Modeling loan loss provisions under IFRS 9 in the top-down solvency stress test of the Central Bank of Hungary

- a discussion of the paper by

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Main findings

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- „The **change in expectations** due to an **adverse shock** has an **immediate and sizable impact on loan loss provisions** in contrast to the previous incurred loss approach. This might **exacerbate the procyclical behavior of the banking sector**"

Figure 1: Loan loss provisions along the baseline and stress scenario under IFRS 9

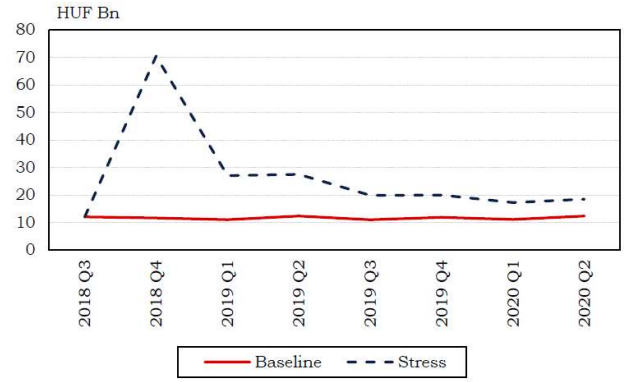
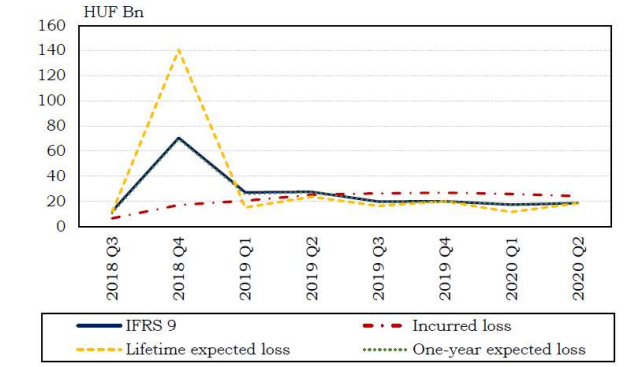


Figure 2: Loan loss provisions along the stress scenario under various provisioning rules

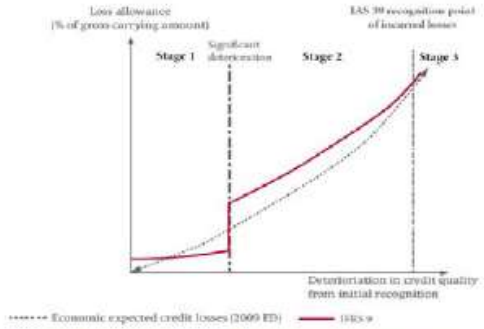


Confirmation of previous observaions/studies

- „cliff effects"
- „front-loading"

Chart 6

Expected loss model in IFRS 9 and economic expected losses



Sources: Novotny-Farkas (2015), based on International Accounting Standards Board (2013).

