

Council Decision of 25 January 1999 concerning the
external auditors of the national central banks (1999/70/EC)

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Protocol on the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the European Central Bank and in particular to Article 27.1 thereof,

Having regard to the Recommendation of the European Central Bank (hereinafter referred to as the 'ECB') of 12 November 1998⁽¹⁾,

Whereas the accounts of the ECB and of the national central banks (hereinafter referred to as the 'NCBs') are to be audited by independent external auditors recommended by the Governing Council of the ECB and approved by the Council;

Whereas the ECB has recommended the reappointment of the current external auditors appointed by each participating NCB subject to a possible later decision,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

[^{F1} Mazars Réviseurs d'entreprises/Mazars Bedrijfsrevisoren SCRL/CVBA are hereby approved as the external auditors of the Nationale Bank van België/Banque Nationale de Belgique for the financial years 2017 to 2022.]

[^{F2} KPMG AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft is hereby approved as the external auditors of the Deutsche Bundesbank for the financial years 2015 to 2020.]

[^{F3} Temporary association of undertakings Mazars Auditores, S.L.P. - Mazars, S.A. are hereby approved as the external auditors of Banco de España for the financial years 2018 to 2020.]

[^{F4} Mazars and KPMG S.A. are hereby approved as the external auditors of the Banque de France for the financial years 2018 to 2023.]

[^{F5} Mazars are hereby approved as the external auditors of Banc Ceannais na hÉireann/the Central Bank of Ireland for the financial years 2016 to 2020.]

[^{F6} BDO Italia S.p.A. are hereby approved as the external auditors of the Banca d'Italia for the financial years 2016 to 2022.]

[^{F7} Ernst & Young SA are hereby approved as the external auditors of Banque centrale du Luxembourg for the financial years 2019 to 2023.]

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[^{F88} KPMG Accountants N.V. are hereby approved as the external auditors of De Nederlandsche Bank for the financial years 2019 to 2022.]

[^{F99} Ernst & Young Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft m.b.H. is hereby approved as the external auditor of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank for the financial years 2018 to 2022.

Deloitte Audit Wirtschaftsprüfungs GmbH is hereby approved as the alternate external auditor of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank for the financial years 2018 to 2022.]

[^{F1010} Deloitte & Associados — Sociedade de Revisores Oficiais de Contas SA is hereby approved as the external auditors of the Banco de Portugal for the financial years 2017 to 2021.]

[^{F1111} PricewaterhouseCoopers Oy is hereby approved as the external auditors of Suomen Pankki for the financial years 2013 to 2019.]

[^{F1212} Deloitte Certified Public Accountants S.A. are hereby approved as the external auditors of the Bank of Greece for the financial years 2017 to 2021.]

[^{F1313} Ernst & Young revizija, poslovno svetovanje, d.o.o. are hereby approved as the external auditors of Banka Slovenije for the financial years 2018 to 2020.]

[^{F1414} PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited is hereby approved as the external auditors of the Central Bank of Cyprus for the financial years 2018 to 2022.]

[^{F1515} KPMG are hereby approved as the external auditors of the Bank Ċentrali ta' Malta/ Central Bank of Malta for the financial years 2019 to 2025.]

[^{F1616} Deloitte Audit s.r.o. is hereby approved as the external auditors of Národná banka Slovenska for the financial years 2017 to 2020.]

[^{F1717} KPMG Baltics OÜ are hereby approved as the external auditors of Eesti Pank for the financial years 2016 to 2020.]

[^{F1818} SIA Ernst & Young Baltic are hereby approved as the external auditors of Latvijas Banka for the financial years 2020 to 2024.]

[^{F1919} UAB Ernst & Young Baltic are hereby approved as the external auditors of Lietuvos bankas for the financial years 2018 to 2021.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by [Council Decision \(EU\) 2017/932 of 23 May 2017 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks](#), as regards the external auditors of the [Nationale Bank van België/Banque Nationale de Belgique](#).
- F2** Substituted by [Council Decision \(EU\) 2015/990 of 19 June 2015 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks](#), as regards the external auditors of the [Deutsche Bundesbank](#).
- F3** Substituted by [Council Decision \(EU\) 2018/1518 of 9 October 2018 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks](#), as regards the external auditors of [Banco de España](#).
- F4** Substituted by [Council Decision \(EU\) 2018/615 of 16 April 2018 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks](#), as regards the external auditors of the [Banque de France](#).
- F5** Substituted by [Council Decision \(EU\) 2016/2267 of 6 December 2016 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks](#), as regards the external auditors of [Banc Ceannais na hÉireann/the Central Bank of Ireland](#).

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- F6** Substituted by Council Decision (EU) 2016/2163 of 6 December 2016 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of the Banca d'Italia.
- F7** Substituted by Council Decision (EU) 2019/458 of 19 March 2019 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of Banque centrale du Luxembourg.
- F8** Substituted by Council Decision (EU) 2018/1890 of 29 November 2018 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of De Nederlandsche Bank.
- F9** Substituted by Council Decision (EU) 2018/487 of 20 March 2018 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank.
- F10** Substituted by Council Decision of 12 October 2017 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of the Banco de Portugal 2017/C 350/03.
- F11** Substituted by Council Decision of 21 June 2013 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of the Suomen Pankki (2013/325/EU).
- F12** Substituted by Council Decision (EU) 2017/328 of 21 February 2017 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of the Bank of Greece.
- F13** Substituted by Council Decision (EU) 2018/1269 of 18 September 2018 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of Banka Slovenije.
- F14** Substituted by Council Decision (EU) 2018/270 of 15 February 2018 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of the Central Bank of Cyprus.
- F15** Substituted by Council Decision (EU) 2019/1575 of 16 September 2019 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of the Bank Ċentrali ta' Malta/Central Bank of Malta.
- F16** Substituted by Council Decision (EU) 2017/1849 of 10 October 2017 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of Národná banka Slovenska.
- F17** Inserted by Council Decision (EU) 2016/1707 of 20 September 2016 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of Eesti Pank.
- F18** Substituted by Council Decision (EU) 2020/710 of 25 May 2020 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of Latvijas Banka.
- F19** Substituted by Council Decision (EU) 2018/1664 of 6 November 2018 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of Lietuvos bankas.

Article 2

This Decision shall be notified to the ECB.

Article 3

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

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- (1) [OJ C 411, 31.12.1998, p. 11.](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Art. 1 para. 18 replacement by [EUDN 2020/710](#) Decision