

New Issue Rating Report

BBVA-10 PYME, FT

SME CLOs/Structured Finance



RATINGS

Class	Rating	Notional (EURm)	Notional (% assets)	CE (% assets)	Coupon	Final maturity
Series A	AA ^{-SF}	596.7	76.5	28.5	3m Euribor + 30bp	20 January 2048
Series B	B ^{+SF}	183.3	23.5	5.0	3m Euribor + 50bp	20 January 2048
Sub-loan	Not rated	39.0	5.0	0.0		
Total notes (excluding sub-loan)		780.0				

Scope's quantitative analysis is based on the preliminary portfolio dated 18 November 2015 and subsequent updates from 15 December 2015, provided by the originator. Scope's Structured Finance Ratings constitute an opinion about relative credit risks and reflect the expected loss associated with the payments contractually promised by an instrument on a particular payment date or by its legal maturity. See Scope's website for the [SF Rating Definitions](#).

Rated issuer		Transaction profile
Purpose	Liquidity/Funding	BBVA-10 PYME, FT (BBVA-10) is a true-sale securitisation of a EUR 780m portfolio of mortgage-secured loans (51.1%) and unsecured loans (48.9%), jointly referred to as 'the assets'. Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA (BBVA) originated the assets, which were granted to small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to finance diverse, business-related needs.
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Asset class	SME CLO	
Assets	EUR 780.0m	
Notes	EUR 780.0m	
ISIN Series A	ES0305110001	
ISIN Series B	ES0305110019	
Closing date	16 December 2015	
Legal final maturity	20 January 2048	
Payment frequency	Quarterly	
Payment dates	20 Jan., 20 Apr., 20 Jul., 20 Oct.	

Rating rationale (Summary)

The ratings reflect the legal and financial structure of the transaction; the quality of the underlying collateral, given macroeconomic conditions in Spain; the ability of the servicer, Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA (BBVA, A/S-1/Stable Outlook); the counterparty credit risk exposure to BBVA as the account bank, paying agent and liquidity provider; and the management competence of Europea de Titulización SGFT SA.

The rating on the class A notes is driven by the 28.5% credit enhancement available in the structure, which protects strongly against loss, as well as benefits gained from sequential amortisation in combination with a fast-amortising portfolio. The class B rating reflects the tranche's larger exposure to Spanish economic uncertainties beyond Scope's outlook and the only limited credit protection from a 5% cash reserve. The two rated tranches also benefit from excess spread, which is available to provision for the notes' principal shortfalls, and accumulates to 1.71% p.a. as of closing.

Both ratings are also driven by the characteristics of the portfolio: 48.1% of unsecured loans with shorter maturities, and 51.9% of mortgages with longer maturities. In addition, the relatively short weighted average life of 3.8 years under 0% prepayments, given the short-term outlook on the Spanish economy, reflects positively on Scope's expected credit performance for the collateral pool.

Scope derived the key quantitative assumptions from vintage data provided by BBVA, which reflects the performance of its entire loan book and covers the years from 2007 to 2014, a period of significant economic stress in Spain. For the two portfolio segments, unsecured loans and mortgages, Scope has modelled forward-looking 90-days-past-due lifetime default rates of 12.3% and 22.1% respectively, with a 20% cure rate for each. Credit risk from the portfolio is also driven by the high volatility of historical default rates detected in both portfolio segments, reflected in the relatively high default-rate coefficients of variation derived from vintage data: 56.0% for unsecured loans and 63.3% for mortgages.

Scope's recovery estimate accounts for the heterogeneous nature of the portfolio, with base case recovery rates of 21.3% for unsecured loans and 66.7% for mortgages. Mortgages are secured by commercial and residential properties, and have low loan-to-value ratios (currently 53% – not indexed). Scope derived the recovery rate for unsecured loans from vintage data, whereas for mortgages the rate by individual loan was calculated using Scope's assumptions of market value declines in Spain.

Rating and rating-change drivers are available in the section 'Rating Drivers and Mitigants' on page 2.



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RATING DRIVERS AND MITIGANTS

Positive rating drivers

Spanish economy. The Spanish economy continues to improve, which benefits the class A notes in the short term. However, the impact on the class B notes is less certain due to the longer weighted average life, exposing these to the fragile economic recovery in Spain.

Stressed performance references. Scope calibrated portfolio assumptions based on 2007-2014 vintage data, a period of high stress for Spanish SMEs. Scope also adjusted for the long-term economic cycle to limit the class A rating's procyclicality.

Short life. Class A notes bear a short risk exposure to counterparties and possible macroeconomic deterioration. This is due to an expected weighted average life of 2.2 years under a 0% conditional prepayment rate, driven by the mainly French amortisation of the unsecured loans and mortgages in the portfolio.

High expected recovery rate. Low loan-to-value on mortgages (weighted average of 53%) drives the high, expected portfolio recovery rate of 50.9%, as estimated by Scope.

Moderate excess spread. Excess spread available from the assets is 1.71% as of closing, available to cover periodic shortfalls in the transaction.

Simple and transparent structure. The deal features a swapless, strictly sequential, two-tranche structure with a combined priority of payments and a cash reserve available for default provisioning.

Negative rating drivers and mitigants

Substantial lifetime default rate. For the portfolio, the long weighted average remaining term of seven years results in the relatively high 90-days-past-due lifetime default rate of 17.3%, based on BBVA's vintage data (reduces to 10.6%, depending on the rating-conditional long-term adjustment). The analysis considers a 20% cure rate for both segments to account for the different default definitions: '540 days past due' for the transaction and '90 days past due' for the performance vintage data.

High default volatility risk. Delinquency vintage data showed significant levels of volatility, with a segment-weighted coefficient of variation of 60.8%.

Counterparty concentration. BBVA, as account bank and paying agent, exposes the transaction to counterparty risk; however, this is mitigated by both BBVA's credit quality and its automatic replacement upon losing a BBB rating.

Long default definition. The transaction's default definition of 18 months hinders the capture of excess spread in the early periods.

Positive rating-change drivers

Better-than-expected performance of the assets is one of several factors that could positively impact the ratings.

A fast recovery of employment in Spain would lower the base case default rate used in the analysis. We do not expect this fast recovery of employment to occur, and expect a very slow recovery instead. This recovery will be at permanent risk of a new recession until deeper fundamental reforms are tackled in Spain, addressing public spending and fiscal pressure in general, and the labour market in particular.

Faster-than-expected portfolio amortisation, due to high pre-payments resulting in credit enhancement build-up, may positively impact the ratings.

Negative rating-change drivers

Worse-than-expected performance of the assets is one of several factors that could negatively impact the ratings.

The strengthening of the separatist movement in Catalonia would raise concerns about its hypothetical exit from the euro area. Such an exit would require profound legal changes in Spain and a restatement of international order. We believe this risk is remote given the outcome of the recent regional elections, and its crystallisation would occur beyond the expected life of the class A.

TRANSACTION SUMMARY

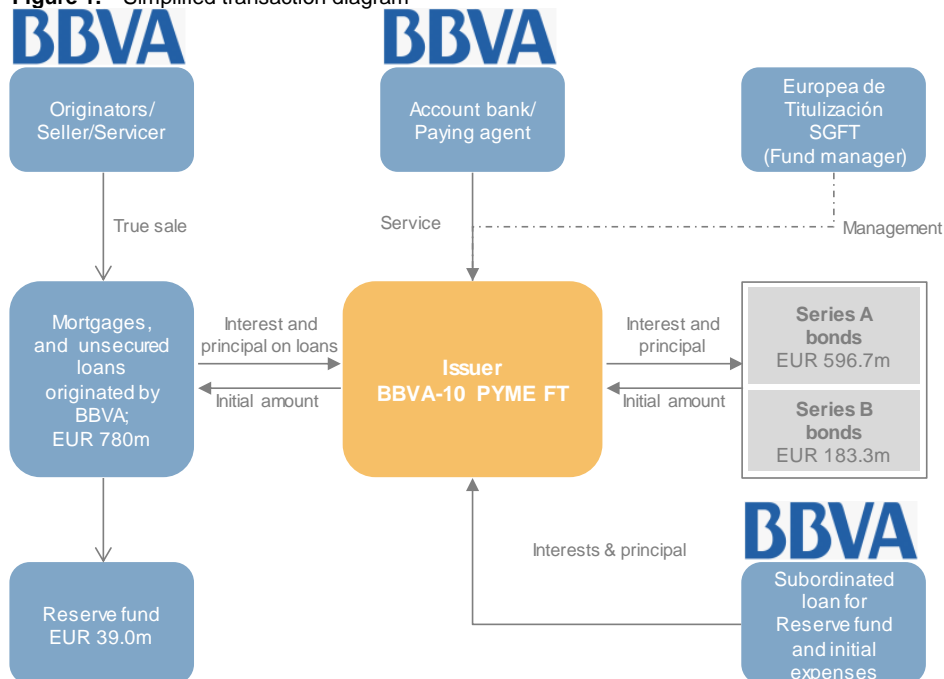
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Rating Methodology for
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Structured Finance
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General Structured Finance
Instruments Rating
Methodology, dated August
2015.

