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### Financial Data Presented

The financial data in this report reflects the most current data available to the Analytical Team at the time of the rating. Updates to the financial exhibits in this report are available here: [Best's Financial Report](#).

## SIAT - Società Italiana Assicurazioni e Riassicurazioni p.A.

**AMB #:** 085618

**Ultimate Parent:** AMB # 086684 - Unipol Gruppo S.p.A.

### Best's Credit Ratings

#### Financial Strength Rating (FSR)

|                         |
|-------------------------|
| <b>A-</b>               |
| <b>Excellent</b>        |
| Outlook: <b>Stable</b>  |
| Action: <b>Affirmed</b> |

#### Issuer Credit Rating (ICR)

|                         |
|-------------------------|
| <b>a-</b>               |
| <b>Excellent</b>        |
| Outlook: <b>Stable</b>  |
| Action: <b>Affirmed</b> |

### Assessment Descriptors

|                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Balance Sheet Strength     | <b>Strong</b>      |
| Operating Performance      | <b>Adequate</b>    |
| Business Profile           | <b>Neutral</b>     |
| Enterprise Risk Management | <b>Appropriate</b> |

## Rating Rationale

### Balance Sheet Strength: **Strong**

- Strongest level of risk-adjusted capitalisation, as measured by Best's Capital Adequacy Ratio (BCAR). The catastrophe-stressed BCAR is at a very strong level due to the high level of capital requirement associated with reinsurance receivables following an extreme loss.
- Good liquidity profile, with liquid assets representing approximately 126% of net technical liabilities at year-end 2020.
- Material investment exposure to Italian sovereign debt, measuring 52% of investments and 92% of capital and surplus.
- High level of reinsurance dependence, partially mitigated by the excellent credit quality of the reinsurance panel and long-standing relationships with reinsurers.

### Operating Performance: **Adequate**

- Significant improvement in underwriting performance in 2020 (combined ratio: 88.8%), supported by strongly improving rates for marine insurance.
- The company has shown a long track record of operating profits, with a good balance of underwriting and investment earnings.
- SIAT reports consistent profits supported by income from its real estate and bond portfolios.

### Business Profile: **Neutral**

- Strong reputation as a niche specialist insurer in the marine hull and cargo segments, where SIAT maintains a defensible market position in Italy.
- Well integrated within the UnipolSai group, which cedes a large share of its marine business to SIAT and delegates the management of its marine risk portfolio.
- Well-established direct and indirect distribution channels, with further synergies expected to be established with the agency network of its parent, UnipolSai Assicurazioni S.p.A. (UnipolSai).

### Enterprise Risk Management: **Appropriate**

- SIAT's risk management capabilities are viewed as aligned with its risk profile.
- Risk management centralised at the group level, with UnipolSai setting appetite and tolerance levels for the company.
- Developed management framework that benefits from stringent controls and regulatory requirements.

### Rating Lift/Drag

- The ratings of SIAT reflect its importance to, and integration into the operations of, UnipolSai.
- SIAT's market position within the marine market makes it a valuable asset for UnipolSai, improving the group's overall profile.
- In line with the group's risk framework, UnipolSai did not required a dividend from SIAT for the fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to support the subsidiary's solvency position.

### Outlook

- The stable outlooks reflect the expectation that the company's risk-adjusted capitalisation, as measured by the Best Capital Adequacy Model, will remain at least at a very strong level, supported by a good and stable level of underwriting profitability and access to good quality specialist business.

### Rating Drivers

- A prolonged significant deterioration in the company's performance could put downward pressure on the ratings.
- Negative pressure could arise if risk-adjusted capitalisation were to deteriorate materially due, for instance, to a decline in the value of invested assets.
- A positive rating action could follow a sustained improvement in underwriting performance over the medium to long term.
- A positive/negative rating action on SIAT could take place following a positive/negative rating action on UnipolSai.

## Key Financial Indicators

AM Best may reclassify company-reported data to reflect broader international reporting standards and increase global comparability.

