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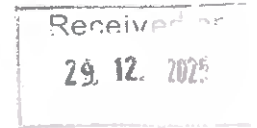
Subject: RECOMMENDATION OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK to the Council of the European Union on the external auditors of Banka Slovenije (ECB/2025/42)

Delegations will find attached the Recommendation of the European Central Bank ECB/2025/42.

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RECOMMENDATION OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK
of 19 December 2025
to the Council of the European Union on the external auditors of Banka Slovenije
(ECB/2025/42)

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK,

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

Whereas:

- (1) The accounts of the European Central Bank (ECB) and the national central banks of the Member States whose currency is the euro are audited by independent external auditors recommended by the ECB's Governing Council and approved by the Council of the European Union.
- (2) The mandate of Banka Slovenije's external auditors, Mazars, družba za revizijo, d. o. o., will end after the audit for the financial year 2026. It is therefore necessary to appoint external auditors from the financial year 2027.
- (3) Banka Slovenije has selected ERNST & YOUNG Revizija, poslovno svetovanje, d. o. o. as its external auditors for the financial years 2027 to 2029.

HAS ADOPTED THIS RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that ERNST & YOUNG Revizija, poslovno svetovanje, d. o. o. should be appointed as the external auditors of Banka Slovenije for the financial years 2027 to 2029.

Done at Frankfurt am Main, 19 December 2025.

The President of the ECB
Christine LAGARDE