

On-site & Internal Model Inspections



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1 Key elements of on-site inspections and internal model investigations

Key elements	Description
Key elements	 Part of the Supervisory Examination Programme (SEP) annually approved by the Supervisory Board. Entails a significant on-site presence on the premises of a bank (off-site or hybrid investigations are possible too). Performed by a Head of Mission (HoM) and team members from ECB, NCAs, JSTs, and consultants. Following a pre-defined scope and resulting in a report to the respective JST detailing the findings.
Objectives	 Assess the level and nature of risks to which the bank is exposed, taking into account its risk culture. Assess the bank's control systems and risk management processes, focusing on detecting weaknesses or vulnerabilities with possible impact on its own funds. Assess the appropriateness and quality of the bank's corporate governance and internal control framework. Check bank's compliance with banking regulation, and in the case of internal models, the legal requirements pertaining to internal models. Update and enrich Joint Supervisory Teams' (JST) knowledge on supervised institutions.
Principles	 Risk-based – applying defined techniques considering also based on judgement-based evaluations. Intrusive – developing an in-depth, cross-institutional, and cross-risk expertise. Proportionate – commensurate with the size, activities and risk profile of the bank. Forward-looking – beyond present or historical figures to anticipate possible future impacts. Action-oriented – leading to remedial actions and/or corrective measures to be taken by the bank.

2 An integrated approach: from SSM priorities to on-site missions & horizontal activities



1 Source: SSM annual report

3 OSI and IMI in a nutshell

Responsibility with the Joint Supervisory Team (JST)



Key planning activities & topics

Selected ongoing and upcoming activities & topics

Planning activities & topics	 Responsible for staffing of OSIs/IMIs by securing NCAs' resources (local and cross-border) and procuring consultants to support the investigations of SSM priorities in areas where the SSM has not sufficient resources.
	Fostering cross-border on-site missions.
	 Harnessing new technology to free inspectors from repetitive manual tasks and reduce workload: Assisted findings and measures (AFM) project (alongside Medusa) and supporting tools, along with reflection in methodology and processes.
	 Supporting training paths for SSM inspectors and capability building of on-site community.
	 Fostering efficiency by streamlining processes, monitoring the duration of on-site phases and achievements of key milestones.
	Promoting hybrid working modalities for inspectors and advocating for diversity.
	Optimising carbon footprint while being cognisant of DG-OMI's mission.

5 Networks with the NCAs are key

...with the National Competent Authorities (NCAs) DG-OMI has several networks... that fulfil many different mandates Each DG-OMI network includes ECB (management) staff and NCA (management) representatives from **OSIN: On-site** up to 21 NCAs. **Inspections Network** Each network meets between 4-8 times a year in a remote or physical set-up. Purpose of these networks is to: **DG-OMI** NIME: Network of plan and align on the upcoming on-site 0 **Internal Models** NCA supervisory activities: networks Experts Hold strategic discussions on taxonomy of OSIs Ο Discussion and planning of **Centre of** Ο Competences: **OPIN: Operations** Define the **SSM understanding of the applicable** Ο and Integration internal models regulation; Network Develop inspection tools and inspections 0 techniques.



ANNEX

DG On-site and Internal Model Inspections organigram

DG-OMI organisational structure



Introduction to DG-OMI's four divisions

DG-OMI divisions – tasks and responsibilities

Business area	Divisions	Details
	Financial Risk Inspections	 Conducting on-site inspections (OSIs) at Significant Institutions (SIs) on Credit Risk and Capital Markets & Treasury and the Asset Quality Review. Maintaining a comprehensive inspection methodology, on-site inspection processes and supporting tools as well as performing consistency checks on all OSI reports.
DG On-site and	Non-Financial Risk Inspections	 Conducting OSIs at SIs on IT & Operational Risk, Governance & Risk Management, Capital, Business Model and Emerging Risks including Climate Risk. Maintaining a comprehensive inspection methodology, on-site inspection processes and supporting tools as well as performing consistency checks on all OSI reports.
Internal Model — Inspections	Internal Model Investigations	 Conducting internal model investigations (IMIs) to assess SIs' internal models and perform consistency checks on all reports to ensure a harmonised supervision of internal models in the SSM. Maintaining the ECB Guide for internal models and a comprehensive IMI methodology including supporting tools, and shape internal model regulation in international fora.
	Operations and Integration	Defining the planning of the on-site programme, managing common processes to support and monitor its execution, preparing the related reporting, coordinating the staffing of all inspections with NCAs and external service providers, and facilitating the integration of our work into the SSM.