extending)	*Laptop*	Project Team
15.10	16.00	00.50	Hands on Customizing COREP (restricting)	*Laptop*	Project Team
16.00	16.30	00.30	Coffee break & exhibition visit		
16.30	17.00	00.30	Programming technologies (Excel .Net Java) + Tools	*Laptop*	F. Wagener, K. Schmehl, P. Voulgaris, D. Hamm, M. Llano
17.00	17.30	00.30	XML technologies (XSLT, XQuery, Xpath, Xlink, XSL-FO)	*Laptop*	K. Schmehl, D. Hamm, M. Llano
FRIDAY 2006/2/3			XBRL Roundtable		
09.00	09.45	00.45	IT Architectures for XBRL Implementation (examples)		K. Schmehl, D. Hamm, V. Morilla
09.45	10.30	00.45	How to implement XBRL for Supervision on a commercial bank		European Banking Federation attendant(s): Dexia, Fortis, BBVA, Santander…?
10.30	11.00	00.30	Roundtable		Informal comments of Supervisors and EBF Banks
11.00	11.30	00.30	Coffee break & exhibition visit		
11.30	12.45	01.15	Supervisory Internal Roundtable		Participation restricted to Supervisors only
12.45	13.00	00.15	Farewell words		Host
13.00	14.30	01.30		*Lunch*	

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