

Request for comments

Non-financial non-holding corporates cycle – Additional - October 2018

Rating-Agentur Expert RA GmbH invites market participants to provide comments on the proposed Methodology for assigning credit ratings to debt instruments (separate issues) (hereinafter – the Methodology). During the methodological committee meeting held on the 8 October 2018 the new Methodology was discussed and approved by the independent members of the Advisory board:

- 1) **We propose to introduce the Methodology for assigning credit ratings to debt instruments (separate issues) as an extension to our current methodologies for non-financial corporates, banks and insurance companies.**

Rationale:

Our current set of methodologies is focused on the assessment of the creditworthiness of the issuers, such as banks, insurance companies, non-financial corporates, regions and sovereign governments. However, we currently do not have a separate methodology dedicated to assess the creditworthiness of a particular debt issue. Therefore, after detecting an increasing demand for this type of rating, we developed the “Methodology for assigning credit ratings to debt instruments (separate issues)” which can be used as an extension to our methodologies. We would like also to stress that the **proposed methodology is not applicable for debt instruments (separate issue/issues) that are categorized as structured financial instruments (e.g. covered bonds).**

Please submit your comments to: info@raexpert.eu or compliance@raexpert.eu by the 15th of November 2018. Your response to this consultation will be published unless confidentiality is requested.