

## DECISIONS

### COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2023/1196

of 16 June 2023

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

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 24 April 2023 to the Council of the European Union on the external auditors of the Central Bank of Malta (ECB/2023/12) (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) The mandate of KPMG as external auditors of the Bank Ċentrali ta' Malta/Central Bank of Malta was terminated by mutual agreement. It is therefore necessary to appoint external auditors for the 2023 financial year.
- (3) The Bank Ċentrali ta' Malta/Central Bank of Malta has selected Deloitte Audit Ltd as its external auditors for the financial years 2023 to 2027.
- (4) The Governing Council of the ECB recommended that Deloitte Audit Ltd be appointed as the external auditors of the Bank Ċentrali ta' Malta/Central Bank of Malta for the financial years 2023 to 2027.
- (5) Following the recommendation of the Governing Council of the ECB, Council Decision 1999/70/EC (²) should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

#### Article 1

In Article 1 of Decision 1999/70/EC, paragraph 15 is replaced by the following:

'15. Deloitte Audit Ltd are hereby approved as the external auditors of the Bank Ċentrali ta' Malta/Central Bank of Malta for the financial years 2023 to 2027.'

#### Article 2

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

(¹) OJ C 156, 3.5.2023, p. 1.

(²) 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 3*

This Decision is addressed to the European Central Bank.

Done at Luxembourg, 16 June 2023.

*For the Council*

*The President*

E. SVANTESSON

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