

Final Terms dated 27 September 2016

EUROPEAN STABILITY MECHANISM ("ESM")

Issue of EUR 999,850,000 1.00 per cent. Notes due 23 September 2025
as Tranche 2 of Series 81 (the "Notes")
to be consolidated and form a single series with the existing issue of
EUR 3,000,000,000 1.00 per cent. Notes due 23 September 2025 (the "Original Notes")
under the Debt Issuance Programme

The Notes have not been, and will not be, registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**") or with any securities regulatory authority of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States, and Notes in bearer form are subject to U.S. tax law requirements. The Notes may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act ("**Regulation S**")) except in certain transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the "**Conditions**") set forth in the Information Memorandum dated 9 March 2015. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein. These Final Terms contain the final terms of the Notes and must be read in conjunction with the Conditions and the Information Memorandum dated 4 March 2016.

1. Issuer: European Stability Mechanism
2. Series Number: 81
3. Tranche Number: 2
The Notes will be consolidated and form a single series with the Original Notes on the Issue Date.
4. Specified Currency or Currencies: Euro ("**EUR**")
5. Aggregate Nominal Amount:
 - (i) Series: EUR 3,999,850,000
 - (ii) Tranche: EUR 999,850,000
6. Issue Price: Average Issue Price of 109.55 per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount of the Notes plus an amount corresponding to accrued interest from and including the Interest Commencement Date up to but excluding the Issue Date amounting to EUR 164,358.90
7. Specified Denominations: EUR 0.01
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 - (i) Issue Date: 29 September 2016
 - (ii) Interest Commencement Date: 23 September 2016
9. Maturity Date: 23 September 2025
10. Interest Basis: 1.00 per cent. *per annum* Fixed Rate
(further particulars specified below)

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| 11. Redemption/Payment Basis: | Redemption at par |
| 12. Change of Interest or Redemption/Payment Basis: | Not Applicable |
| 13. Call Option | Not Applicable |
| 14. (i) Status of the Notes: | Senior, Unsecured, Unsubordinated |
| (ii) Dates of Board of Directors approvals for issuance of Notes obtained: | 6 October 2015, 29 October 2015 and 17 June 2016 |
| 15. Method of distribution: | Auction |

PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

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| 16. Fixed Rate Note Provisions: | Applicable |
| (i) Rate of Interest: | 1.00 per cent. <i>per annum</i> payable annually in arrear |
| (ii) Interest Payment Date(s): | 23 September in each year commencing on and including 23 September 2017 (the " First Interest Payment Date "), (following unadjusted) |
| (iii) Broken Amount(s): | Not applicable |
| (iv) Day Count Fraction: | Actual/Actual (ICMA) |
| (v) Regular Dates: | 23 September in each year |
| (vi) Other terms relating to the method of calculating interest for Fixed Rate Notes: | Not Applicable |
| 17. Floating Rate Note Provisions: | Not Applicable |
| 18. Zero Coupon Note Provisions: | Not Applicable |
| 19. Index-Linked Interest Note/other variable-linked interest Note Provisions: | Not Applicable |

PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

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| 20. Call Option: | Not Applicable |
| 21. Final Redemption Amount of each Note: | EUR 0.01 per Specified Denomination |

GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

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| 22. Form of Notes: | Bearer Note
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Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes:
Global Note deposited with the Clearing System and exchangeable for Definitive Notes in the limited circumstances described in the Global Note |
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23. New Global Note form: Not Applicable
24. Talons for future coupons or Receipts to be attached to Definitive Notes (and dates on which such talons mature): No
25. Details relating to Partly Paid Notes: amount of each payment comprising the Issue Price and date on which each payment is to be made and consequences (if any) of failure to pay, including any right of the Issuer to forfeit the Notes and interest due on late payment: Not Applicable
26. Details relating to Instalment Notes: amount of each instalment, date on which each payment is to be made: Not Applicable
27. Redenomination, renominatisation and reconventioning provisions: Not Applicable
28. Consolidation provisions: Not Applicable
29. Other final terms: Not Applicable


DISTRIBUTION

30. (i) If syndicated, names of Managers: Not Applicable
- (ii) Date of Subscription Agreement: Not Applicable
- (iii) Stabilising Manager(s) (if any): Not Applicable
31. If non-syndicated, name and address of Dealer: Not Applicable
32. Total commission and concession: Not Applicable
33. Net proceeds: Not Applicable
34. U.S. Selling Restrictions: Reg. S, Category 2
TEFRA C
35. Additional selling restrictions: Not Applicable

GOVERNING LAW

36. Governing law: English law

Signed on behalf of the European Stability Mechanism:

By: 
Duly authorised

Klaus Regling
Managing Director

By: 
Duly authorised

Siegfried Ruhl
Head of Funding

PART B – OTHER INFORMATION

1. LISTING

- (i) Listing: Luxembourg
- (ii) Admission to trading: Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange with effect from 29 September 2016.
- The Original Notes are already admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

2. RATINGS

- Ratings: Moody's Investors Service Limited has assigned ESM's Debt Issuance Programme a long-term rating of (P)Aa1 (Stable Outlook).
- Fitch Rating Ltd has assigned ESM's Debt Issuance Programme a long-term rating of AAA(Stable).
- Each of the above credit ratings will be treated for the purposes of Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 on credit rating agencies as amended (the "**CRA Regulation**") as having been issued by Moody's Investors Service Limited and Fitch Ratings Ltd. respectively. Each of Moody's Investors Service Limited and Fitch Ratings Ltd. is established in the European Union and is registered under the CRA Regulation. As such, each of Moody's Investors Service Limited and Fitch Ratings Ltd. is included in the list of credit rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority on its website in accordance with the CRA Regulation.

3. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

- ISIN Code: EU000A1U9894
- Common Code: 129457252
- WKN Code: A1U989
- Clearing System, including the relevant identification number(s): Clearstream Banking AG Frankfurt
- Intended for New Global Note Form: Not Applicable
- Intended for New Safekeeping Structure (NSS): Not Applicable

Delivery:	Delivery against payment
Names and addresses of the Issuing and Paying Agent:	Deutsche Bundesbank Wilhelm-Epstein-Straße 14 60431 Frankfurt am Main Germany
Names and addresses of additional paying agent(s) (if any):	Not Applicable
Names and addresses of the Luxembourg Listing Agent:	Deutsche Bank Luxembourg S.A. 2, Boulevard Konrad Adenauer L-1115 Luxembourg Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Names and addresses of the Calculation Agent (if any):	Not Applicable
Intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility:	Yes

Note that the designation “yes” simply means that the Notes are intended upon issue to be deposited with a Clearing System and does not necessarily mean that the Notes will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intraday credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any or all times during their life. Such recognition will depend upon the ECB being satisfied that Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.