Figure 1. Simplified transaction diagram



BBVA-10 PYME, FT is the 10th transaction in BBVA's PYME loan securitisation programme and the first publicly rated by Scope. The transaction consists of the securitisation of a EUR 780m portfolio of 3,880 loans and mortgages, which BBVA originated and granted to 3,672 Spanish SMEs and self-employed individuals.

ASSET ANALYSIS

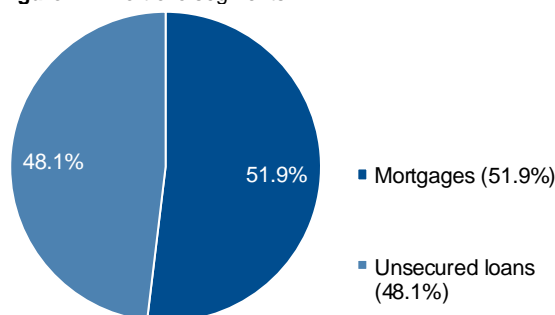
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Securitised assets

The portfolio comprises two segments, standard mortgages and unsecured loans, representing the structure of BBVA's SME loan book. Eligibility criteria excludes debt from refinancing and exposures more than 30-days-past-due, which creates a positive selection effect on the portfolio.

Figure 2. Portfolio segments



Unsecured loans: weak recovery under stress

The unsecured loan segment comprises well-seasoned loans (four years) with a medium weighted average (WA) remaining time to maturity of five years, which accounts for 48.1% of the portfolio.

The loans were originated between 2000 and 2015, with a focus on 2007 until 2015. The standard amortisation scheme is French, and only 3.9% have bullet amortisations.

Scope derived a mean 90-days-past-due (dpd) lifetime default rate of 12.3% over a risk horizon of five years from vintage data (see 'Lifetime default rate' on page 6). The coefficient of variation for this segment is 56%. The base case recovery rate on unsecured loans is 21.3%, assuming a cure rate of 20% and a recovery lag of 23 months.

In the context of this transaction, 'unsecured' means 'not secured by a mortgage', although most of the loans benefit from personal guarantees or other types of security that are generally effective at reducing delinquencies or increasing recovery. Yet these forms of alternative security are difficult to validate, and their impact on performance is already captured in the performance references used for the analysis.

Mortgage loans: slow recovery and tail concentration risk

Mortgage loans account for 51.9% of the portfolio. Mortgages in this transaction were predominantly originated between 2006 and 2012, making the exposures relatively old (WA seasoning of six years), with a short WA remaining time to maturity of only 8.5 years. The weighted average loan-to-value for these secured loans is 53.1%, based on the latest appraisals.

Scope derived a 90dpd mean lifetime default rate of 22.1% from vintage data, over a risk horizon of nine years (see 'Lifetime default rate' on page 6). The coefficient of variation for this segment is 63.3%. The base case recovery rate on unsecured loans is 66.7%, which is derived from market-value-decline assumptions (see APPENDIX IV), assuming a cure rate of 20% and a recovery lag of 48 months.

This segment carries concentration risk for the class B notes, as the later stage of the transaction will be exposed to mainly mortgage loans. In addition, the long segment maturity exposes class B to a potential deterioration of the Spanish economy beyond Scope's current positive outlook. This risk is mitigated by credit enhancement build-up from deleveraging the transaction.

Portfolio characteristics

Final portfolio selection

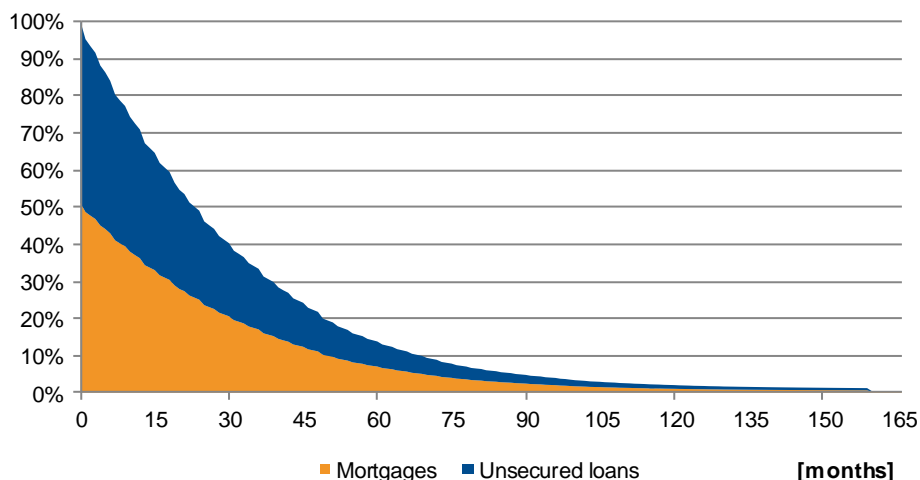
BBVA has provided the final pool selected from the preliminary portfolio, which was audited and on which we based our rating analysis. Due to limited flexibility in selecting assets, the final portfolio's characteristics are substantially the same as those of the preliminary portfolio. The preliminary portfolio balance of EUR 880.0m on 18 November 2015 compares to the final portfolio balance of EUR 780.0m on 16 December 2015, i.e. only 11.4% lower, reflecting two months of amortisation and the application of eligibility criteria.

Fast amortisation and heterogeneous amortisation profile

The portfolio creates two distinct periods for the transaction: i) an early stage when the portfolio is exposed to unsecured loans and mortgages; and ii) a late stage when the portfolio comprises mostly mortgages with a potentially 'lumpy' tail. Credit enhancement build-up over the transaction's life will be adequate to cover tail risk from concentration, as the amortisation of the notes is strictly sequential.

Class A: short exposure to counterparty risk and possible macro-economic decline

Figure 3. Portfolio amortisation under 0% CPR and 0% default rate



Granular portfolio: moderate obligor concentration

The portfolio is granular and well diversified according to the calculated diversity indices (DI): obligor DI, 498; industry DI, 14.9; and region DI, 8.2.

The transaction's exposure to the Spanish real estate sector is 26.2%, which is high compared to other Spanish SME CLOs issued recently in 2015. The portfolio's mean lifetime default rate, derived from 2007-2014 vintage data (a period of high stress for Spanish SMEs), conservatively captures this portfolio's composition.

Figure 4. Portfolio industry distribution

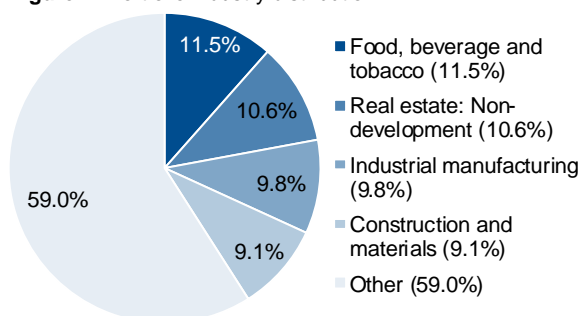
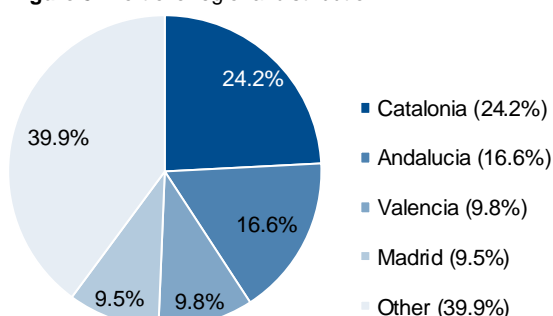


Figure 5. Portfolio regional distribution



There are 20 obligors with over 0.5% of the portfolio each; the combined exposure is 14.4%. The comparatively high number¹ is due to the relatively low amount of obligors. Based on BBVA's internal probability of default (PD), 18 obligors have better credit quality than the average in their respective segments, with two from the mortgage segment exhibiting a 4.4% PD (averages: 2.4% for unsecured loans and 2.7% for mortgages)..

Scope has addressed obligor concentration by applying stresses to i) the coefficient of variation of the large obligor portion in each segment and ii) the mean lifetime default rate (see 'Obligor concentration adjustments' on page 15). However, impacts on the portfolio's mean lifetime default rate and the coefficient of variation are limited.

Scope has addressed obligor concentration by applying a 20% stress to the top obligors' CoV

¹ Most Spanish SME CLOs issued in 2014 and 2015 had portfolios with higher obligor granularity (obligor DI > 1,000) with usually fewer than ten large obligors, which combined accounted for under 10% of the respective portfolio.

