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Counterparty Credit Risk Journey: key innovation factors and analytics

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Counterparty Credit Risk Journey

DNA of Innovation: steps of the journey



Value at stake (1/2)

Awareness, sponsorship, commitment

Key Pillars	Description]]
1 Understand real relevance	 Since Counterparty Credit Risk Regulation will affect mainly trading book portfolios, Banks should more effectively face the challenge 	
2 Estimate capital impacts	 Default charge has been increased and CVA capital charge has been introduced; dedicated business case to calculate the potential requirement in terms of RWA is mandatory to assess impacts and decide the best strategy to adopt 	"Solid business case" to identify value at stake and
3 Estimate operational impacts	 Calculations for revised discipline and new measures will push improvements on processes and policies currently in place on Risk Management framework 	ensure Top Management sponsorship and commitment for the
4 Assess IT impacts	 New Internal Model Method measures will require innovative risk analytics and IT landscape: advanced and scalable solutions will require relevant investment 	<i>implementation</i> <i>strategy</i>
5 Define strategies to face impacts	 Banks could opt for: Current Exposure Method (CEM) Internal Model Method (IMM) for exposure calculations, to better measure risk and reduce impacts on RWA 	

Value at stake (2/2)

Value at stake

ILLUSTRATIVE



- Preliminary results on Internal Model Method (IMM) implemented in primary Banks could shed some lights about the tremendous opportunity
- Banks are promoting and developing IMM approach which needs to sponsor dedicated multi-years program

Governance Model (1/2)

Building the transformation program ...

How to run the transformation program: steps, responsibilities, stakeholders

		Strategic guidelines	 Strategic Guidelines definition - Proposed by Group CRO and approved by Group Management Committee 	A robust Governance Framework is a key enabler factor for the journey success
	Local	Solution (business and IT)	 Group Operational Model definition - Proposed by Group CRO & Group CIO, involving related local stakeholders functions 	
dn		Validation	 Group-wide Validation, country by country, through support of local business/ IT functions (e.g. BoD of LEs, Audit, Compliance) 	
Gro		Sharing	 Official communication to local Board of Directors for each single Legal Entities involved 	
		Steering	 Control and Coordination Model definition, managing constant harmonization and alignment between group and local dimensions 	
		Communication to Regulators	 Preliminary involvement and check-points with Regulators (for each involved country) Final official communication to Regulators 	

Governance Model (2/2)

.... through a Governance Model as a lever for innovation



Approach (1/2)

Phased approach as key enabler for the design of the implementation strategy



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Approach (2/2)

Real cases experience advises for incremental evolution path



- A Fine tune methodologies/models
- Fine tune processes, policies and applications
- c Enlarge IMM product scope step by step
- Involve since the beginning of the program Regulators and exchange progressively implementation status and key results
- E Consolidate step by step the risk analytics and IT landscape in order to gradually enhance the overall architecture and achieve required high performance
- Mitigate overall the risk of delay, phasing the delivery and focusing on real "quick wins" that allow the financial institutions to acknowledge changes
- G Implement at different group levels groupwide methodologies/ analytics, processes, IT solutions to speed up delivery and grant homogeneous framework since the first step

Regulatory challenges

Structural challenges in Regulatory approval path

Highlights

Model design and implementation	 Comprehensiveness of transactions scope and selection of relevant risk factors and models Optimization of quality and stability over time coupled with calibration of the models Proof of conservatism of the proxies considered and exhaustive documentation of the models Strict organizational separation between model design teams and model validation teams
Operational use of models for internal monitoring	 Consistency of the whole framework, from the internal use of the models for risk monitoring purposes to their use for regulatory capital requirements calculation Deployment of units for the monitoring, control, analysis and reporting of counterparty credit risk that produce and validate managerial reports
Model validation and stress-testing framework	 Implementation of a back-testing framework analyzing not only a specific percentile Rigorous methodology for elaborating representative portfolios for simulation purposes Implementation of a governance framework in balance with the need to review the models periodically (such as a back-testing committee) Elaboration of different types of stress scenarios Implementation of a stress-testing framework to assess the general wrong way risk
 Data Governance & Quality framework Comprehensiveness, integrity and accuracy of transactional, netting and collateral data Comprehensiveness and historical depth of market data Quality and depth of historical data used for the back-testing procedure Operational framework and organization for detection, diagnosis and correction of discrepancies 	

Data Governance & Quality (1/3)

Overview



Data Governance & Quality (2/3)

Focus on Counterparty Credit Risk landscape



Data Quality Drivers: integrity, consistency, accuracy, completeness, validity, uniformity

Data Governance & Quality (3/3)

Data quality process example



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Risk Analytics (1/4)

Counterparty Credit Risk and Analytics

RISK DATA GOVERNANCE & QUALITY **NETTING SET & COLLATERAL REVALUATION & GREEKS** SCENARIO SIMULATION CVA **RISK MODELING RISK METRICS & RISK CALCULATION RISK VISUALIZATION**

Couterparty Credit Risk Process

 Data Governance & Quality is a first step to achieve a Risk Analytics Strategy

CONCEPTUAL

- Counterparty Credit Risk Modeling and Calculation complexity need a high performance IT Platform based on new technologies and approaches
- Analytics Approach enables a robust group-wide and multidimensional reporting as well

Risk Analytics Topics

Risk Analytics (2/4)

Analytics Overview



Degree of Intelligence

Analytics enable effective use of data, statistical and quantitative analysis, to drive decisions for better business outcomes

Source : Competing on Analytics : The New Science of Winning (Davenport / Harris)

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Risk Analytics (3/4)

Risk Analytics Technology and Data Velocity

ILLUSTRATIVE

Much higher computational requirements due to:

- 50-150 time steps
- up to 5.000 scenarios at each time point (Monte-Carlo based)

Issue

- Real-world and risk-neutral runs for PFE and CVA calculation
- Sensitivities required for hedging purposes
- Near-time pre-deal check functions needed with extremely short response times from valuation and aggregation engines (on netting-set/ counterparty level)



Technology Solution



Potential Benefits



Risk Analytics (4/4)

Counterparty Credit Risk Analytics: new paradigm for other risks



Conclusion and lesson learned

Basel 3/ CRD IV Regulation is going to clearly change Counterparty Credit Risk management paradigm in the Financial sector. Financial Institutions are facing a huge strategic challenge on both Business and IT side.

In order to be ready for the new paradigm, Financial institutions needs to:



Put in place a clear strategy and involve best talents



Launch dedicated transformation program with innovative holistic approach



Define "phased approach", with intermediate "quick wins" to enhance organically methodologies/Risk Analytics/policies



Ensure a strong partnership and collaboration framework between Business and IT, including external key stakeholders (e.g. Regulators)



Leverage on sophisticated methodology supported by dedicated risk management operational team



Leverage on advance Risk Analytics and IT capability on most advanced technologies considered as "best of breed" in the market



Apply strong governance model and organizational innovation

Thanks.

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