

#### USAID FINANCIAL SECTOR TRANSFORMATION PROJECT



vs Ukrainian Deposit Guarantee Scheme (DGS)

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**EXPERT DISCUSSION** 

FINANCIAL STABILITY AND DEPOSIT INSURANCE SYSTEM: KEY ISSUES

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# I Introduction to DGS Directive

## DEVELOPMENT OF DEPOSIT GUARANTEE DIRECTIVE WITHIN EU

Directive 1994/19 – minimum harmonization

Directive 2009/14 – transitional solutions (respond to the International financial crisis)

Directive 2014/49 – maximum harmonization (to remove identified differences in 9 areas)

## DGS DIRECTIVE



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- Definitions
- Coverage scope and coverage level
- Eligibility of deposits
- Repayment time-frame
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## DIFFERENCES IN DEFINITIONS

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Ukrainian DGS	DGS Directive
17 terms, out of which, only 3 terms correspond to terms from the DGS Directive.	18 terms
However, definitions of : "Deposit" "Depositor" "Deposit Guarantee Scheme" are not in compliance to same terms in DGS Directive	"Deposit"  "Depositor"  "Deposit Guarantee Scheme"
Whereas, some important definitions are missing, such as	for e.g.:  "unavailable deposit"  "eligible deposit"  "target level"  "law risk assets", etc.

## DIFFERENCES IN COVERAGE SCOPE AND COVERAGE LEVEL

# **Ukrainian DGS**

## **DGS** Directive

Individuals and sole traders

Coverage scope is broader – depositor is a "holder of deposit"

Coverage level = 200,000 UAH which is app. 6,100 €

Coverage level = 100,000 €

### **ELIGIBILITY OF DEPOSITS**

• DGS Directive explicitly prescribes list of excluded deposits and defines "eligible deposits" as deposits that are not excluded from protection.

#### Whereas

- Ukrainian DGS has longer / broader list of excluded deposits of individuals and sole traders, such as for e.g.:
  - De-minimis rule (deposits lower than 10 UAH)
  - Deposits of shareholders, related persons, auditors, appraisers
  - Deposits with "higher" interest rates
  - Deposits on accounts based on court decisions

## REPAYMENT TIME FRAME, DGS DIRECTIVE SHORTENS PAYOUT:

DGS Directive:

End 20 working days

End 15 working days

End 10 working days

As of 2024 7 working days

- Prescribed obligatory regular stress testing every 3 years
- Single Customer View (SCV) approach

#### Whereas

• DGF repayment is 20 business days i.e. 30 business days for banks with large number of accounts (above 500,000)

# FINANCING DGS, WHERE DGS DIRECTIVE (ART.10) PRESCRIBES:

- "Member States shall ensure that DGSs have in place adequate systems to determine their potential liabilities.
- The available financial means of DGSs shall be proportionate to those liabilities."

Sources of funding:

• Regular member contributions: ex-ante risk based with max 30 %

payment commitments;

Extraordinary member contributions: max 0.5 % of covered deposits

Alternative funding arrangements: not prescribed, but assumed public and

private arrangements

# FINANCING DGS, WHERE DGS DIRECTIVE PRESCRIBES:

- Minimum target level at 0.8 % of covered deposits by 3rd July 2024
- Target level also serves as "benchmark" for banks' contribution, <u>use of funds for financing bank resolution</u>, use of funds for financing alternative measures, borrowing etc.
- Borrowing from:
  - the "resolution fund" up to minimum target level, when extraordinary premium are not possible, for deposit repayment, with consent from competent authority
  - other DGSs

# Use of DGS funds, where DGS Directive (ART 11) prescribes:

# Mandatory use of funds for:

- Payout of depositors in insolvency proceedings;
- Financing resolution of credit institutions, in accordance with Article 109 of the BRRD but:
  - if the amount is not grater than net losses in insolvency proceedings
  - only up to 50 % of it's target level.

# Voluntary use of funds:

- Under strict conditions, to finance alternative measures in order to prevent bank failure;
- In insolvency, to finance transfer of assets and liabilities (and deposit transfer), provided that the costs do not exceed the net amount of the covered deposit.

# Use of DGS funds, where DGS Directive (ART 11) prescribes:

- When funds are used for alternative measures, the strict rules must apply, including State Aid rules many argue it is mission impossible.
- Alternative measures not defined, but assume: recapitalization, liquidity loans, guarantees and similar support to prevent failure of a bank, but if conditions for actions under Article 27(1) are not met and prior any action under Article 32 of Directive 2014/59.
- If the DGS needs financial resources for repayment of depositors and if funds fall below 25 % of target level, credit institution must repay funds;
- Borrowing between DGSs, under certain conditions.

### INVESTMENT PRINCIPLES

- The available financial means of DGSs shall be invested in a low-risk and sufficiently diversified manner.
- 'low-risk assets' means items falling into the first or second category referred to in Table 1 of Article 336 of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 or any assets which are considered to be similarly safe and liquid by the competent or designated authority;

#### Whereas

DGF may invest into Ukrainian government bonds only.

# "LOW-RISK ASSETS" AS DEFINED BY REGULATION NO 575/2013

Risk weights in %, Standardized approach	Exposures
0	ECB Central governments, central banks Regional and local governments Public sector entities Multilateral development banks International financial institutions
20 to 50	Rated institutions, credit assessment by a nominated ECAI is available

# III Which way to go, if going into EU direction

## STRATEGY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DGS DIRECTIVE

Strategy shall be designed in line with defined political course.

- If there is, based on signed Association Agreement, obligation to fully comply with EU DGS Directive within specified time-frame, then – no time for delay! As soon as possible:
  - i. Start with serious gap analysis of the Law on DGF and develop prioritized action plan.
  - Don't wait for the last moment.
  - iii. Design negotiation tactics for gradual (postponed) full compliance.
- 2. If, there is no immediate obligation to fully comply with EU DGS Directive, strategically comply with it as much as possible to strengthen negotiation position.

# QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION