

# NBG approaches and plans regarding improvement of financial reporting | Cooperation with SARAS

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# NBG's Agenda to Approximate to IFRS

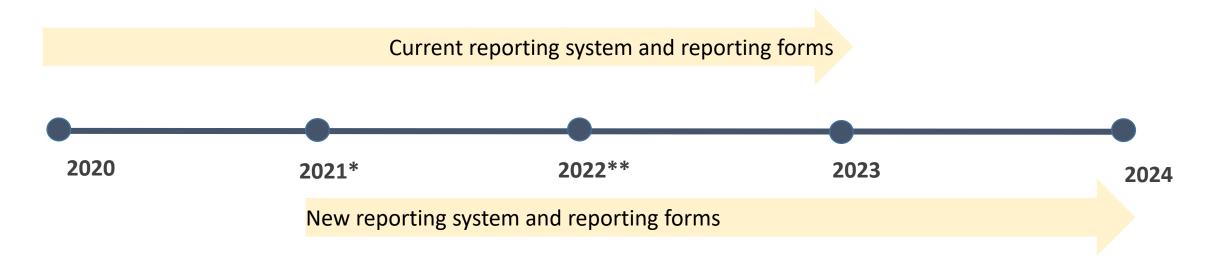


#### Goal

 Approximation of the current accounting and reporting framework to the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)

#### **Results**

- Financial information will be based on IFRS this will ease the burden of reporting in the future
- Reliance on IFRS based numbers and Audited Financial Statement will increase

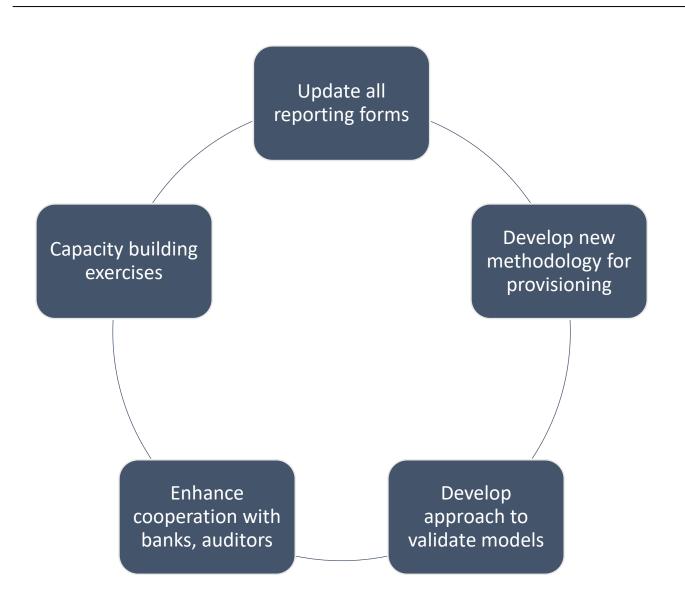


<sup>\*</sup>Banks could voluntarily transfer to new IFRS based rules, however they have to satisfy existing rules and requirements

<sup>\*\*</sup>Banks are obliged to transfer to IFRS based rules in parallel with the existing rules and requirements

## **IFRS Transition Project**





- Several working groups were created within NBG (reporting, model, credit and other teams)
- Information requested from the bank were analyzed (including transformation matrix, current provisioning models and policies used for financial statements)
- International practice were reviewed (communication with more than 20 supervisors)
- Quantitative impacts studies were conducted in several instances (some is still in progress)



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# **Expectations for Audit Committees**



- Role and importance of audit committees for commercial banks are emphasized in the relevant regulatory acts
- NBG supports effective functioning of audit committees by introduction of Corporate Governance Code which further defines committee roles, composition of the committee, independence and competence criteria





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## Cooperation Framework with External Auditors



#### **Communication Handbook**

- Effective communication framework between supervisors and auditors
- Shared with banks and auditors, based on feedback Q&A was prepared
- Sets clear expectations on cooperation and communication process

#### IFRS transition project

- Introductory presentation were held for auditors
- Draft reporting forms and policies would be shared with auditors
- Follow-up meeting will be planned







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# Cooperation with SARAS

- Quality of financial reports are assessed by NBG
- In case of identification of problems, concerns would be communicated with SARAS
- Draft policies related to reporting are shared with SARAS
- There is further room for cooperation; More reliance on IFRS based numbers and reports will increase the communication between the authorities





# **Thank You!**

**Questions?** 

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