### Best's Capital Adequacy Ratio (BCAR) Scores (%)

| Confidence Level | 95.0 | 99.0 | 99.5 | 99.6 |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|
| BCAR Score       | 71.8 | 59.1 | 53.5 | 51.8 |

Source: Best's Capital Adequacy Ratio Model - Universal

| Key Financial Indicators  | 2020<br>EUR (000) | 2019<br>EUR (000) | 2018<br>EUR (000) | 2017<br>EUR (000) | 2016<br>EUR (000) |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Net Premiums Written:     |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Non-Life                  | 44,687            | 43,607            | 43,809            | 45,763            | 40,640            |
| Composite                 | 44,687            | 43,607            | 43,809            | 45,763            | 40,640            |
| Net Income                | 4,505             | 809               | 119               | 5,051             | 5,779             |
| Total Assets              | 359,931           | 434,337           | 430,164           | 396,336           | 365,976           |
| Total Capital and Surplus | 64,965            | 61,418            | 61,228            | 64,980            | 64,638            |

Source: BestLink® - Best's Financial Suite

| Key Financial Indicators & Ratios               | 2020<br>EUR (000) | 2019<br>EUR (000) | 2018<br>EUR (000) | 2017<br>EUR (000) | 2016<br>EUR (000) | Weighted<br>5-Year<br>Average |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Profitability:                                  |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                               |
| Balance on Non-Life Technical Account           | 4,940             | -924              | -546              | 5,032             | 5,681             | ...                           |
| Net Income Return on Revenue (%)                | 9.8               | 1.8               | 0.3               | 10.7              | 13.3              | 7.2                           |
| Net Income Return on Capital and Surplus (%)    | 7.1               | 1.3               | 0.2               | 7.8               | 9.2               | 5.2                           |
| Non-Life Combined Ratio (%)                     | 88.8              | 102.1             | 101.3             | 88.7              | 86.1              | 93.4                          |
| Net Investment Yield (%)                        | 1.6               | 1.7               | 2.0               | 1.9               | 2.0               | 1.8                           |
| Leverage:                                       |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                               |
| Net Premiums Written to Capital and Surplus (%) | 68.8              | 71.0              | 71.6              | 70.4              | 62.9              | ...                           |

Source: BestLink® - Best's Financial Suite

## Credit Analysis

### Balance Sheet Strength

SIAT's balance sheet strength is underpinned by risk-adjusted capitalisation at the strongest level, as measured by Best's Capital Adequacy Ratio (BCAR), and good liquidity. Offsetting rating factors include the company's investment concentration in Italian government bonds and its high dependence on reinsurance to write large risks. In addition, the company's catstressed BCAR scores are at a very strong level, driven by a sizeable gross PML. Considering all these factors, Siat's balance sheet is assessed as strong.

BCAR scores presented under the Best's Capital Adequacy Ratio Summary section of this report are based on the year-end 2020 audited financial statements of the company.

### Capitalisation

SIAT's risk-adjusted capitalisation, as measured by Standard BCAR, returned to the strongest level at year-end 2020. The company's Standard BCAR scores had dropped to the very strong level at year-end 2018 due to a significant increase in credit risk as a result of a temporary escalation in reinsurance recoverables. The company's sizeable gross PML (if compared to capital and surplus) drives Catstressed BCAR scores down (at the Very Strong level at year-end 2020) and is a potential driver of volatility for the company's risk-adjusted capitalisation. Note that the overall BCAR assessment of "strongest" resulted from the combination of a "strongest" standard BCAR score and a "very strong" stressed BCAR score. Siat's BCAR scores are projected to remain at the "strongest" level over the near term.

In 2020, shareholders' funds increased by EUR 3.5 million, as a result of profit generated during the year.

## Balance Sheet Strength (Continued...)

SIAT relies heavily on reinsurance to write large value risks, which increases its exposure to counterparty credit risk. However, this is partially mitigated by the excellent credit quality of its reinsurance panel and the long-standing relationships established with them.

The company reported a SCR ratio of 174% at year-end 2020 (2019: 147%), resulting from own funds of EUR 67 million against capital requirements of EUR 38 million.