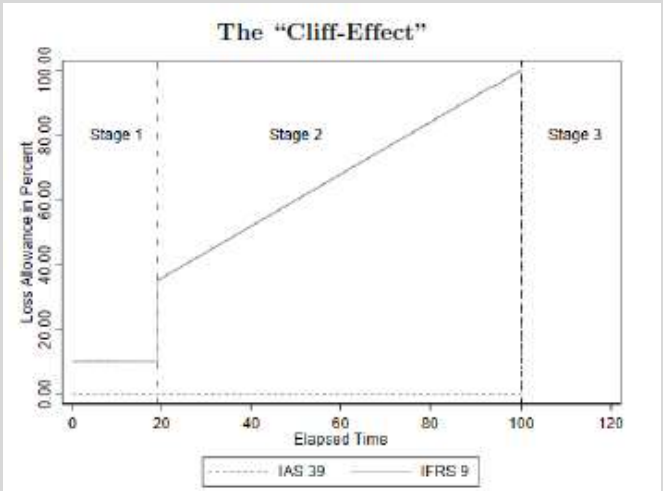


Chart 5

Stylised comparison of TTC and PIT methodologies

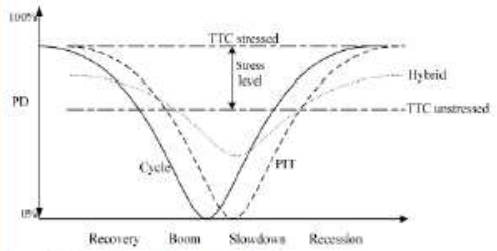
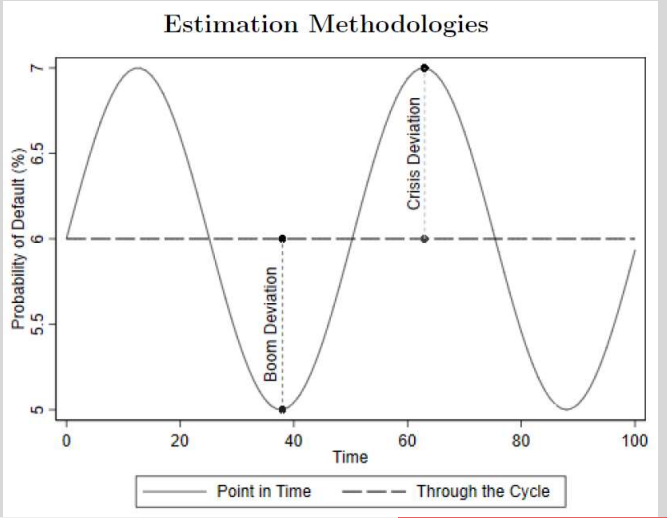


figure 3.1. The influence of the cycle on the ratings

Source: Rikkers and Thibeault (2008).



e.g.

Z. Novotny-Farkas (2016), *The Interaction of the IFRS 9 Expected Loss Approach with Supervisory Rules and Implications for Financial Stability*

A.-G. Kund, D. Rugilo (2019), *Assessing the Implications of IFRS 9 on Financial Stability using Bank Stress Tests*

Confirmation of previous observations/studies

- Pro-cyclicality


Occasional Paper Series

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Assessing the cyclical implications of IFRS 9 – a recursive model

by
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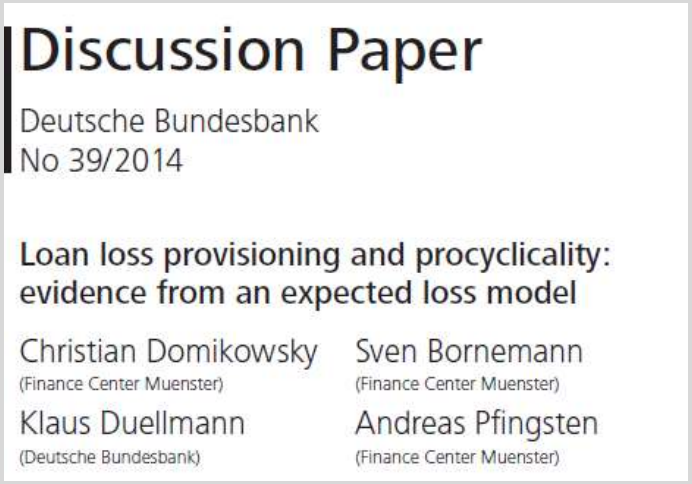
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Loan loss provisioning and procyclicality: evidence from an expected loss model

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Cyclically adjusted provisions and financial stability☆

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Loan loss provisioning and economic slowdowns: too much, too late?

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Confirmation of previous observaions/studies

- Conclusion: IFRS 9 alleviates the disadvantages of IAS 39, but the problems with provisionning are still significant

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General overview of the paper

General overview

- Impairment forecasting under stressed conditions – very important issue
- Good presentation of the stress-test framework
  - forecasting loan loss provisions and risk-weighted assets of each bank for each period of the stress test's time horizon conditional on the macroeconomic scenario
    - A versatile dynamic balance sheet framework
- Data
  - Non-financial corporate portfolio of the Hungaran banking system
    - Good granularity (1,5 mn contracts, 12,5 mn observations)
  - Transition probabilities estimated on contract-level database (Central Credit Information System + financial statement data from the National Tax and Customs Administration)
    - „the obligor-level estimation would seem more logical as the loans of a company usually default at the same time" – not always true
  - Forecasts of macroeconomic variables based on the macroeconomic forecasting model of the Central Bank of Hungary

General overview

- Stress scenario
  - Risk premium (t-1) 300 bps
  - Y-o-y dierence of log real GDP (t-1) -5 pps
  - Y-o-y dierence of log end consumption (t-1) -3 pps
  - Exchange rate depreciation since loan origination (per cent) (t-1) 15 pps

General overview

- Markov models
  - The same approach as in several other studies

e.g.