Figure 6. Exposures of largest obligors (> 0.5%) in the portfolio

Top #	Balance (EUR m)	Balance (%)	Portfolio segment	Sector	Region	Amortisation schedule	BBVA 1yr PD (%)
1	7.6	0.98	Unsecured loan	Professional services	Barcelona	Uniform	0.9
2	6.9	0.88	Mortgage	Construction and materials	Barcelona	French	4.4
3	6.8	0.87	Mortgage	Pharmaceuticals and biotechnology	Vizcaya	French	0.3
4	6.8	0.87	Mortgage	Healthcare equipment and services	Barcelona	Uniform	0.9
5	6.7	0.86	Unsecured loan	Real estate: non-development	Vizcaya	Uniform	1.5
6	6.7	0.85	Mortgage	Accommodation, leisure and entertainment	Seville	Bullet	2.5
7	6.6	0.84	Mortgage	Government and public sector	Barcelona	French	1.5
8	6.4	0.82	Mortgage	Healthcare equipment and services	Barcelona	French	2.6
9	6.2	0.79	Mortgage	Professional services	Madrid	Uniform	0.3
10	5.9	0.76	Mortgage	Food, beverage and tobacco	Gipuzkoa	French	0.5
11	5.6	0.72	Mortgage	Accommodation, leisure and entertainment	Barcelona	Uniform	4.4
12	4.9	0.62	Unsecured loan	Construction and materials	Valladolid	Uniform	0.3
13	4.7	0.60	Mortgage	Construction and materials	Barcelona	Uniform	0.1
14	4.7	0.60	Mortgage	Food, beverage and tobacco	Seville	French	0.1
15	4.6	0.59	Mortgage	Real estate: non-development	Madrid	French	2.6
16	4.5	0.57	Mortgage	Media	Santa Cruz de Tenerife	French	0.3
17	4.4	0.56	Unsecured loan	Industrial manufacturing	Badajoz	French	0.9
18	4.3	0.54	Mortgage	Food, beverage and tobacco	Zaragoza	Uniform	0.2
19	4.2	0.54	Unsecured loan	Transportation and logistics	Seville	Uniform	0.3
20	4.1	0.53	Mortgage	Industrial manufacturing	Seville	Uniform	0.1

Lifetime default rate analysis on portfolio

Vintage data covers high-stress period for Spanish SMEs

Scope calibrated the portfolio-modelling base case assumptions using vintage data from 2007 to 2014, a period of high stress for Spanish SMEs: high defaults and relatively low recoveries, particularly for mortgages, as recovery from Spanish real estate collateral is slow due to a disrupted property market. Scope has modelled the portfolio on a segment-by-segment basis, and derived mean 90dpd lifetime default rates of 12.3% for unsecured loans and 22.1% for mortgages. Vintage data has significant levels of volatility: Scope calculated a coefficient of variation of 56% for unsecured loans and 63.3% for mortgages. These modelling assumptions incorporate the base case adjustments for the largest obligors (see 'Analytical Notes on Default Analysis' on page 15).

Scope considered BBVA's vintage data to be adequate, as the data is very granular and the selection criteria resembles BBVA's own SME loan book (see 'Applied Methodology and Data Adequacy' on page 14). The most relevant data used for the analysis is shown in Figure 14.

Figure 7 shows the default rate assumptions and adjustments applied to address obligor risk concentrations in the portfolio.²

Figure 7. Summary of mean default rate adjustments

	BBVA-10			
	Unsecured loans		Mortgages	
	Mean DR	DR CoV	Mean DR	DR CoV
Vintage result (unadjusted)	12.3%	55.3%	21.4%	60.3%
Default modelling assumptions (After adjusting for top obligors)	12.3%	56.0%	22.1%	63.3%

Recovery rate

Scope analysed BBVA's recovery vintage data and derived a recovery rate (RR) of 21.3% for unsecured loans. Scope only considered accumulated recoveries of up to three years after a default when deriving the RR base case from vintage data. Scope estimates the recovery lag to be 23 months.

² The base case assumptions for BBVA-10 were derived from the preliminary portfolio from 18 November 2015, which is only marginally different from the final portfolio of 15 December 2015.

Scope has modelled the unsecured loan segment using fixed assumptions for the base case recovery rate (derived from vintage data analysis), which were then stressed with haircuts based on the target rating of the tranche. This method increases rating stability as it ensures higher ratings have higher stresses, as shown in Figure 8 below.

Figure 8. Recovery rate stresses by rating category

Rating stress	Haircut to base case
AAA	40%
AA	32%
A	24%
BBB	16%
BB	8%
B (base case)	0%

Mortgages recoveries incorporate Scope's view on the security

Scope has calculated the RRs of the portfolio's mortgage pool considering the value of the real estate collateral available as security. Given a recovery lag of 48 months, the base case recovery rate is 66.7% and accounts for Scope's assumptions on market value decline and foreclosure costs (see APPENDIX III and APPENDIX IV). The loan-specific, fundamental recovery rates are derived by applying haircuts to the updated appraisal value of each property after indexation. These haircuts, which include foreclosure costs, reflect market value losses under stress scenarios, followed by constant fire-sale discounts of 30% for residential properties, 45% for commercial properties and 60% for land.

At current appraisal values, we believe a residential property can be sold under current market conditions at discounts of 30%, 45% or 60%, depending on the property type. Consequently, our recovery analysis uses current conditions on the real estate market as the base case for analysing B_{SF} ratings, but with a full fire-sale discount applied.

Market value stress levels of up to 85.6% market value decline are considered in the analysis

In addition, Scope expects that under the highest rating stress of AAA, a property could be sold in the market at a price which: i) totally eliminates any value difference compared to a long-term, sustainable reference; ii) reflects an extra 10% loss in value; and iii) has the applicable fire-sale discount. This implies on average a total value haircut of 85.6%, after adjusting for indexation and for costs relating to market value, fire sales and foreclosures, and all under the harshest recovery rate scenario.

Cure rate

The transaction defines a defaulted asset as delinquent for 540 days past due (540dpd), which is different from the usual 90dpd standard. BBVA did not provide 540dpd default rate vintage data. As a result, Scope determined a cure rate of 20% from 90dpd recovery available vintage data to estimate the share of 90dpd delinquent assets that do not migrate into default after 540 days.

In its analysis, Scope applied a constant cure rate assumption (unlike the recovery rate which was stressed by rating category), with the same rate for each segment.

Constant prepayment rate (CPR)

Scope tested the class A notes against the most conservative 0% CPR assumption

Scope tested the class A notes against the most conservative 0% CPR assumption as class A benefits from prepayments. Scope used a CPR assumption of 16% to analyse the class B notes. This assumption is justified as BBVA did not provide product-specific prepayment information; Scope instead relied on references from previous BBVA SME transactions, which showed very volatile historical CPRs from 1% to 16% across eight transactions.

FINANCIAL STRUCTURE

Capital structure

Two classes of sequentially subordinated notes were issued. The proceeds from class A and B notes were used to purchase the initial portfolio of assets. BBVA provides a subordinated loan to fully fund a cash reserve fund on the closing date.

The notes pay quarterly interest referenced to 3-month Euribor plus a margin. The amortisation is strictly sequential. Unused excess spread and amortisation of the reserve fund is received by BBVA, the provider of the subordinated loan.

The issuer's initial expenses are covered by the proceeds from a second subordinated loan granted by BBVA. This loan will be amortised from excess spread in the early stages of the transaction.

Reserve fund (RF)

The structure features a fully funded cash reserve fund, provided by BBVA, of EUR 39.0m or 5% of the initial portfolio balance. This RF not only provides the primary source of credit enhancement for the class B notes, but liquidity support for the structure as well.

The RF enables the structure to accelerate amortisation of class A notes whenever assets are classified as defaulted, until the RF is fully depleted. It then replenishes by capturing excess spread available in the transaction.

The RF is a source of negative carry for the transaction as the cash is held in the issuer's account that yields 3-month Euribor flat, while the WA coupon of the notes is always higher than this index. Losses from negative carry gross up the credit losses from the assets.

The RF will amortise under certain conditions, but is unlikely under most portfolio default scenarios. The RF follows the standard mechanism of most Spanish securitisations: the required balance can reduce to a minimum of EUR 19.5m if i) non-defaulted assets more than 90dpd represent less than 1% of the non-defaulted assets; ii) more than three years elapse since closing; and iii) the RF can be fully funded as required on the same payment date.

Amortisation and provisioning

For principal amortisation the amount allocated to the notes is the amount required to match, on every payment date, the balance of the notes to the balance of non-defaulted assets. This provides a default-provisioning mechanism which accelerates the amortisation of the most senior class by using the RF and excess spread. As long as cash remains in the RF, this mechanism ensures outstanding notes have non-defaulted assets as collateral.

We believe the structure has a long default definition, which results in the loss of significant excess spread at the beginning of the transaction's life. Loans are classified as defaulted when they are more than 18 months in arrears or if subjectively considered unrecoverable by the servicer.

Priority of payments

The structure features a combined priority of payments which materially protects against payment interruption. Principal collections from assets can be used to pay timely interest on the senior class notes. Furthermore, only a few days' worth of collections suffices to pay senior class interest and other more senior items, even if an unlikely servicer disruption event occurs. The combined priority of payments also effectively allows credit enhancement to cover losses from negative carry or interest rate mismatches (see Figure 9).