SIAT benefits from good financial flexibility, which stems from the relatively small size of its capital base when compared to that of the group and from having no financial leverage. Following the deterioration in the company's solvency position, the group did not require dividends for fiscal years 2018 and 2019, which allowed SIAT's capital and surplus to increase progressively during 2020. The company will pay a dividend for fiscal year 2020.

| <b>Capital Generation Analysis</b>    | <b>2020<br/>EUR (000)</b> | <b>2019<br/>EUR (000)</b> | <b>2018<br/>EUR (000)</b> | <b>2017<br/>EUR (000)</b> | <b>2016<br/>EUR (000)</b> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Beginning Capital and Surplus         | 59,152                    | 59,063                    | 62,918                    | 62,672                    | 59,548                    |
| Net Income                            | 3,441                     | 89                        | 325                       | 5,186                     | 6,164                     |
| Stockholder Dividends                 | ...                       | ...                       | -4,180                    | -4,940                    | -3,040                    |
| Net Change in Capital and Surplus     | 3,441                     | 89                        | -3,855                    | 246                       | 3,124                     |
| Ending Capital and Surplus            | 62,593                    | 59,152                    | 59,063                    | 62,918                    | 62,672                    |
| Net Change in Capital and Surplus (%) | 5.8                       | 0.2                       | -6.1                      | 0.4                       | 5.2                       |

Source: BestLink® - Best's Financial Suite

| <b>Liquidity Analysis (%)</b>          | <b>2020</b> | <b>2019</b> | <b>2018</b> | <b>2017</b> | <b>2016</b> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Liquid Assets to Total Liabilities     | 32.6        | 27.5        | 27.3        | 34.0        | 36.4        |
| Total Investments to Total Liabilities | 39.1        | 32.6        | 32.4        | 39.8        | 42.5        |

Source: BestLink® - Best's Financial Suite

## Asset Liability Management - Investments

As at year-end 2020, SIAT had an investment split of: 79% fixed-income (2019: 79%), 16% real-estate (16%), 3% cash and deposits (4%), 1% mutual funds (1%) and a negligible share invested in loans, unquoted bonds and inter-company investments.

SIAT is materially exposed to Italian government bonds, which accounted for approximately 65% of its fixed-income portfolio and 52% of its total investments at year-end 2020. However, market risk related to spread volatility is relatively low compared to other Italian insurers due to the short maturity of its portfolio.

A material share of investments is in real estate holdings, which are represented by SIAT's headquarters in Genova (Italy). Part of the building is rented out to other businesses.

SIAT maintains a good liquidity profile with liquid assets accounting for 126% of net technical liabilities at year-end 2020. Risk management practices, including periodical liquidity stress tests, mitigate liquidity risk.

| <b>Composition of Cash and Invested Assets</b>  | <b>2020<br/>EUR (000)</b> | <b>2019<br/>EUR (000)</b> | <b>2018<br/>EUR (000)</b> | <b>2017<br/>EUR (000)</b> | <b>2016<br/>EUR (000)</b> |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Total Cash and Invested Assets                  | 115,264                   | 121,389                   | 119,680                   | 131,906                   | 128,205                   |
| Cash (%)  | 2.8                       | 4.2                       | 3.1                       | 2.1                       | 3.6                       |
| Bonds (%)                                       | 79.4                      | 79.1                      | 80.1                      | 82.3                      | 81.0                      |
| Equity Securities (%)                           | 1.1                       | 1.0                       | 1.0                       | 0.9                       | 1.0                       |
| Real Estate, Mortgages and Loans (%)            | 16.3                      | 15.6                      | 15.7                      | 14.5                      | 14.4                      |
| Total Cash and Unaffiliated Invested Assets (%) | 99.7                      | 99.9                      | 99.9                      | 99.9                      | 99.9                      |
| Investments in Affiliates (%)                   | 0.3                       | 0.1                       | 0.1                       | 0.1                       | 0.1                       |
| Total Cash and Invested Assets (%)              | 100.0                     | 100.0                     | 100.0                     | 100.0                     | 100.0                     |

Source: BestLink® - Best's Financial Suite

## Balance Sheet Strength (Continued...)

### Reserve Adequacy

SIAT's reserving practices are conservative, as suggested by the level of redundancies and positive developments.

