



The following provides a collection of relevant publications regarding digitalization and financial innovation at both the global and jurisdictional level. To view previous versions since June 2022, please see the [newsletter's page](#) on the GFMA website.

## March 2024

### GFMA, AFME, ASIFMA, and SIFMA

#### [GFMA Joins Joint Response to BCBS Crypto Standard Amendment Consult \(March 28, 2024\)](#)

GFMA with IIF, ISDA, FIA, and FSF, submitted a joint response to the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) consultation on proposed cryptoasset standard amendments. GFMA and the associations welcomed the BCBS's continued focus on designing and improving the prudential framework for cryptoassets. The response comments on key topics such as public permissionless blockchains, classification condition 2 and settlement finality, and group 1b eligibility. The trades look forward to ongoing collaboration as these markets continue to evolve.

## GLOBAL

#### [BIS FSI Publishes Paper on Regulating Non-Bank Retail Lenders in the Digital Era \(March 14, 2024\)](#)

As part of their FSI Insights series, the Bank for International Settlements Financial Stability Institute (BIS FSI) published a paper on "Safeguarding the financial system's spare tyre: regulating non-bank retail lenders in the digital era." The report also has a separate [executive summary](#).

#### [BIS Publish Paper on DeFi Leverage \(March 13, 2024\)](#)

As part of their Working Papers series, the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) published a paper on "DeFi Leverage." The paper finds that "higher wallet leverage generally undermines lending resilience, particularly increasing the share of outstanding debt close to being liquidated" and that "borrowers with high leverage are more likely to tilt towards volatile collateral when their debt positions are about to be liquidated."

#### [BIS IH Announces Project Aurum 2.0 on Improving Privacy for r-CBDC payments \(March 2024\)](#)

The BIS Innovation Hub (BIS IH) announced that its Hong Kong centre has launched the second phase of Project Aurum. This project focuses on improving privacy for retail central bank digital currency (r-CBDC) payments. Additional details on the project are available [here](#).

## **EUROPE**

### **European Union**

#### **[Claudia Buch Provides Address on the Trade-Off Between Risk and Resilience for Digital Finance \(March 22, 2024\)](#)**

Claudia Buch, Chair of the Supervisory Board of the European Central Bank (ECB), delivered a speech on “Digital finance – does it change the trade-off between risk and resilience?” The remarks provide background on the changing landscape of competition in banking, the impact of digitalization on the stability of banks, and regulatory responses to the digitalization of financial services.

#### **[Isabel Schnabel Delivers Lecture on the Euro Area’s Technology Gap \(February 16, 2024\)](#)**

Isabel Schnabel, Member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank (ECB), delivered a lecture on “Closing the euro area’s technology gap.” She argues that “our most potent weapon for enabling European firms to catch up to the technological frontier is to eliminate the remaining barriers to the free movement of goods, services and capital in the European Union.”

### **France**

#### **[Denis Beau Delivers Speech on the Competitiveness of the European Financial Sector in the Digital Context \(March 22, 2024\)](#)**

Denis Beau, First Deputy Governor of the Banque de France, delivered remarks on “Competitiveness of the European financial sector in the digital context.” The speech focuses on the role of regulation with respect to competitiveness, the ability of traditional core players to navigate successfully in the digital transformation, and contributions that supervision may bring.

### **Germany**

#### **[Burkhard Balz Discusses Digitalization of Payments in a Globalized World \(March 15, 2024\)](#)**

Burkhard Balz, Member of the Executive Board of the Deutsche Bundesbank, delivered a speech and discussion on “Digitalisation of payments in a globalised world.” The speech provides background on the rise of digital payments, the digital payments landscape in a globalised world, and collaboration between the public and private sectors.

### **Netherlands**

#### **[DNB President Delivers Speech on Open Finance Regimes \(March 13, 2024\)](#)**

Klass Knot, President of the Netherlands Bank (DNB), delivered a speech on “Open finance regimes – experiences in some countries.” The speech notes that “open finance frameworks offer tangible opportunities for people who have difficulty in accessing financial services, but we need to calibrate them carefully to make sure that open finance will be a force for good.”

## **APAC**

### **India**

#### **[RBI Governor Delivers Address at Digital Payments Awareness Week \(March 6, 2024\)](#)**

Shaktikanta Das, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), delivered an address at the “Digital Payments Awareness Week” celebrations in Mumbai. The speech highlighted the efforts of the RBI on this topic.

### **Japan**

#### **[BoJ Governor Highlights Progress in the Digitalization of Finance \(March 6, 2024\)](#)**

Kazuo Ueda, Governor of the Bank of Japan (BoJ), delivered a keynote address on “Progress and challenges in the Asia-Pacific financial system.” As part of the address, he provided an update on “progress in the digitalization of finance” including key developments in the region.

#### **[BoJ Governor Delivers Remarks on CBDCs \(March 5, 2024\)](#)**

Kazuo Ueda, Governor of the Bank of Japan (BoJ), delivered remarks on “What to know about central bank digital currency” (CBDC). The remarks highlighted differences between CBDCs and existing payment instruments, differences between CBDCs and cash, and key points to consider when exploring CBDCs.

#### **[Vice Minister for International Affairs Speech Focuses on How Regulators Respond to Changing Dynamics \(February 21, 2024\)](#)**

Arizumi Shigeru, Vice Minister for International Affairs, delivered a speech on “Changing Dynamics – How should regulators respond to new challenges.” Crypto assets and stablecoins are areas of focus included.

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