Combined priority of payments is the main protection against payment interruption

Figure 9. Priority of payments and available funds

Pre-enforcement priority of payments	Post-enforcement priority of payments
Available funds Collections from assets; proceeds from interest and treasury accounts and RF.	Available funds All SPV moneys, including funds from liquidation of assets.
1) Taxes and expenses (ordinary and extraordinary, including servicer fees if BBVA were replaced) 2) Class A interest 3) Class B interest, if not demoted 4) Principal for class A, and then class B 5) Class B interest, if demoted when a) Class A still outstanding after payment date; and b) Cumulative delinquency > 10% of portfolio balance at closing 6) RF to its required level 7) Other subordinated items, including excess spread for the originator	1) Liquidation expenses 2) Taxes and expenses (ordinary and extraordinary, including servicer fees if BBVA were replaced) 3) Class A interest 4) Principal for class A in full 5) Class B interest 6) Principal for class B in full 7) Other subordinated items, including excess spread for the originator

Scope's analysis takes into account the demotion trigger on class B interest. The rating of class B notes captures any loss from the time value of missed interest that results from a postponement of class B interest payments. Missed interest payments do not accrue interest for any classes in this structure.

Unhedged interest rate risk

Unhedged interest rate risk has limited materiality in view of: i) the current low interest rate environment; and ii) floating-rate assets being referenced to indices highly correlated with the 3-month Euribor index of the notes. Potential losses from negative carry are factored into the ratings and are thus covered by available credit enhancement.

The transaction is exposed to interest-related risks as: i) there is no hedging agreement in place; ii) 19.2% of the assets pay a fixed interest rate, while 100% of the issuer's liabilities are referenced to 3-month Euribor; and iii) reset frequencies and dates of the assets create a mismatch in rates between assets and liabilities.

Interest-related risks are covered by credit enhancement and a combined priority of payments, which allows principal collections from assets to be used for interest payments on the most senior class of notes. The mechanism effectively transfers any losses from interest-rate mismatches to the equity part of the structure.

Accounts

The issuer has a treasury account that collects all proceeds from the assets and holds the reserve fund. The account yields three-month Euribor minus 10 bps.

The account not only represents commingling exposure to BBVA as the account bank (see 'Counterparty Risk' on page 12), but a source of negative carry, as its yield is lower than the WA coupon on the notes. Any loss from negative carry is covered by available excess spread and credit enhancement.

Clean-up call

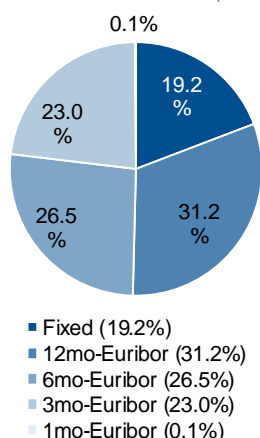
The issuer has a discretionary call option which requires the notes' full repayment.

ORIGINATOR AND SELLER

BBVA is an experienced originator of SME CLO collateral and one of the largest lenders in Spain, with around EUR 169bn of loans to Spanish customers. The retail-focused bank is globally diversified and conducts a significant share of its business outside of Spain: 71% of pre-provision profits in 2014, spread across Europe, Asia and the Americas.

Thanks to BBVA's global diversification, it performs consistently better than national peers for profitability and average balance sheet quality: net interest margin in 2014 was around

Interest rates in the portfolio



Account represents commingling exposure to BBVA, the account bank

BBVA's functions, systems, processes and staff meet the highest standards of European banking

Strong underwriting standards for the assets in this portfolio

Scope used a bespoke cash flow model to analyse this transaction

3% versus the 2% average for national peers; impaired-to-gross-loans and loan-loss-reserves-to-gross-loans ratios are consistently lower.

BBVA is a sophisticated bank whose functions, systems, processes and staff meet the highest standards of European banking. Its ability and stability as an originator is shown by the A rating from Scope. On 19 November 2015, Scope analysts met BBVA executives in Madrid to understand more about underwriting and servicing aspects that are relevant to the analysis; Scope has confirmed with the originator that the processes and strategies presented back then remain substantially in place.

Underwriting

Underwriting standards for the assets are strong. All loans originated before the crisis are performing, indicating prudent underwriting standards at that time, and most large Spanish lenders tightened standards significantly during 2009-2014. BBVA has followed that move, reflected in improving asset quality: non-performing loans metrics have steadily reduced since Q4 2013, with the exception of a recent rise due to the consolidation of Catalunya Bank.

Servicing and recovery

Scope sees BBVA's loan servicing and non-performing loan management as adequate and efficient, meeting the standards of European banking.

BBVA's interests are strongly aligned with the noteholders. Since closing, it has provided a 5% reserve fund and holds the entire capital structure, which creates significant subordinate interest in the transaction. In addition, the Spanish securitisation framework sets out that securitised and non-securitised assets must be treated the same on the balance sheet.

QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS

Scope used a bespoke cash flow (CF) tool to analyse the transaction. Scope modelled the portfolio with two distinct, but perfectly correlated, segments: unsecured loans and mortgage loans.

The CF tool was combined with the portfolio default distribution (inverse Gaussian) to calculate the probability-weighted (or expected) loss of each rated tranche under rating-conditional recovery rate assumptions. The CF tool also produces the expected WAL for each tranche.

Along with the base case, Scope analysed the transaction under a long-term view, as described in its SME CLO Rating Methodology. 'APPENDIX II: Long-term Default Analysis' describes how we performed this adjustment in the context of the Spanish economic cycle and the period in which performance data was available. Figure 10 shows the impact of this adjustment on the rating. The base case assumptions for BBVA-10 were derived from the preliminary portfolio from 18 November 2015, which is only marginally different from the final portfolio of 15 December 2015.

Figure 10. Sensitivity of model results to long-term adjustment of portfolio default rates

Segment name	LT DR	LT CoV	Class A	Class B
Unsecured loans	7.8%	77.4%	AA+	BB
Mortgages	13.2%	70.0%		

The agency assigned an AA-SF rating to the class A notes based on its cash flow analysis and by incorporating a long-term-adjusted default rate distribution on the portfolio. This result is supported by positive macroeconomic conditions and the relatively old portfolio which has survived a period of significant stress, indicating its increasing strength as the economy improves.

Quantitative analytical output does not determine the final rating decision of the committee. In Scope's analysis, long-term sensitivity scenarios show that the base case assumptions from vintage data are conservative, due to the stressed performance in the vintage data.

Scope considered a front-loaded default-timing term structure. Back-loaded default scenarios are not as severe owing to credit enhancement build-up and the effect of

seasoning on the portfolio. The cumulative default-timing assumptions are shown on Figure 11. These assumptions imply the front-loading of delinquencies, starting on the first month of the life of the transaction. The defaults are classified as 18 months past due, in line with definitions in the documentation.

Figure 11. Cumulative default-timing assumptions for each portfolio segment

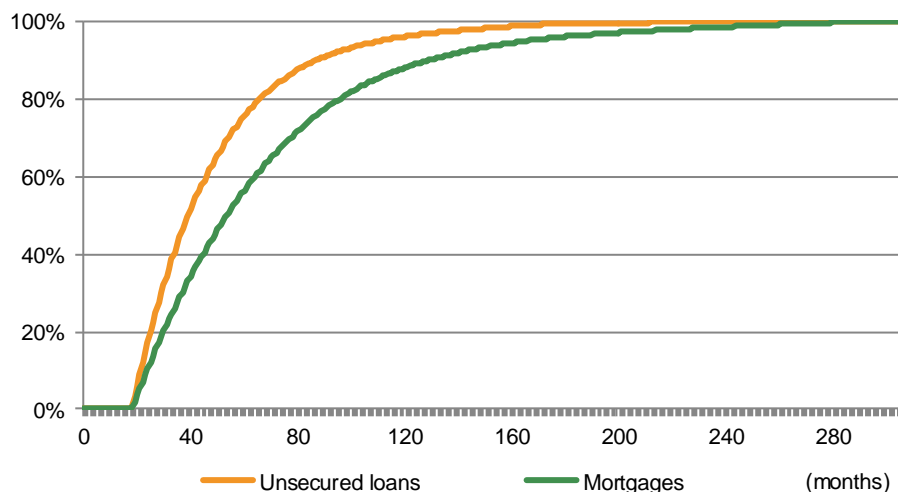
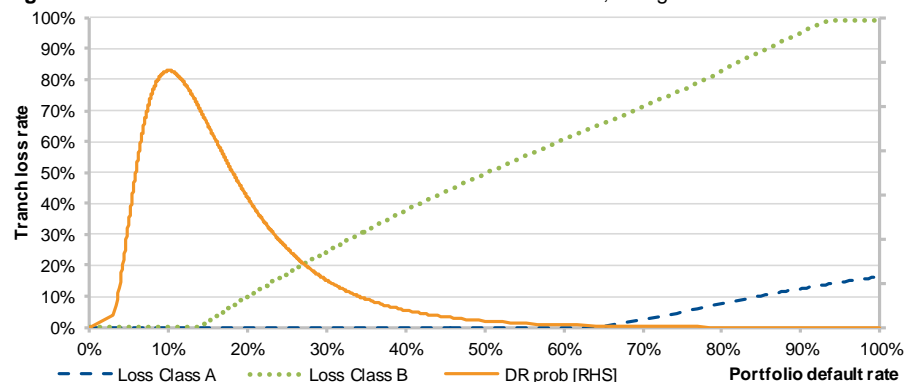


Figure 12 shows the losses of each tranche at all portfolio default rates. The chart shows how credit enhancement and excess spread protect the tranches, as well as recovery in case of default. The latter two elements explain why the tranches can withstand default rate scenarios beyond the credit enhancement levels of 28.5% for class A and 5% for class B.