Jimmy Skoglund, Principal Product Manager, SAS and Wei Chen, Director o Stress Testing Solution, SAS Institute (2017), *Forecast of forecast: An analytical approach to stressed impairment forecasting*

Vaněk, Hampel (2017), *The probability of default under IFRS 9: multi-period estimation and macroeconomic forecas*

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Limits of the research

Assumptions

- Assumptions for new loans originations
  - „banks disburse the same loans, at the same time of the year, to firms with the same characteristics as last year"
    - possible change of level in time?
    - possible change of structure over time?
- Assumption of LGD level
  - „For the LGDs, we employed our expert judgement, fixing the LGD at 40 percent for the baseline, and at 50 percent for the stress scenario"
    - different levels of LGD necessary

Monika Marcinkowska, *Discussion of „Modeling loan loss provisions under IFRS 9 in the top-down solvency stress test of the Central Bank of Hungary" by Lang & Stancsics*

LGD

Chart 23. Dispersion of LGD – 2010.

(Median, interquartile range, 5th and 95th percentiles)

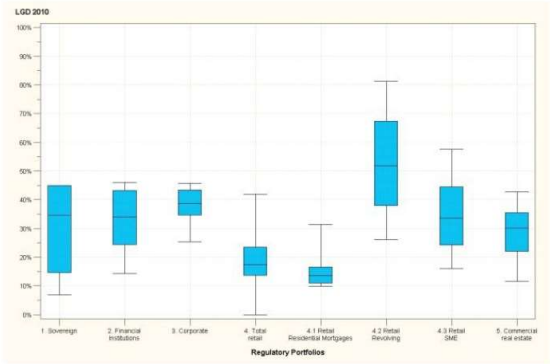

Chart 25. Dispersion of LGD under the adverse scenario – 2012

(Median, interquartile range, 5th and 95th percentiles)

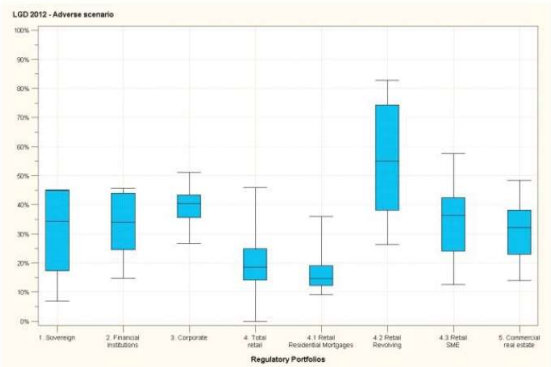

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Table 2
Risk parameters and RWA rates for the banks on large corporates

	Mean	St-dev	Nb of Obs.	25th perc.	Median	75th perc.
	LGD (%)					
Bank #1	44	9	2 852	40	45	48
Bank #2	34	3	1 069	34	34	34
Bank #3	39	3	381	39	39	39
Bank #4	34	5	908	36	36	36
Bank #5	36	4	2 796	35	35	35

Figure 9: Mean LGD (in %), without correction for resolution time bias

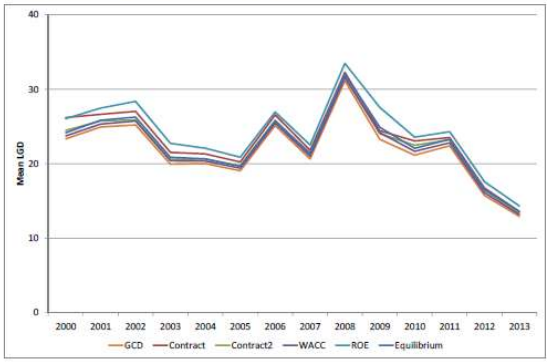


Figure 11: Mean LGD (in %), with correction for resolution time bias, by geography, EUR discount rate