SIAT business is not significantly exposed to catastrophe risk as the non-marine/property component of the business is negligible and well-diversified geographically.

### Operating Performance

Operating performance

In 2020, SIAT reported pre-tax profits of EUR 5.9 million (2019: EUR 1.1 million) (adjusted by AM Best for extraordinary income and expenses) and an adequate return on equity ratio (ROE) of 7.1% (1.3%), significantly above its five-year average ROE of 5.2% (2016-2020), as calculated by AM Best.

SIAT has a long track record of operating profits, with a good balance of technical and non-technical earnings. Investment returns outweighed underwriting profits in 2018 and 2019. However, in 2020, technical results improved, becoming again the major contributor to results.

AM Best expects SIAT to report a ROE in the high single digits in 2021.

Underwriting performance

SIAT generated underwriting profits of EUR 4.9 million in 2020, (2019: EUR 0.9 million loss) (As calculated by AM Best). Underwriting performance significantly improved year-on-year, the company reported a 2020 combined ratio of 88.8%, which compares positively with its five-year average CR of 93.4% (2016-2020).

In 2020, the company's loss ratio decreased by approximately 16 percentage points. The improvement in the company's underwriting performance has mainly arisen from its hull book, where significant efforts to better select and underwrite risks have been ongoing since about two years. The company's cargo business continues to show profitable and stable results.

AM Best expects SIAT to generate a combined ratio below 100% prospectively. SIAT is well placed to continue to take advantage of the hard market for marine risks, following the withdrawal of significant capacity from this market.

Investment performance

In 2020, SIAT achieved net investment earnings of approximately EUR 1.4 million, as calculated by AM Best, with a net investment return ratio of 1.6% (2019: 1.7%). Investment profits derived mainly from interest on fixed-income securities (principally Italian government bonds) and real estate lease income.

| <b>Financial Performance Summary</b>       | <b>2020<br/>EUR (000)</b> | <b>2019<br/>EUR (000)</b> | <b>2018<br/>EUR (000)</b> | <b>2017<br/>EUR (000)</b> | <b>2016<br/>EUR (000)</b> |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pre-Tax Income                             | 5,919                     | 1,137                     | 502                       | 7,177                     | 8,733                     |
| Net Income after Non-Controlling Interests | 4,505                     | 809                       | 119                       | 5,051                     | 5,779                     |

Source: BestLink® - Best's Financial Suite

| <b>Operating and Performance Ratios (%)</b> | <b>2020</b> | <b>2019</b> | <b>2018</b> | <b>2017</b> | <b>2016</b> |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Overall Performance:</b>                 |             |             |             |             |             |
| Return on Assets                            | 1.1         | 0.2         | ...         | 1.3         | 1.5         |
| Return on Capital and Surplus               | 7.1         | 1.3         | 0.2         | 7.8         | 9.2         |
| <b>Non-Life Performance:</b>                |             |             |             |             |             |
| Loss and LAE Ratio                          | 60.2        | 76.2        | 75.7        | 58.3        | 57.7        |
| Expense Ratio                               | 28.6        | 25.9        | 25.5        | 30.4        | 28.4        |
| Non-Life Combined Ratio                     | 88.8        | 102.1       | 101.3       | 88.7        | 86.1        |

Source: BestLink® - Best's Financial Suite

## Business Profile

SIAT is a subsidiary of UnipolSai, which holds a 94.7% share of the company. SIAT was created in 1967 as a marine specialist insurer and is currently the transportation hub of the group offering insurance services to corporate customers primarily reached through brokers.

SIAT has a strong reputation as a specialist marine insurer. It is a leading player in the Italian hull and cargo segments, and has well-established ties with major international ship owners and shipping companies. The company represents UnipolSai's underwriting hub for marine business due to its specialist knowledge in underwriting, surveying and claims handling of marine risks in the hull and cargo segments. An offsetting factor is the small size of SIAT relative to peers with limited diversification by line of business.