Figure 12. CF model results for base case mean DR and CoV; rating case RR and cure rate



RATING STABILITY

Rating sensitivity

The stability of the ratings is supported by i) strong protective mechanisms in the structure; and ii) Scope's use of both rating-conditional recovery rate assumptions and a long-term performance reference for Spain.

Scope tested the sensitivity of the rating for deviations of main input parameters: the mean default rate, default-rate volatility (coefficient of variation), recovery rate assumptions and interest rates. This analysis illustrates the sensitivity of the rating to input assumptions but it is not indicative of expected or likely scenarios.

For the class A, if the default rate assumption increases by 25% and 50%, the rating would be A+ and A, respectively. If the recovery rate reduces by 25% and 50%, the class A rating declines to A+ and A-, respectively. A combined adverse change of the mean default rate and the recovery rate assumption by 25% negatively affects the rating to A-. If default-rate volatility increases by 50%, the class A rating declines to A.

The strong protection mechanisms of the structure support the stability of the ratings

The class B rating has only limited sensitivity to the considered assumption changes. For the Class B, if the default rate assumption increases by 25% and 50%, the rating would be B- and CCC, respectively. If the recovery rate reduces by 25% and 50%, the class B rating declines to B- and CCC, respectively. A combined adverse change of the mean default rate and the recovery rate assumption by 25% negatively affects the rating to CCC. If default-rate volatility increases by 50%, the rating of class B is not affected.

If interest rates increase to 8% over the next six years, the rating for class A would be A+ and B for class B.

Break-even analysis

Under a zero RR assumption, the class A would not experience any loss under portfolio default rates of 39.5% or lower

The resilience of the class A rating is shown through the break-even default rate analysis. The tranche would not experience any loss at portfolio default rates of: i) 39.5% or lower, under a zero RR assumption; or ii) 64.0% or lower, under the portfolio's AA_{SF} recovery rate assumption of 37%, compared to a base case of 51%.

The class B tranche would not experience any loss for portfolio default rates of: i) 13.8% or lower under the B recovery rate assumption of 51% or ii) 7.3% or lower, under a zero RR assumption.

Figure 13. Break-even default rate analysis as a function of prepayments and recovery rates

Break-even DR (for a portfolio cure rate of 22%)				
Prepayments	0% CPR		16% CPR	
Portfolio RR	37% (AA _{SF} RR)	51% (B _{SF} RR)	37% (AA _{SF} RR)	51% (B _{SF} RR)
Class A	64.0%	80.7%	74.3%	93.1%
Class B	12.4%	13.4%	11.1%	13.8%

SOVEREIGN RISK

Sovereign risk does not limit the transaction's ratings

Sovereign risk does not limit any of the ratings. The risks of an institutional framework meltdown, legal insecurity or currency convertibility problems, due to Spain's hypothetical exit from the eurozone, are not material for the class A rating, especially given its short expected WAL.

Scope factors the positive economic outlook into the rating analysis, as Spain's GDP continues to grow. Therefore Spanish SMEs' financial performance will likely improve further in 2016, boosted by growing domestic demand and the greater availability of credit.

Challenges to this recovery do not materially affect the credit strength of the class A notes, again due to the short expected WAL. But for the class B, the impacts from positive economic trends could be dissolved by crystallisation of political risk as well as macroeconomic imbalances – high public and private debt levels, a still-large budget deficit, negative net investment position and very high unemployment.

COUNTERPARTY RISK

BBVA performs all counterparty roles. The ratings also capture the transaction's exposure to BBVA, which Scope considers as not excessive, i.e. if counterparty risk is crystallised, a downgrade is still limited to six notches (as defined in Scope's Rating Methodology for Counterparty Risk in Structured Finance Transactions, dated 10 August 2015 and available on www.scooperatings.com).

Operational risk from servicer

Scope considers it highly unlikely that BBVA will be replaced as the portfolio's servicer. We believe a replacement would be more disruptive than BBVA (more probably) continuing as a going concern through a hypothetical resolution process. This view is supported by BBVA's relevance to the Spanish economy and the framework for orderly bank restructuring in Europe.

Comingling risk from the exposure to BBVA is not material as the exposure is short term and BBVA has strong credit quality. Collections from assets are transferred to the issuer's account generally intraday.

Commingling risk is sufficiently remote as to not to represent material risk for class A notes

Scope believes setoff risk from the originator is immaterial

The transaction conforms to Spanish securitisation standards effective since 28 April 2015

Commingling risk from account bank and paying agent

The class A notes have a short expected WAL of just 2.2 years under 0% CPR. Given BBVA's current rating of A/S-1/Stable Outlook, Scope considers the risk of commingling losses sufficiently remote as to be immaterial for class A notes.

Scope believes credit risk arising from exposure to the account bank is negligible and mitigated in the structure by other risk-substitution covenants. We judge a counterparty eligible for the role of account bank and paying agent if, upon the loss of a BBB Issuer Credit-Strength Rating (ICSR), the structure triggers risk-substitution, in accordance with Scope's 'Rating Methodology for Counterparty Risk'.

Setoff risk from originator

Scope does not consider setoff risk from the originator to be material in the context of Spanish law and under the terms of the documentation. The structure incorporates an undertaking by the seller to compensate the issuer for any setoff loss resulting from rights existing prior to the asset transfer. Furthermore, setoff rights would cease to exist after obligor notification following a servicer event or upon the insolvency of either obligor or seller.

LEGAL STRUCTURE

Legal framework

This securitisation is governed by Spanish law and represents the true sale of the assets to a bankruptcy-remote vehicle without legal personality, represented by Europea de Titulización SGFT SA, the management company. The SPV is essentially governed by the terms in the documentation, as no government body was defined at closing. Changes to the documentation require the unanimous agreement of all stakeholders to the transaction, i.e. noteholders and creditors.

This securitisation has been incorporated under the new, more flexible legal form called 'Fondo de Titulización' ('FT', securitisation fund). This choice of legal form is credit-neutral. The FT legal form was introduced by the new Spanish law to promote corporate financing (Ley 5/2015), effective since 28 April 2015. Law 5/2015 reformed the Spanish securitisation framework and replaced 'Fondo de Titulización de Activos' ('FTA', asset securitisation funds) and 'Fondos de Titulización Hipotecaria' ('FTH', mortgage securitisation funds).

Asset replacement

BBVA will replace or repurchase any asset in the portfolio that does not comply with eligibility criteria in the documentation. Only BBVA-standard assets in good standing, and no more than 30 days in arrears at the time of transaction closing can be transferred to the portfolio. We believe the risk of weaker assets transferred to the final portfolio is covered by our mean default rate assumption for the portfolio.

Permitted variations

The documentation allows the obligor to initiate modifications to contract terms in the portfolio, notably for interest rates and maturity. In all cases, negotiations with obligors would follow the originator's standard procedures and approval processes.

Documentation includes covenants that prevent the economic imbalance of the transaction as a result of permitted variations. These covenants, combined with the management company's oversight, limit material migrations of the portfolio beyond that related to asset performance.

Use of legal opinions

Scope reviewed the legal opinions produced by Uría Menéndez Abogados, SLP-C for the issuer and trusts the oversight of Spanish regulator, CNMV, which provides comfort on the issuer's legal structure. The transaction conforms to securitisation standards in Spain, effective since 28 April 2015, and supports Scope's general legal analytical assumptions.



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MONITORING

Scope will monitor this transaction on the basis of the performance reports from the management company as well as other available information. The ratings will be monitored continuously and reviewed at least once a year, or earlier if warranted by events.

Scope analysts are available to discuss all the details surrounding the rating analysis, the risks to which this transaction is exposed and the ongoing monitoring of the transaction.

APPLIED METHODOLOGY AND DATA ADEQUACY

For the analysis of this transaction Scope applied its [SME CLO Rating Methodology](#), dated 6 May 2015, available on our website www.scoperatings.com.

BBVA provided Scope with default and recovery data, segmented by quarterly vintage of origination, referring to a '90 days past due' default definition. The default rate data covers a period from 2007 to 2014 and is generally very granular with 205,132 observations. The recovery data also covers a period from 2007 to 2014, and is also very granular with 189,760 observations. BBVA highlighted that the data represents the performance of SME exposures, similar to the selected transaction portfolio.