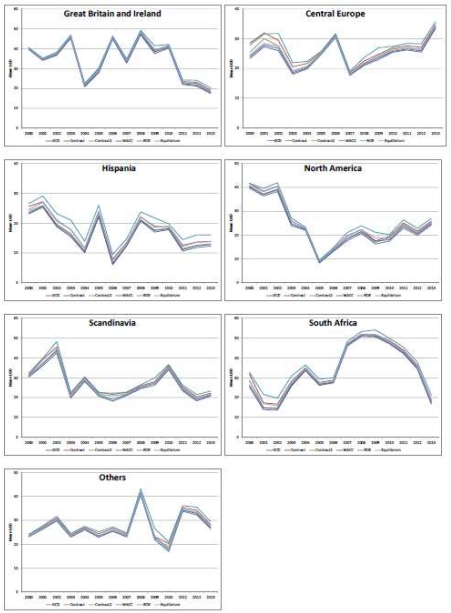
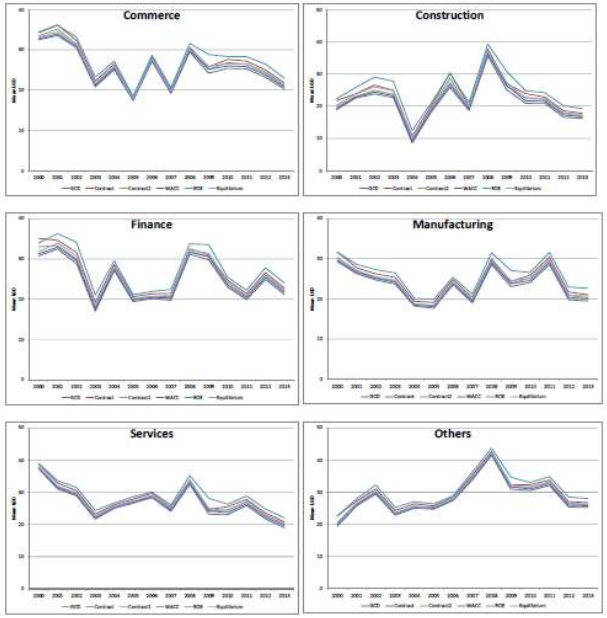


Figure 12: Mean LGD (in %), with correction for resolution time bias, by industry, EUR discount rate



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Some questions and suggestions
Further research

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Stress test scenario

- Suggestions for other macroeconomic variables:
  - Unemployment rate
  - Interest rates
  - Loan rates
  - Inflation
  - Asset prices (esp. real estate)
  - Coverage ratio
  - Public debt
  - Credit / GDP
  - Credit growth
  - Risk-weighted assets
  - Capital market prices

Foglia (2009), *Stress Testing Credit Risk: A Survey of Authorities' Approaches*

Louzis, Vouldis, Metaxas (2012), *Macroeconomic and bank-specific determinants of non-performing loans in Greece: A comparative study of mortgage, business and consumer loan portfolios*

Abid, Ouertani, Zouari-Ghorbel (2014), *Macroeconomic and Bank-Specific Determinants of Household's Non-Performing Loans in Tunisia: a Dynamic Panel Data*

Procyclicality of provisions vs. capital buffers

- Does the countercyclical buffer mitigate the negative pro-cyclical consequences of IFRS 9 provisions?
- Which provisioning model works best with the CCyB?
- Necessary changes in credit risk models? (CRD/CRR vs. IFRS)

Jiménez, Ongena, Peydró, Saurina (2013), *Macroprudential Policy, Countercyclical Bank Capital Buffers and Credit Supply: Evidence from the Spanish Dynamic Provisioning Experiments*

Agénor, Zilberman (2015), *Loan Loss Provisioning Rules, Procyclicality, and Financial Volatility*

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Prorokowski (2018), *IFRS 9 in credit risk modelling*

Tax treatment

- The tax treatment of provisions

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Loan Review, Provisioning, and Macroeconomic Linkages

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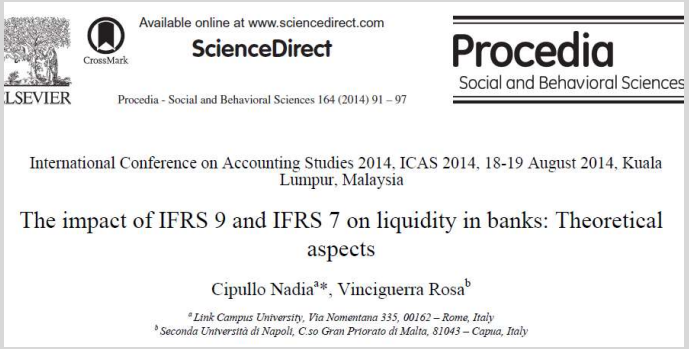
Liquidity

- Provisioning rules – impact on capital and liquidity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The impact of IFRS 9 and IFRS 7 on liquidity in banks: Theoretical aspects

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Other issues

- Bank-specific characteristisc
  - Different impact on different banks?
    - e.g. bank size, level of capitalisation…

Loan Loss Provisioning and the Business Cycle: Does Capital Matter?