SIAT solely writes marine risks that relate to the hull and cargo insurance segments and a small portfolio of aviation risks. Its book of business comprises ship-owners, shipyards, pleasure craft owners, a variety of niches related to the cargo portfolio, including traders, multimodal operators, terminal operators and fine arts and general aviation and AeroSpace. In 2020, the company reported gross written premiums (GWP) of EUR 149 million (2019: EUR 160 million), with 69% coming from hull (69%), 28% from cargo (29%) and 3% coming from aviation (2%). According to ANIA's report on the Italian insurance market in 2020, the group ranked first in the hull segment with a 29.6% share. In the cargo segment the group ranked third with a share of 12.2%. Whilst its portfolio is concentrated by business line, SIAT has managed to leverage its strong expertise in marine insurance to generate healthy results through market cycles.

SIAT's portfolio is well-diversified geographically, with approximately 55% of its 2020 GWP stemming from overseas interests (including Italian companies operating internationally). This reduces the correlation of performance with the economic conditions of Italy. The majority of international business relates to SIAT's hull portfolio, while cargo business is primarily sourced from Italy.

The company has a well-established independent distribution channel of brokers and foreign agencies, which sourced approximately 90% of its 2020 GWP. The remaining share was represented by indirect business written through the wider distribution network of UnipolSai. SIAT leverages the presence of its agencies in France (three) and Belgium to expand its global interests. Foreign business is mainly focused on Greece, Turkey, France and Germany, independently of where it is underwritten.

In 2020, GWP decreased by 6.5%, due to the effect of the Covid-19 pandemic on the marine market and to the company's thorough revision of its hull and cargo portfolios. From 2019, the company has been benefiting from hardening conditions in the hull market, due to the significant drop in capacity in the international hull market from the end of 2018.

SIAT's penetration in the Italian insurance market is likely to be strengthened by the creation of more synergies with UnipolSai's agency network.

## Enterprise Risk Management

SIAT's risk management capabilities are considered appropriate for its risk profile.

The company's risk framework is in line with that of the UnipolSai, which adopts a holistic approach to risk management and sets out specific policies that are then adopted by individual group companies. The risk management, actuarial, internal audit and compliance functions are centralised at the group level. SIAT benefits from the group's effort to create a more integrated approach to risk management and improve the technological infrastructure across all subsidiaries. Specific risk appetites, tolerances and capacity for the company are defined by the group risk management function and validated by SIAT's board of directors.

SIAT maintains a rigorous approach to the identification, assessment and control of risks. Liquidity and capital adequacy are closely monitored and stress tests are run to confirm the sensitivity to fluctuations in Italian bonds rates, equity markets, inflation, catastrophe losses and the overall combined ratio, and counterparty default.

SIAT reported a SCR ratio, as per Solvency II standard formula, of 174% at year-end 2020. The SCR ratio improved by 27 points from 2019. Own funds increased mainly due to profits, variation of the AFS reserve and fair value adjustments, while SCR decreased.

## Reinsurance Summary

SIAT heavily relies on reinsurers to write a number of large-value risks. The risk of high reinsurance costs following major losses is partly mitigated by the company's long-term relationships with its reinsurance panel. In addition, credit risk is partly tempered by the

## Enterprise Risk Management (Continued...)

good credit quality of SIAT's reinsurers. As at 2020 year end, 99% of the company's reinsurance recoverables were due from counterparties with an AM Best FSR of "A-" or above.

SIAT has proportional reinsurance programmes in place for all lines of business. In addition, an excess of loss programme is in place to reduce the company's exposure to major claims and accumulations between hull and cargo. Residual risks are placed by means of facultative insurance. The company's reinsurance programme has effectively controlled volatility in the company's net results over recent years. This is demonstrated by a significantly lower volatility in net technical profit than in gross technical profit.

## Rating Lift/Drag

Siat receives one notch of lift to its parent, Unipolsai, which brings Siat's rating in line with that of its parent.

SIAT represents UnipolSai's underwriting hub for marine business due to its specialist knowledge in underwriting, surveying and claims handling of marine risks in the hull and cargo segments. The company is well-integrated within UnipolSai and its claims management standards have been progressively aligned with those of the group following the merger in 2014.

