

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission would like to draw the attention of the supervised entities, the stakeholders and the investing public to the announcement of the International Organisation of Securities Commissions (IOSCO¹) with reference number IOSCO/MR/04/2014.

The announcement concerns the publication by IOSCO of a Working Paper titled [Crowd-funding: An Infant Industry Growing Fast](#) on the risks and benefits of Financial Return Crowd Funding.

The full text of the IOSCO announcement can be accessed at:

<http://www.iosco.org/news/pdf/IOSCONEWS319.pdf>

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¹ IOSCO is the leading international policy forum for securities regulators and is recognised as the global standard setter for securities regulation.

IOSCO's main objective is to establish international standards that enhance the efficiency and transparency of securities markets, protect investors, and facilitate cooperation among regulators in the fight against financial crime, exchange of best practices and analysis and development of common principles that define the international legal framework in securities markets and investor protection.

IOSCO's membership exceeds 200 members- representatives of the national competent authorities and exchanges worldwide. Its members have agreed to the following through IOSCO permanent structures:

- to cooperate in developing, implementing and promoting adherence to internationally recognised and consistent standards of regulation, oversight and enforcement in order to protect investors, maintain fair, efficient and transparent markets, and seek to address systemic risks;
- to enhance investor protection and promote investor confidence in the integrity of securities markets, through strengthened information exchange and cooperation in enforcement against misconduct and in supervision of markets and market intermediaries; and
- to exchange information at both global and regional levels on their respective experiences in order to assist the development of markets, strengthen market infrastructure and implement appropriate regulation.