APPENDIX I. ANALYTICAL NOTES ON DEFAULT ANALYSIS

This section complements the analytical approach explained in Scope's SME CLO Rating Methodology. BBVA provided 90dpd and 180dpd delinquency and recovery vintage data for their SME book, which shows the same characteristics as the presented portfolio. Scope has divided the portfolio into two separate segments to incorporate the different amortisation schedules, risk horizons³ and recovery patterns. The base case assumptions were derived based on the preliminary portfolio from 18 November 2015, which is only marginally different from the final portfolio of 16 December 2015.

Obligor concentration adjustments

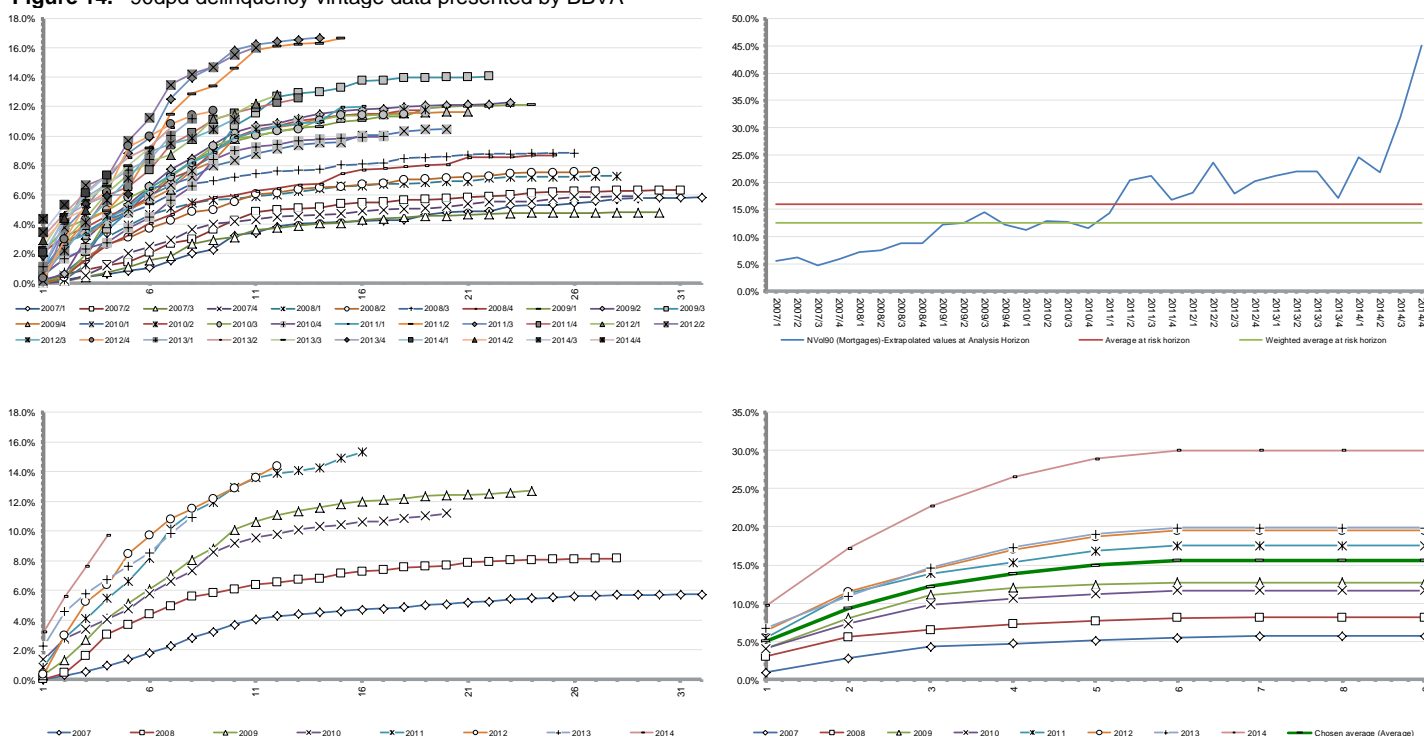
The obligor concentration adjustment addresses the risk that i) top obligors (each representing more than 50 bps of the portfolio balance) have below-average credit quality; and ii) there is a higher default correlation for top obligors under severe scenarios.

Scope has applied adjustments to the combined exposure of obligors that each represent more than 50 bps of the initial portfolio balance. The portfolio has 20 large obligors, which amount to 14.0% of the portfolio balance, 19 of which are known to have better credit quality than their respective segment averages, based on BBVA's internal probability of default. The one with the worst credit quality accounts for 7.9% of the top obligor balance for the mortgage segment, and exhibits a 21.2% one-year PD, which accumulates to a 62.7% lifetime default rate; the segment's portfolio average lifetime default rate is considered for the remaining top obligors' balance.

Scope has applied a 20% stress to the CoV of the large obligor exposure to address the risk of higher correlation from obligor concentration, which results in a low increase in the segments' CoV, as displayed in Figure 7.

BBVA vintage data – default and recovery rate

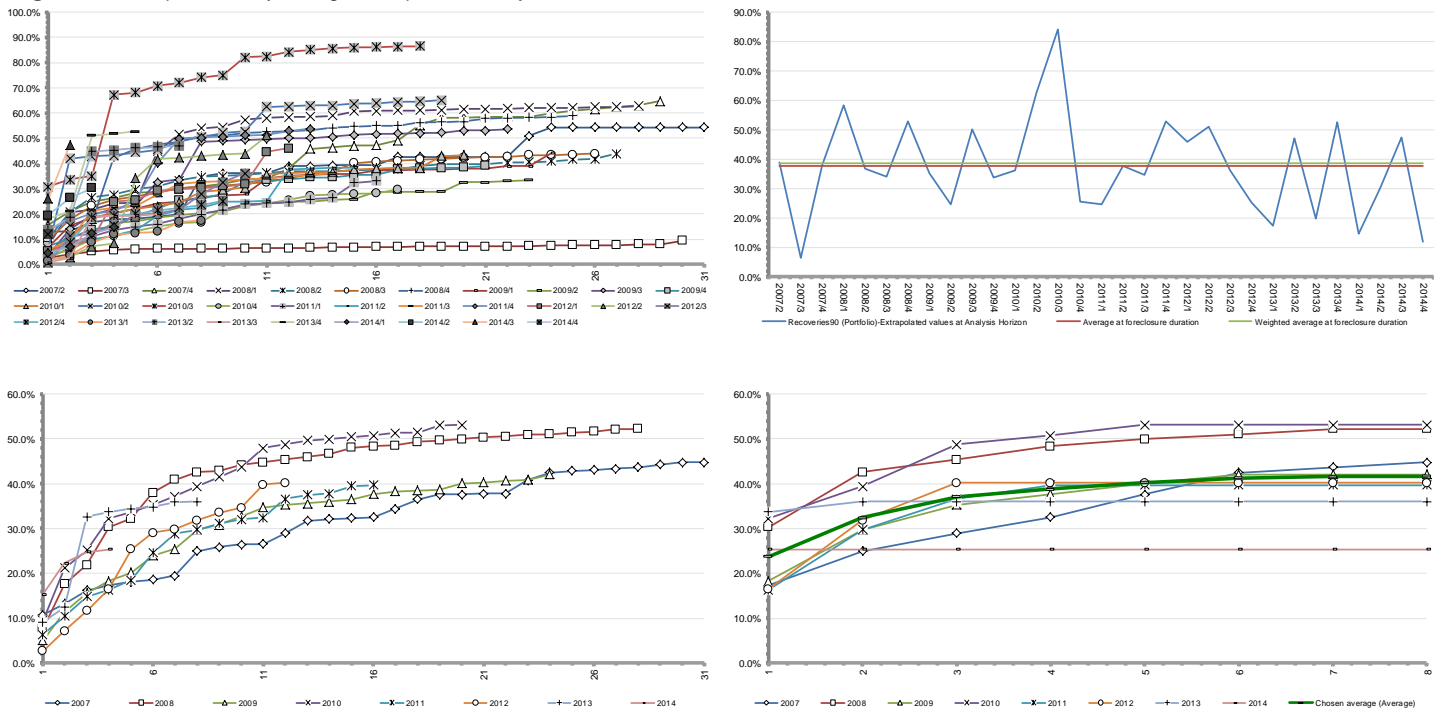
Figure 14. 90dpd delinquency vintage data presented by BBVA⁴



³ The portfolio weighted average risk horizon is seven years, which combines the five-year risk horizon for unsecured loans and the nine-year risk horizon for mortgages.

⁴ Risk horizon in Figure 14 refers to the seven-year weighted average risk horizon on the portfolio.