Siat benefits from enhanced financial flexibility as part of the Unipol group. Following the drop in the SCR ratio in 2018, UnipolSai did not require a dividend from SIAT for the fiscal years 2018 and 2019, which allowed SIAT's capital and surplus to increase progressively.

Siat's financial flexibility also derives from the relatively small size of its capital (EUR 65 million) (reported under ITA local GAAP) when compared to UnipolSai (EUR 8.1 billion). Therefore it would not be difficult for UnipolSai to provide financial support should it be needed.

## Financial Statements

|                                       | 12/31/2020 |       | 12/31/2020 |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-------|------------|
|                                       | EUR (000)  | %     | USD (000)  |
| <b>Balance Sheet</b>                  |            |       |            |
| Cash and Short Term Investments       | 3,265      | 0.9   | 4,011      |
| Bonds                                 | 91,566     | 25.4  | 112,480    |
| Equity Securities                     | 1,224      | 0.3   | 1,504      |
| Other Invested Assets                 | 19,209     | 5.3   | 23,596     |
| <b>Total Cash and Invested Assets</b> | 115,264    | 32.0  | 141,590    |
| Reinsurers' Share of Reserves         | 154,371    | 42.9  | 189,629    |
| Debtors / Amounts Receivable          | 86,155     | 23.9  | 105,833    |
| Other Assets                          | 4,141      | 1.2   | 5,087      |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                   | 359,931    | 100.0 | 442,139    |
| Unearned Premiums                     | 53,566     | 14.9  | 65,800     |
| Non-Life - Outstanding Claims         | 176,950    | 49.2  | 217,365    |
| Total Gross Technical Reserves        | 230,516    | 64.0  | 283,166    |
| Other Liabilities                     | 64,450     | 17.9  | 79,170     |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>              | 294,966    | 82.0  | 362,336    |
| Capital Stock                         | 38,000     | 10.6  | 46,679     |
| Retained Earnings                     | 3,441      | 1.0   | 4,227      |
| Other Capital and Surplus             | 23,524     | 6.5   | 28,897     |
| <b>Total Capital and Surplus</b>      | 64,965     | 18.0  | 79,803     |
| <b>Total Liabilities and Surplus</b>  | 359,931    | 100.0 | 442,139    |

Source: BestLink® - Best's Financial Suite  
 US \$ per Local Currency Unit 1.2284 = 1 Euro (EUR)

|  | 12/31/2020            |                   |                    | 12/31/2020         |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|  | Non-Life<br>EUR (000) | Life<br>EUR (000) | Other<br>EUR (000) | Total<br>EUR (000) |
| <b>Income Statement</b>                            |                       |                   |                    | Total<br>USD (000) |
| Gross Premiums Written                             | 149,364               | ...               | ...                | 149,364            |
| Net Premiums Earned                                | 43,923                | ...               | ...                | 43,923             |
| Net Investment Income                              | ...                   | ...               | 1,855              | 1,855              |
| Realized capital gains / (losses)                  | ...                   | ...               | 277                | 277                |
| Unrealized capital gains / (losses)                | ...                   | ...               | -730               | -730               |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                               | 43,923                | ...               | 1,402              | 45,325             |
| Benefits and Claims                                | 26,431                | ...               | ...                | 26,431             |
| Net Operating and Other Expense                    | 12,552                | ...               | 423                | 12,975             |
| Total Benefits, Claims and Expenses                | 38,983                | ...               | 423                | 39,406             |
| <b>Pre-Tax Income</b>                              | 4,940                 | ...               | 979                | 5,919              |
| Income Taxes Incurred                              | ...                   | ...               | ...                | 1,414              |
| <b>Net Income before Non-Controlling Interests</b> | ...                   | ...               | ...                | 4,505              |
| <b>Net Income/(loss)</b>                           | ...                   | ...               | ...                | 4,505              |

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## Related Methodology and Criteria

[Best's Credit Rating Methodology, 11/13/2020](#)

[Catastrophe Analysis in A.M. Best Ratings, 10/13/2017](#)



[Available Capital & Holding Company Analysis, 10/13/2017](#)

[Scoring and Assessing Innovation, 03/05/2020](#)

[Understanding Global BCAR, 07/22/2021](#)

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