

# The CSSF's approach to innovation

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## Innovation, an essential driver for the development of DE SURVEILLANCE the financial sector



- FinTech, a multisectoral reality
- A real opportunity for the financial sector
  - In the provision of financial services
  - In the compliance with the regulatory framework



#### Challenges for the regulator



- Main challenges for the regulator:
  - Find the right answer to new financial services arising from FinTech;
  - Make a proper assessment of the new risks arising from FinTech;
  - Protect the consumer without creating unnecessary barriers for the industry.
- Legislation/regulation as a solution?



#### **CSSF** approach to address these challenges



- Technology neutrality as a core principle
  - Technology neutral = focus on the services provided, not the technology used
  - Technology neutral ≠ technology adverse
  - Technology neutral ≠ technology blindly trustful
    - Cloud computing
    - Blockchain
    - Robo-advice
    - Robo/video onboarding



#### CSSF's approach to address these challenges



- Keeping a proactive dialogue with the industry
  - The CSSF FinTech Working Group
  - Constant accessibility
  - Innovation Hub? Regulatory Sandbox?
  - Outcomes



### **CSSF** approach to address these challenges



- Cooperation with other jurisdictions
  - FinTech has no borders
  - On a European Union level
  - On an International level



#### CSSF's approach for the year to come



- Pursue our work on specific FinTech matters through the FinTech Working Group
- Industry representatives as leverage to strengthen the dialogue
  - Association des Banques et Banquiers Luxembourg (ABBL)
  - Association Luxembourgeoise des Fonds d'Investissement (ALFI)
  - Luxembourg House of Financial Technologies (LHoFT)
  - Luxembourg for Finance (LFF)
- Increase CSSF communication on FinTech



#### Advice to FinTech entities



- Check our website
- Work with the industry's representatives
- Take into account emerging risks when designing your project
- Contact us
- Make a legal assessment of your project





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### Thank you for your attention