Figure 15. 90dpd recovery vintage data presented by BBVA



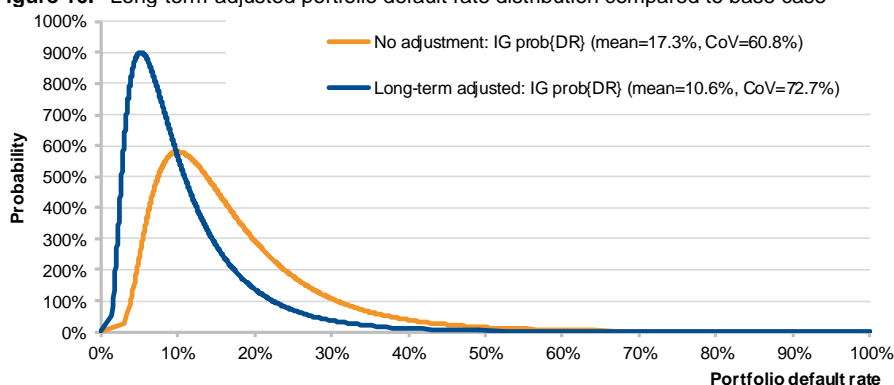
APPENDIX II. LONG-TERM DEFAULT ANALYSIS

This appendix shows how the long-term analysis of this transaction is applied in line with the SME CLO Rating Methodology. This analysis is designed to improve the stability of AAA_{SF} credit enhancement levels and reduce the procyclicality of ratings.

For the portfolio, the analysis considers modified modelling assumptions for its default rate, which consider our view on its long-term performance under average full-cycle stresses. These assumptions are used to assess the adequacy of protection levels for AAA rated tranches, whereas lower rating categories gradually take a more forward-looking view. The B_{SF} level is analysed exclusively under the forward-looking view.

Figure 16 shows the long-term-adjusted default rate distribution for the portfolio compared to the unadjusted, or base case, distribution. The following sections explain how the long-term adjustment was derived.

Figure 16. Long-term-adjusted portfolio default rate distribution compared to base case



Source: Scope

Adjustment of portfolio's mean default rate

Scope has assigned a long-term-adjusted mean default rate for this portfolio of 10.6% (after applying an average reduction factor of 0.61x to the unadjusted mean default rate of 17.3%), and a default-rate coefficient of variation of 72.7% (which results from a full-cycle volatility analysis, higher than the unadjusted 60.8%).

The reduction factor results from the relative stress of the period covered by vintage data and the full cycle. The adjustment is summarised in Figure 17.

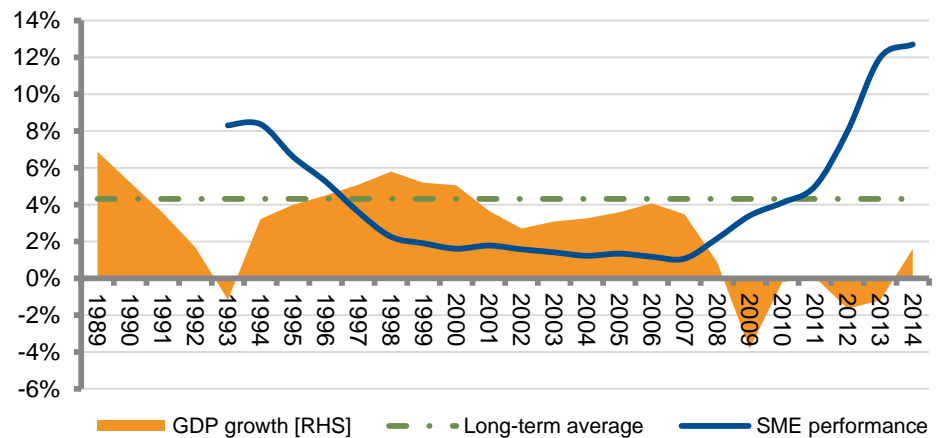
Figure 17. Long-term-adjustment of portfolio's mean default rate

Vintage period	Full cycle
2007-2014 (eight years)	1993-2014 (a full cycle)
Portfolio mean DR = 17.3%	
Average cumulative <u>market</u> performance during the vintage window (i.e. average of synthetic cohorts for the market corresponding to the vintage period, 2007 through 2015)	Average cumulative <u>market</u> performance during the full cycle (i.e. average of synthetic cohorts for the market corresponding to the full cycle, 1993 through 2014)
Unsecured loans 12.3% (five-year horizon)	Unsecured loans = 7.8% (five-year horizon)
Mortgages = 22.1% (nine-year horizon)	Mortgages = 13.2% (nine-year horizon)
The multiplier is obtained by dividing the average for the cycle by the average for the vintage period:	
$\text{Adjustment factor} = \frac{(\text{Average market performance through-the-cycle})}{(\text{Average market performance over vintage period})}$	
Long-term-adjusted portfolio mean DR = 10.6%	
Unsecured loans = 0.63x 12.3% = 7.8%	
Mortgages = 0.60x 22.1% = 13.2%	

We consider that 1993-2014 represents a complete economic cycle in Spain (see Figure 18). The average market would have a long-term cumulative default rate of 19.3% over a full cycle for portfolios with a WAL of seven years; whereas the performance over the period analysed with vintage data, 2007-2014, yields a higher cumulative default rate of 32.5%.

The following chart shows the Spanish cycle and the average credit performance of the market, as well as the long-term average.

Figure 18. The economic cycle and the long-term average 90dpd performance of SMEs



Source: Bank of Spain and Scope.

Adjustment of the portfolio default-rate coefficient of variation

The long-term adjustment overrides volatility derived from default vintage data with the volatility estimated for the entire market over a full economic cycle. Scope has derived an adjusted default-rate coefficient of variation of 72.7% for portfolios with a WAL of four years.

Figure 19. Long-term adjustment of portfolio's default-rate coefficient of variation

Vintage period	Full cycle
2007-2015 (eight years)	1993-2014 (a full cycle)
Unadjusted coefficient of variation per segment	CoV of average market default rates per segment
Unsecured loans = 56%	Unsecured loans = 77.4% (risk horizon five years)
Mortgages = 63.3%	Mortgages = 70.0% (risk horizon nine years)
Adjusted coefficient of variation, portfolio level = 72.7%	

APPENDIX III. RECOVERY ANALYSIS

The agency calculates the recovery rates on secured exposures, such as mortgages, by analysing the value of the dedicated security

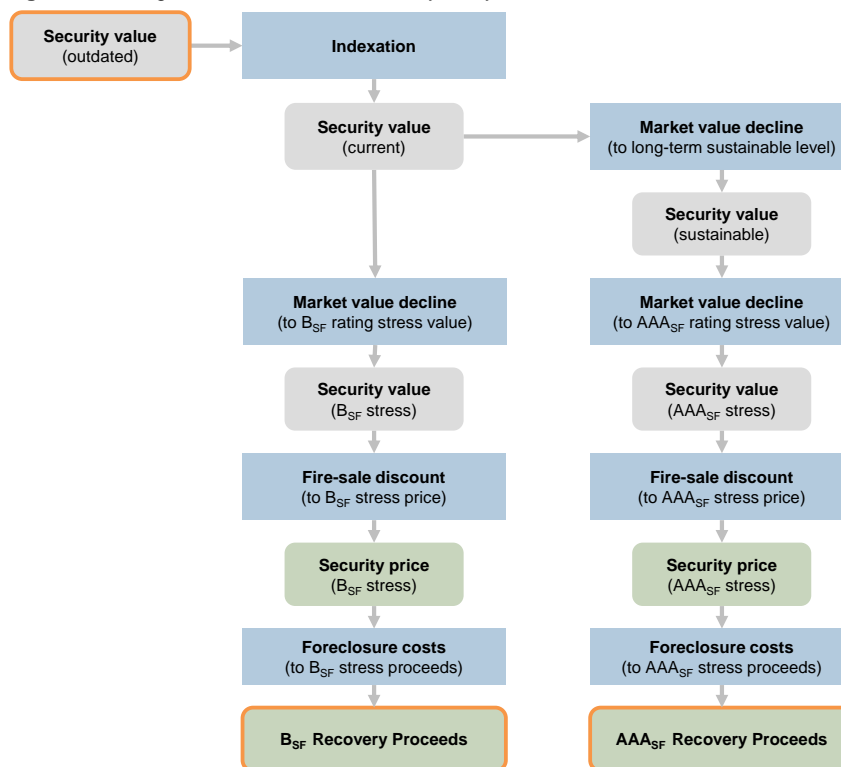
The agency calculates the recovery rates on secured exposures, such as mortgages, by analysing the value of the dedicated security. In this analysis, the security value is the stressed value of the underlying residential real estate properties. The recovery analysis considers the distance to a long-run or sustainable price level of the underlying properties, as well as fire-sale discounts during a foreclosure process. Consequently, the market-value-decline assumptions we consider depend on the region where the collateral is located, as well as on market conditions.

Scope's framework for fundamental recovery analysis involves: i) estimating the current value of the property (typically by indexation); ii) estimating the distance from estimated price to long-term sustainable values; iii) haircutting the current value of the property by applying a rating-conditional market value decline and a constant fire-sale discount; and iv) deducting foreclosure costs from the estimated, gross recovery proceeds. Steps 'ii)' and 'iii)' are embedded in the total market-value-decline assumptions as calculated in 'Spanish market-value-decline analysis'.

