

Basel II: A Challenge for banks, their customers & ICT players

Workshop 10e: 11:00 Friday 21 October 2005

Abstract

The Basel II Accord, signed in June 2004 and to be enforced by 2007, introduces formidable challenges for Banks, that are already dedicating enormous resources to their internal programs. It also represents a great challenge for ICT players: the winners will exploit the opportunity (as big as the challenge). Last but not least, Basel II has a great social impact on EU entrepreneurs and all citizens, as their daily relationship with financial institutions will undergo a profound transformation.

Basel II-inherent, ICT state-of-the-art solutions span from dedicated multilanguage communication platforms to advanced financial risk management SW, from integrated Business Intelligence (BI) solutions to complex cognitive systems.

Main objectives of the proposed discussion workshop are to:

- share end-user experience of a top-five Italian bank;
- demonstrate state-of-the-art, web-based business intelligence at work;
- show how, within the upcoming Basel II framework, innovative ICT solutions for complex banking processes are going to improve competitiveness of European banks, as well as European SMEs.

The Workshop is organised by MPS.net S.p.A., a technology company, subsidiary of the Monte dei Paschi di Siena Bank.

The discussion focus will be twofold:

- innovative ICT solutions are demanded by Basel II, and the market presents extremely interesting opportunities for leading edge players;
- Basel-II is not just for banks, but has a great impact on European SMEs, that must develop the ability to dialog with banks. This in turns will improve their competitiveness on local and global markets.

Objectives

1. Show latest generation of web-based BI solutions that have been field-tested and that are in line with Basel II requirements: Basel II demystified.
2. Contribute to the stimulation of the dialogue among European financial institutions and European SMEs, thereby opening for new ICT opportunities: the Basel II opportunity.

The workshop is one of the first attempts in Europe of bringing together ICT state-of-the-art techniques and the Financial Services Industry, on the high-social impact theme of Basel II. Impacts on EC policies (e.g., www.c-eps.org)

The projected impact is to gather attention and raise the technical dialogue around Business Intelligence and the related services, that are reaching for a newer and broader dimension, especially in view of the Basel II era.

Target Audience

Industry (financial world, SW providers, e-service providers, entrepreneurs --especially SMEs);

Academia (economists, etc.);

Key stakeholders (financial and economic area, ICT standardisation bodies, business registers, etc.);

Government officials (central banks – regulators and ICT staff –, fiscal policy Ministry).

Programme

Basel-II and the opportunity to proactively improve the SMEs/banks dialogue

Paolo Lombardi, MPS.net S.p.A. – Gruppo Monte dei Paschi di Siena, Italy

Basel II represents a radical change for banks worldwide. The challenge also brings tremendous opportunities, where advanced ICT solutions can help transforming the relationship between Banks and their customers, esp. SMEs.

XBRL web-based business intelligence services

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Web-based Business Intelligence services operating under the new emerging standard, called XBRL, can effectively complement Basel II-compliant solutions of financial institutions.

IT Risk and Business Alignment Under Basel II

Rolf von Rössing, KPMG DTG, Germany

The market scenario that is modelled by the Basel II Accord presents enormous opportunities for leading edge SW labs and advisory services organisations across Europe.