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Subject: Non-banks

The traditional sovereign-bank nexus is expanding into a sovereign-bank-non-bank nexus, because government bonds are increasingly held by insurers, pension funds, investment funds and hedge funds, and are often financed or backed on a short-term basis by banks. If one of those groups finds itself under pressure, for example owing to rising collateral requirements, refinancing problems or market losses, forced sales can cause yields on government bonds to rise sharply. As banks are both key lenders and market intermediaries for non-banks, tensions can quickly spread among financial institutions, capital markets and governments, posing a threat to financial stability as a whole.

What is the Commission doing about this, and what should central banks and Member States do?

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