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**LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS**

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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of Hrvatska narodna banka

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**COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2023/...**

**of ...**

**amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the  
national central banks, as regards the external auditors of  
Hrvatska narodna banka**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to Protocol No 4 on the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the European Central Bank, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 27.1 thereof,

Having regard to the Recommendation of the European Central Bank of 7 March 2023 to the Council of the European Union on the external auditors of Hrvatska narodna banka (ECB/2023/4)<sup>1</sup>,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 93, 13.3.2023, p. 1.

Whereas:

- (1) The accounts of the European Central Bank (ECB) and of the national central banks of the Member States whose currency is the euro are to be audited by independent external auditors recommended by the Governing Council of the ECB and approved by the Council of the European Union.
- (2) Hrvatska narodna banka is subject to Article 27.1 of the Statute of the European System of Central banks and of the European Central Bank since 1 January 2023.
- (3) The mandate of Hrvatska narodna banka's current external auditors, KPMG Croatia d.o.o., will end after the audit for the financial year 2024.
- (4) The Governing Council of the ECB therefore recommended that the Council approves the current auditors, KPMG Croatia d.o.o., as the external auditors of Hrvatska narodna banka for the financial years 2023 and 2024.
- (5) Following the recommendation of the Governing Council of the ECB, Council Decision 1999/70/EC<sup>1</sup> should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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<sup>1</sup> Council Decision 1999/70/EC of 25 January 1999 concerning the external auditors of the national central banks (OJ L 22, 29.1.1999, p. 69).

*Article 1*

The following paragraph is added to Article 1 of Decision 1999/70/EC:

‘20. KPMG Croatia d.o.o. are hereby approved as the external auditors of Hrvatska narodna banka for the financial years 2023 and 2024.’.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall take effect on the date of its notification.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the European Central Bank.

Done at

*For the Council*

*The President*

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