



**THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE
FOR MACROPRUDENTIAL OVERSIGHT**

**NCMO Recommendation No. R/3/2023
on the countercyclical capital buffer in Romania**

Having regard to:

- (1) the provisions of Art. 3, para. (2), letter b) and para. (3) of Law No. 12/2017 on the macroprudential oversight of the national financial system and the provisions of NCMO Regulation No. 2/2017 on the methodology and procedures used for setting capital buffers and the scope of these instruments, as subsequently amended and supplemented, namely Articles 4-9 on the countercyclical capital buffer and Art. 1 on the application of capital buffers,
- (2) the objective of the countercyclical capital buffer (CCyB) to improve the banking sector's resilience to potential losses generated by a cyclical increase in risks. The countercyclical buffer rate, expressed as a percentage of total risk exposure amount of credit institutions with credit exposures in Romania, shall range between 0 percent and 2.5 percent and shall be calibrated in steps of 0.25 percentage points or multiples of 0.25 percentage points. Where justified, a CCyB rate higher than 2.5 percent of total risk exposure amount may be set.

Whereas:

- The consolidation trend of banking sector profitability has continued, and credit institutions may allocate some of these profits for prudential purposes by strengthening capital reserves – in line with EU best practices and recommendations,
- Liquidity and solvency levels of the banking sector do not indicate, at least in the short term, any constraints with regard to meeting prudential requirements, likely to affect the loan supply to eligible borrowers,

- The international context calls for an overall prudent behaviour, as geopolitical tensions and global uncertainty are on the rise,
- Romania ranks among the top EU countries regarding twin deficits.

Pursuant to:

- the provisions of Art. 3, para. (1) letters b), e) and i) and the provisions of Art. 4, para. (1) of *Law No. 12/2017 on the macroprudential oversight of the national financial system*,

The National Committee for Macroprudential Oversight has issued this recommendation:

Art. 1 – The National Bank of Romania is recommended to keep in place the measure to set the countercyclical buffer rate at 1 percent, as of 23 October 2023.

Art. 2 – The National Bank of Romania is recommended to further monitor developments in the economy and lending, given the multiple sources of uncertainty internationally and in the region.

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