

PRIBOR Oversight Committee Terms of Reference

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1 The PRIBOR Oversight Committee Overview

The Czech Financial Benchmark Facility (**CFBF**) is the Benchmark Administrator of PRIBOR. The PRIBOR Oversight Committee (**the OC**) is an independent committee that has the primary governance oversight of the methodology, determination and dissemination of PRIBOR. The OC's purpose is to support the integrity, accuracy and reliability of the PRIBOR benchmark to the benefit of all users of the benchmark and reliant market participants. The OC is comprised of a blend of independent experts, representatives from panel banks and the CFBF. An invitation is extended to the Czech National Bank to attend OC meetings as an observer. Guests, such as representatives from market associations, stakeholder committees, market infrastructure providers and other users of PRIBOR, may be invited to participate on a non-voting basis.

The OC is embedded within the organisational structure of the CFBF but distinct from other governance functions of the CFBF. The OC shall assess and challenge the decisions of the CFBF Board of Directors (**the Board**) with regards to the provision of PRIBOR to ensure the requirements of regulation, including European Benchmark Regulation (**BMR**) are being met.

The CFBF has developed and maintains robust procedures regarding its oversight function, which it makes available to the Czech National Competent Authority.

The OC will be granted access to all CFBF documentation necessary to carry out its duties.

2 Responsibilities

With respect to the PRIBOR Benchmark determination:

Conducting regular reviews (at a minimum annually) of all aspects of the determination methodology and definition of PRIBOR. In conducting these reviews the OC should consider the underlying market dynamics and the usage of PRIBOR.

Oversight of the PRIBOR Code of Conduct including overseeing the practice standards as detailed in the PRIBOR Code of Conduct and reviewing these regularly.

Defining, reviewing and updating the operational processes and procedures by which PRIBOR Panel Banks contribute to the benchmark.

Adopting, reviewing and where required updating the PRIBOR Benchmark Control Framework to ensure that PRIBOR is determined and published in accordance with all relevant CFBF governance arrangements including the PRIBOR Code of Conduct and all applicable regulatory standards.

Monitoring the input data and contributors and the actions of the CFBF as the administrator of PRIBOR in challenging or validating contributions of input data.

Monitoring panel banks' adherence to the PRIBOR Code of Conduct, including but not limited to the regularity and coverage of benchmark contributions.

Taking effective measures in respect of any breaches of the PRIBOR Code of Conduct.

Reporting to the Czech National Bank any misconduct by contributors or the CFBF of which the OC becomes aware, and any anomalous or suspicious input data.

Developing proposals for consultation of prospective material changes to the PRIBOR determination methodology or definition and have regard to any representations made in response to consultations undertaken.

Reviewing and approving procedures for cessation of PRIBOR, including any consultation about a cessation.

Overseeing any third party involved in the provision of PRIBOR, including calculation or dissemination agents.

With respect to the PRIBOR Contribution Panel

Undertaking regular reviews of the composition of the PRIBOR contribution panel.

Defining rules and procedures to join, remain or leave the PRIBOR contribution panel.

The OC may require an external audit of a contributor if dissatisfied with any aspects of its conduct.

With respect to the PRIBOR Benchmark Administrator

Considering existing or potential conflicts of interest where material.

Taking measures to remain informed about material issues and risks relating to the setting of PRIBOR.

Overseeing the CFBF's adherence to the PRIBOR Code of Conduct, other governance arrangements and the published PRIBOR methodologies, including calculation, re-fix and business continuity policies.

Recommending as appropriate that external reviews of PRIBOR be commissioned by the CFBF.

Assessing internal and external audits or reviews, and monitoring the implementation of identified remedial actions.

Keeping the PRIBOR Oversight Committee Terms of Reference and PRIBOR Oversight Committee Rules and Procedures under regular review.

3 Appointment of members to the OC

The Board has the authority and responsibility to determine the membership of the OC on an annual basis. Appointments to the OC will be for an initial period of one year. The Board will nominate a candidate to act as the OC's Chairperson and the OC itself will ratify the nomination. If the OC does not wish to ratify the Board nominated candidate the Board will nominate an alternative candidate for the OC's ratification. This process will continue until the Chairperson position has been confirmed by the OC.

