

# Agenda

- 1) Overarching results
- 2) Points of attention & good practices per element

Summary, organisational description &

purpose of Governance

**Indicators** 

Scenarios Recovery

measures Exit

measures

- 3) Follow-up steps
- 4) Questions



# 1. Overarching results

- Basis of most plans is good, but improvements are needed in a number of areas
  - Clear description of organisation;
  - Governance mostly clearly described;
  - Mostly good indicators chosen, but need to be quantified;
  - Basis of scenarios and measures is sufficient, but needs further elaboration.
- Content of elements needs further attention
- Evolving insights: two separate plans not necessary
  - A joint plan promotes consistency between plans
  - However, a strict distinction should be made between the different goals of the two plans



# 2. Points of attention & good practice

- One or more points of attention and good practices have been drawn up for each element
- <u>Points of attention:</u> observations/findings that apply to several institutions
- Good practices: components that certain institutions have developed particularly well. These serve as inspiration
- → Both will help you improve your recovery and exit plans.

# 2.1 - Summary, organisational description & purpose

#### Point of attention

Lack of financial statements

Many of the plans do not include financial statements and projections, for example: Balance sheet / P&L

account

Statement of cash flows

Core ratios

Historical values indicators

#### Good practice

- Explicit link between business model failure and indicators
- → If the failure of the business model is related to profit or profit margin, then the recovery and exit plan will logically include a profitability indicator.



### 2.2 - Governance

#### Point of attention

· Specified roles & responsibilities

Institutions generally have well-defined crisis governance. However, the roles and responsibilities for each crisis team member are often unspecified.

#### **Good practice**

- Summary of governance in table form is clear and specifies the roles *Such a table can be used* both for governance regarding the plans and for the crisis management team. This should be thoroughly explained,
- → which will also help in specifying roles and responsibilities.

## 2.2 - Governance

#### Process description of plans

Name / position	Prepare	Maintain	Authorise	Activate
CEO			X	X
CFO			X	X
Risk manager	X	X		
Compliance manager	Χ	Χ		

#### Crisis management team

Position	Role in the team	Responsibilities
CEO	Chair	Activate recovery plan; Chair of crisis consultations; Communication; Monitor progress
CFO		
Risk manager		
Compliance manager		



## 2.3 - Indicators

#### Points of attention

Indicators not set based on an early warning system with underlying limits\*

Indicator	Business as usual	Stress	Recovery	Exit
Return on assets	10%	5%	< 0%	Longer than 12 months < 0%
Monthly turnover	According to projection	10% < projection	25% < projection	50% < projection for 3 months
Regulatory capital	Minimum capital requirement + 50%	Minimum capital requirement + 20%	Minimum capital requirement + 10%	Minimum capital requirement

Indicators are not clearly defined and/or quantified

20% decline

→ Decline relative to what?

Significant decline

→ What is significant?

\* The limits shown here are only examples



## 2.3 - Indicators

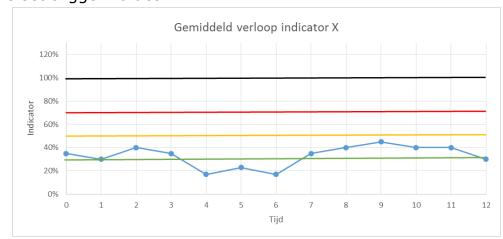
#### **Good practices**

Inclusion of indicators from the following categories

Profitability	Capital	Liquidity
Payments volume	Regulatory capital	Current ratio
Cost-to-income ratio	Equity ratio (EV / TA)	Operating cash flow

• Justification for the choice of indicators and the set trigger values

Include qualitative (explanation) or quantitative (current/historical value) justification of the indicators



Good practices for recovery and exit plans

### Three scenarios

#### Points of attention

Not every institution has included both internally and externally driven scenarios in the plans

Internal scenario: Incident (IT systems failure, fraud, failure of major outsourcing partner); Consequence: reputation risk

Core: affects only own institution

External scenario: Increasing competition, falling demand for products/services, introduction of PSD2; Consequence: decline

in profit margin

Core: affects multiple institutions / the entire sector

• The scenarios mostly describe <u>consequences</u>. Underlying <u>causes</u> are forgotten.