Evidence from Philippine Banks

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This version: 15 March 2010

Abstract

Using a comprehensive and unique database of Philippine financial intermediaries from 2001-2009, we examine how the bank capital position influences the management of loan-loss provisioning. The results show evidence of capital management through loan-loss provisioning. We also find a procyclical behavior of banks in loan loss provisioning but such a link is influenced in a non-linear way by bank capitalization: both low-capitalized and well-capitalized banks provision by less (more) during an economic expansion (downturn).

Other issues

- Could this tool be used
  - to assess (verify) adequacy of banking provisioning models?
  - to investigate potential earnings management?
  - to monitor the alignment of IRB capial adequacy and ECL accounting?

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Expected Credit Loss estimates of banks vary at least by a factor 4

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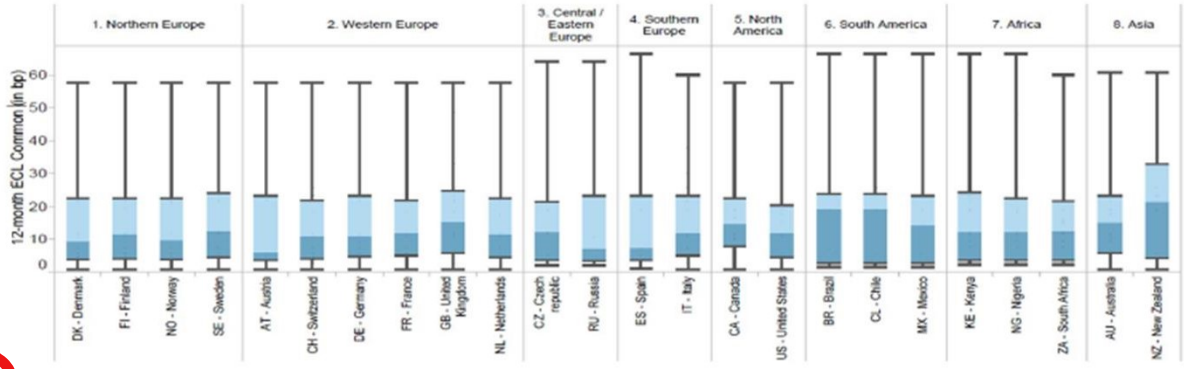

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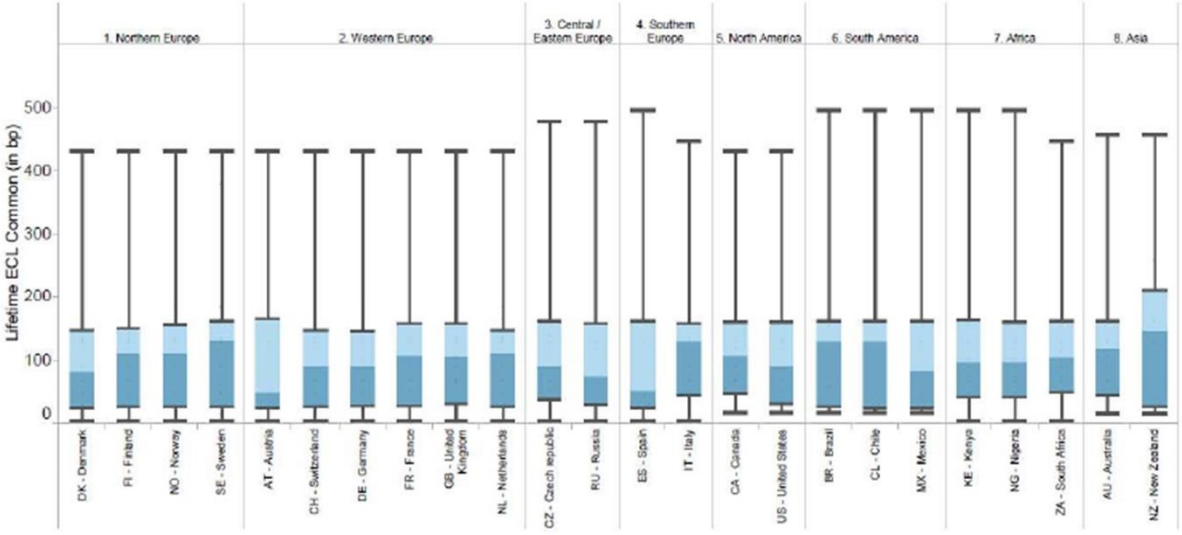

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Policy implications

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- Change of accounting standards?
- Convergence of accounting principles and capital adequacy rules?
- Convergence of micro- and macroprudential tools?

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