The OC shall be composed of members that together have the skills and expertise appropriate to the oversight of the provision of PRIBOR and to the responsibilities the oversight function is required to fulfil.

CFBF Secretariat will assist the Board in identifying suitable nominees for OC membership, taking into consideration such matters as the nominee's specialist skills, knowledge and expertise, independence and their availability to attend meetings. The OC should have sufficient coverage of relevant subject matter including financial markets, legal, regulatory, risk and compliance and accounting. OC representation from academia is also desirable.

In accordance with BMR the CFBF will ensure that members with conflicts of interest shall not hold a majority. The CFBF will also give due consideration to conflicts arising from relationships between potential members and other external stakeholders with a vested interest in PRIBOR rates.

4 OC Membership

The OC will consist of a balanced representation of stakeholders including supervised entities that use the benchmark, contributors and other external stakeholders such as market associations, market infrastructure operators and other input data sources, as well as independent members and staff of the CFBB that are not directly involved in the provision of PRIBOR or any related activities.

The Board will ensure that the OC has a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 12 voting members. Ideally the OC shall include:

- At least two independent members, preferably one from academia
- Representatives from supervised entities and contributors to PRIBOR where the maximum number of these representatives does not form a majority of OC voting members.
- Representatives from external stakeholders such as market associations, market infrastructure operators and other input data sources in a non-voting capacity.
- At least one CFBB staff not part of the CFBB management body nor directly involved in the provision of PRIBOR or any related activities.
- At least one CFBB staff involved in the provision of PRIBOR in a non-voting capacity
- Members shall not include persons who have been convicted of financial services related offences, in particular manipulation or attempted manipulation.
- Details of the OC membership will be made public on the CFBB website as will any declarations of any conflict of interest along with the processes for election and nomination of OC members.
- Subject to meeting the criteria for selection observers may be invited to attend meetings of the OC.

5 Removal of members to the OC

The Board may remove a person as a member of the OC if, for any reason, it appears appropriate for the Board to do so, including without limitation for the following reasons:

- The Board or the OC is asked by the Czech National Bank to remove the person;
- The person was appointed to the OC as a representative of an organisation which he or she is no longer employed by and the Board considers their involvement is no longer in the best interests of the OC.
- The person has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a OC member.
- The person has served notice of his or her intention to retire from the OC and the board considers their membership is no longer required.
- The person is repeatedly absent without the permission of the Chairperson of the OC.
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A person, as a member of the OC, wishing to resign from the OC is required to communicate their intention to resign by providing six-month notice in writing to the Chairperson of the OC. The Chairperson, may at their discretion, accept a lesser notice period if requested by the resigning member where, in the Chairperson's opinion, a lesser notice period will have no negative impact upon the OC's ability to fulfil its mandate.

6 Managing Conflicts of Interest within the OC

To mitigate any potential conflicts of interest all OC members appointed on a personal basis must be independent and must not be subject to instructions from the companies or organisations to which they belong. Accordingly, on an annual basis each member of the OC must submit and sign a declaration of interest whereby members shall declare any relevant interests. Declared conflicts of interest will be made publicly available on the CFBF website.

Conflicts of interest which may arise within the OC due to competing interests shall be managed using, where appropriate, the following non-exhaustive list of procedures:

- External OC members should have their voting rights suspended for decisions that would have a direct business impact on the organisations they represent.
- OC members are required to disclose conflicts ahead of the discussion of each agenda item during meetings of the OC.
- OC members should excuse themselves from specific discussions of agenda items which would cause them to become conflicted, either prior to the agenda item being discussed or during discussion should a conflict arise at that time. Details of any exclusion are to be recorded in the minutes of any relevant meeting and redact such minutes prior to publication.
- OC members that are excused from discussion to avoid conflicts will have their voting rights removed for decisions relating to the specific agenda item.

Where it is not possible to manage the conflicts of interest through the procedures listed above or by other means, the CFBF will revise the structure of the OC and where appropriate, replace the conflicted members.

7 Administrative details

- The OC shall meet at a minimum on a quarterly basis.
- Decisions of the OC will be minuted and made public on the CFBF's website within 14 days of OC meetings.
- Rules governing the operational functioning of the OC are detailed in the accompanying document "PRIBOR Oversight Committee Rules and Procedures"
- This document will be publicly available on the CFBF website.