Cause: 'Due to an operational incident, the systems are down for half a day. As a result, transactions cannot be processed. As this has occurred with some frequency recently, some merchants see the need to switch.

As a result, the payment volume will steadily drop if no action is taken.'

Consequence: 'Payment volume falls to recovery trigger level, triggering recovery plan'



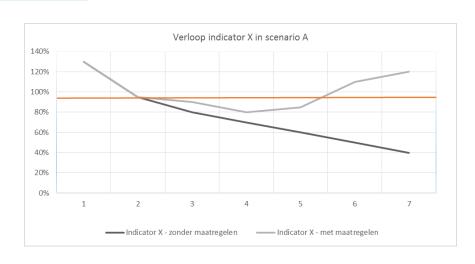
## 2.4 - Scenarios

#### **Good practices**

Include four different scenarios with the following features

	Internal	External
Quick	Scenario 1	Scenario 2
Slow	Scenario 3	Scenario 4

Both qualitative and quantitative descriptions
 Description with quantitative assumptions;
 Graphical representation of indicator trends;



## 2.5 - Recovery measures

#### Point of attention

Overall trend: lack of (or poor) explanation of sub-elements of recovery measures

The tables provided by DNB are completed for each sub-element. A reliable substantiation with assumptions is lacking in many cases, however.

**Example:** risk analysis by

strategy

Risk	Proba bility	Impact	Risk mitigation
Large customers switch to other payment institutions	High	High	Maintain a good relationship and provide customisation
etc.	[]	[]	[]

"The recovery measure involves increasing the profit margin per transaction. This is disadvantageous to large merchants, as they have a relatively high number of transactions.

These merchants could potentially switch to another payment institution as other institutions offer more favourable terms to large merchants.

This is a high-impact risk, as these merchants account for a major part of turnover. This risk is mitigated by maintaining a good relationship with major merchants and applying customisation (e.g. price agreements)."



# 2.5 - Recovery measures

#### **Good practices**

- Inclusion of ongoing costs of normal business operations
  In addition to the cost of the recovery strategy, there is added value in including the cost of normal operations.
- Quantitative assessment of impact of measures

  Alongside a <u>qualitative</u> description of the impact of the recovery measure on the indicators, a

  <u>quantitative</u> calculation based on the relevant indicators makes the recovery capacity of the relevant measure clear.

	T - 2	T - 1	Т	T + 1	T + 2	T + 3	T + 4	T + 5
Payment volume per month	€700,000	€650,000	€600,000	€575,000	€600,000	€650,000	€675,000	€700,000
Cost-to-income ratio	55%	56%	57%	58%	59%	57%	53%	51%
Regulatory capital	€2,000,000	€1,900,000	€1,800,000	€1,800,000	€1,900,000	€2,000,000	€2,100,000	€2,200,000



## 2.6 - Exit measures

#### Points of attention

• Overall trend: lack of (or poor) explanation of sub-elements of exit measures

The tables provided by DNB are completed for each sub-element. A reliable substantiation with

assumptions is lacking in many cases, however.

- Exit costs and funding not sufficiently elaborated
- Exit costs should be clearly identified and broken down
- Sufficient funding to cover exit costs should also be demonstrated.

Category	Costs
Ongoing operational costs	€
Rent (x number of months)	€
Severance pay	€
External expertise	€
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Total exit costs	€
Funding - Regulatory capital - Capital contribution - Other assets	€

## 2.6 - Exit measures

#### **Good practice**

Multiple exit strategies

An exit plan tends to assume a single exit strategy. Several strategies may be possible.

- Wind-up of the company
- Sale of the company

Depending on the scenario, several exit strategies may be possible.

# 3. Follow-up steps

- 15 November submit second version if first version not assessed as 'sufficient'
- Assessment by DNB, written feedback within six weeks (no later than 27 December)
- After the second feedback round, we consider your recovery and exit plan to be the final version.
- You should update the plans according to your internal update cycle or in case of material changes in your
  - operational management



# Thank you very much for your attention.

Any questions?



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