The recovery rates considered in the analysis reflect the outstanding notional of the loan as of closing. These recovery rates are thus conservative because deleveraging reduces the LTV and increases the expected recovery rates as time passes.

Figure 20 shows the analytical framework applied to estimate the proceeds recovered from the enforcement of the security. The framework includes the adjustment of the security value to a long-term (sustainable) value to estimate the recovery proceeds under the highest rating stress.

Figure 20. Diagram of fundamental recovery analysis for B_{SF} and AAA_{SF} conditional stress levels



AAA_{SF} market value declines capture the distance to sustainable values and an additional stress of 10%. Whereas B_{SF} market value declines take our forward-looking view on the current market conditions and values, and they still include the effect of a fire-sale discount. Scope creates rating-conditional recovery differentiation by tiering the market value declines implicit for these two analyses: stressed long-term value analysis for AAA_{SF} and forward-looking/current-value analysis for B_{SF}.

Scope relied on fundamental recovery analysis because the security represents first-lien claims on the underlying real-estate properties. We believe that the security cannot be challenged from a legal standpoint, as follows from our analysis of the legal opinion.

APPENDIX IV. SPANISH MARKET-VALUE-DECLINE ANALYSIS

Scope analysed the current situation of the Spanish property market to derive market value decline (MVD) assumptions specific to the different regions. This analysis is possible because the portfolio adequately represents the properties in a region: a distribution over cities and towns, similar to that over the entire regional market as represented by data from the Spanish ministry of development.

We have analysed home prices for the different Spanish regions from Jan. 1987 to Dec. 2014, as provided by the Spanish ministry of development.

The MVDs calculated by Scope for AAA conditional rating scenarios seek to eliminate any overpricing realised over our estimate of the 'sustainable' long-term value of a property⁵ (including an extra 10% stress) in addition to a fire-sale discount. The MVD also considers inflation rates when calculating the 'sustainable' values. The B conditional MVDs reflect only the applicable fire-sale discount.

Figure 21 shows the total MVD assumptions calculated by Scope for the different regions as a function of the rating-conditional stresses. The MVDs reflect regional differences in relation to property-price growth rates and the regional market's ability to correct inflated prices. These total MVD values apply to indexed property values according to the indexation curves from the Spanish ministry of development. Hence our analysis also considers any price corrections to date.

We have also applied a floor of 50% to ensure a minimum level of stress, irrespective of the price correction in the region. This protects more against market value volatility in some regions where prices are currently close to our estimated sustainable price. For example, Figure 22 shows that Madrid's haircut from sustainable prices is larger than for Andalucía, as we believe Madrid's more dynamic market and stronger economy supports sustainable prices, outpacing Andalucía's. But the higher sustainable prices in Madrid risks unforeseen corrections, which is covered by the floor assumption.

Figure 21. Total MVD assumptions and haircuts

	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B
Andalucía	70.0%	60.0%	52.5%	45.0%	37.5%	30.0%
Aragón	55.0%	50.0%	45.0%	40.0%	35.0%	30.0%
Asturias	52.5%	50.0%	45.0%	40.0%	35.0%	30.0%
Baleares	62.5%	57.5%	50.0%	42.5%	37.5%	30.0%
Canarias	57.5%	52.5%	47.5%	40.0%	35.0%	30.0%
Cantabria	62.5%	57.5%	50.0%	42.5%	37.5%	30.0%
Castilla La Mancha	50.0%	45.0%	42.5%	37.5%	35.0%	30.0%
Castilla Leon	50.0%	45.0%	42.5%	37.5%	35.0%	30.0%
Catalonia	52.5%	47.5%	42.5%	40.0%	35.0%	30.0%
Valencia	50.0%	45.0%	42.5%	37.5%	35.0%	30.0%
Extremadura	67.5%	60.0%	52.5%	45.0%	37.5%	30.0%
Galicia	57.5%	52.5%	47.5%	42.5%	35.0%	30.0%
La Rioja	50.0%	45.0%	42.5%	37.5%	35.0%	30.0%
Madrid	50.0%	45.0%	42.5%	37.5%	35.0%	30.0%
Murcia	65.0%	57.5%	50.0%	45.0%	37.5%	30.0%
Navarra	50.0%	45.0%	42.5%	37.5%	35.0%	30.0%
Pais Vasco	55.0%	50.0%	45.0%	40.0%	35.0%	30.0%
Ceuta	52.5%	47.5%	42.5%	40.0%	35.0%	30.0%
Melilla	50.0%	45.0%	42.5%	37.5%	35.0%	30.0%

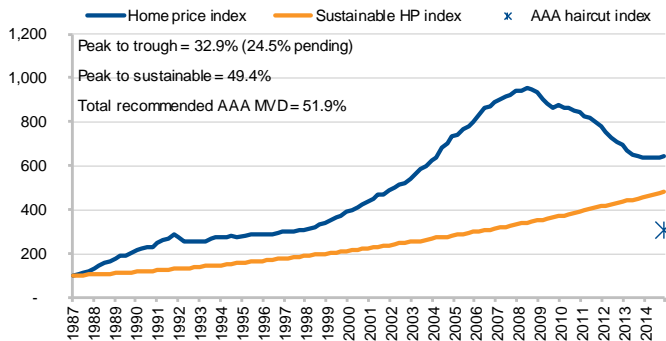
Figure 22 shows the recommended total MVDs in the context of market prices for the four most relevant regions in the portfolio. The figures illustrate that Madrid's dynamism means it has almost closed the value gap on sustainable price (only 9% of the peak-to-sustainable correction is pending), as opposed to Andalucía, far from converging to sustainable levels (47% of the peak-to-sustainable correction is pending).

⁵ We have derived the sustainable price levels by analysing market prices over a healthy period between 1987 and 1999.

Scope's AAA MVDs seek to eliminate overpricing over a 'sustainable' long-term value of a property with an additional fire-sale discount

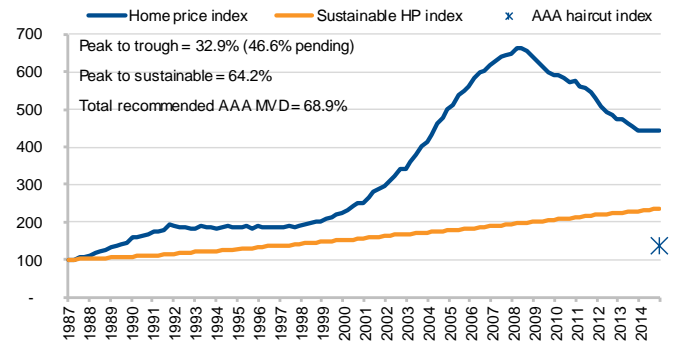
Figure 22. Total market-value-decline assumptions for the four most relevant regions in the portfolio.

House prices 'Catalonia' (24.2% of total balance)



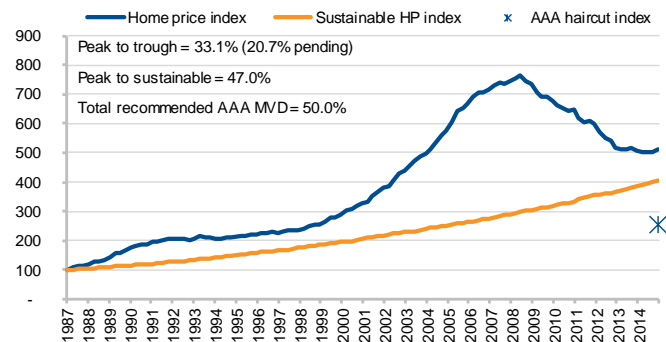
Source: Spanish Ministry of Development and Scope.

House prices 'Andalucia' (16.6% of total balance)



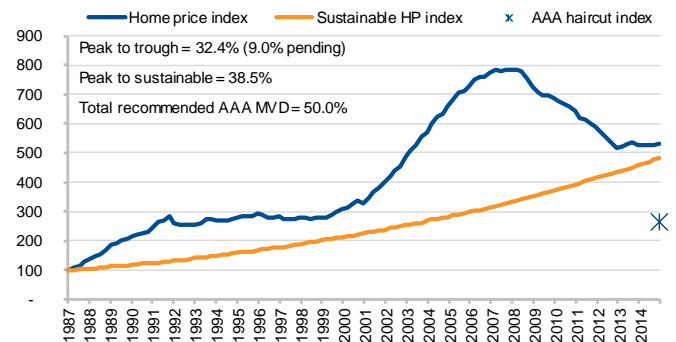
Source: Spanish Ministry of Development and Scope.

House prices 'Valencia' (9.8% of total balance)



Source: Spanish Ministry of Development and Scope.

House prices 'Madrid' (9.5% of total balance)



Source: Spanish Ministry of Development and Scope.

APPENDIX V. REGULATORY AND LEGAL DISCLOSURES

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Scope Ratings considers the quality of the available information on the evaluated entity to be satisfactory. Scope ensured as far as possible that the sources are reliable before drawing upon them, but did not verify each item of information specified in the sources independently.

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Methodology

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