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## **The Fonds de Garantie des Dépôts et de Résolution (FGDR) Publishes Its 2020 Activity Report**

**The year 2020 was unprecedented in many respects. While the Fonds de Garantie des Dépôts et de Résolution (FGDR) did, of course, adapt its organisation and method of operation to the health restrictions, the past year was, above all, one of continued expansion.**

### **IN 2020, CONFIDENCE IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR WAS CONFIRMED**

Health and economic concerns generated a larger number of questions than usual regarding the FGDR's protective mechanisms. As a result, the FGDR website recorded a record number of visits (605,000, nearly 2.4 times more than in 2019).

The French banking and financial sector remains very resilient with customer confidence increasing from year to year, as evidenced by the results of the annual awareness and recognition poll conducted by the FGDR with Harris Interactive:

- 64% of French people say they are confident when they deposit their money at a bank (+5 points compared with 2019);
- this score was 78% for people who say they know about the FGDR.

### **IN 2020, THE FGDR ENHANCED ITS TOOLS AND STRESS TEST PLAN**

It is in the FGDR's genetic code to be prepared in all circumstances to fully carry out its mission to protect customers. Throughout 2020, and particularly during the lockdown periods, the FGDR took the opportunity to test its crisis management systems under complex real-life conditions. It continued and ramped up its stress test activity at both the national and international level, conducting over 20 simulation exercises and operational tests, including two cross-border.

Progress was also made in many other areas. The FGDR completely overhauled its internal control system to better detect, measure and reduce the risks to which it may be exposed in carrying out its day-to-day and crisis management activities. Efforts to improve the security of the information systems continued.

A new website was launched to best meet the general public's need for information. Enhancements were

made to the compensation and communication platform, which now features a new version of the Secure Compensation Area (SCA) and provides the ability to work directly and in five languages with customers of French banks located abroad.

Further expansion of the range of tools available to the FGDR to manage a failure was explored. A new method of collecting member contributions is also being implemented to facilitate and speed up collection if necessary, while a new €1.5 billion stand-by line of credit was negotiated with a pool of large member banks. The FGDR's resources have continued to grow, with its own funds reaching €5.3 billion at 31 December 2020, including €5.1 billion for the deposit guarantee scheme. In addition, the investment policy entered a new phase in terms of socially responsible investment.

## SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY

On the international front, a great deal of groundwork was done, as the European authorities have now begun to focus on recasting the deposit guarantee scheme directive. The areas covered by the directive are complex (notification of depositors, stress tests, definition of resources, transfer of a member institution from one guarantee scheme to another, etc.). The FGDR intends to fully contribute to it in order to defend and promote advanced solutions aimed at protecting French savers and ensuring financial stability.

***“The FGDR team, with the addition of new employees and backed by a new Supervisory Board, is focused on its mission, with confidence and determination: to protect bank customers and maintain confidence in the financial system, both in quiet times and in times of crisis,”*** says Thierry Dissaux, Chairman of the FGDR's Executive Board.

### The Fonds de Garantie des Dépôts et de Résolution (FGDR)

**The mission of the FGDR is to protect and compensate customers in the event that their bank or financial institution fails.** Created by the law of 25 June 1999 on savings and financial security, the FGDR manages three mechanisms: the deposit guarantee scheme, the investor compensation scheme and the performance bonds guarantee scheme.

**At 31 December 2020, the FGDR covered 453 member institutions.** It can intervene before a failure on a preventative or resolution basis, or pay compensation to customers.

**A banking crisis operator in support of responsible finance, the FGDR plays a key role in ensuring the stability of the French banking system.**

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