## DECISION (EU) 2019/2215 OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

#### of 28 November 2019

# amending Decision (EU) 2016/2247 on the annual accounts of the European Central Bank (ECB/ 2019/35)

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 26.2 thereof.

#### Whereas:

- (1) Decision (EU) 2016/2247 of the European Central Bank (ECB/2016/35) (1) lays down the rules for drawing up the annual accounts of the European Central Bank (ECB).
- (2) The scope of the provision established in Article 8 of Decision (EU) 2016/2247 (ECB/2016/35) should be extended to cover all financial risks.
- (3) Decision (EU) 2016/2247 (ECB/2016/35) needs to establish valuation rules for marketable investment funds distinct from those applicable to marketable equity shares, and clarify the reporting of reverse operations with financial institutions other than credit institutions.
- (4) Therefore, Decision (EU) 2016/2247 (ECB/2016/35) should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

#### Article 1

## **Amendments**

Decision (EU) 2016/2247 (ECB/2016/35) is amended as follows:

1. Article 8 is replaced by the following:

'Article 8

### Provision for financial risks

Taking into due consideration the nature of the ECB's activities, the Governing Council may establish a provision for financial risks in the balance sheet of the ECB. The Governing Council shall decide on the size and use of the provision on the basis of a reasoned estimate of the ECB's risk exposure.';

2. Article 11 is replaced by the following:

'Article 11

## Marketable equity shares

Marketable equity shares shall be accounted for in accordance with Article 11 of Guideline (EU) 2016/2249 (ECB/2016/34).';

3. The following Article 11a is inserted:

'Article 11a

# Marketable investment funds

Marketable investment funds shall be accounted for in accordance with Article 11a of Guideline (EU) 2016/2249 (ECB/2016/34).';

<sup>(</sup>¹) Decision (EU) 2016/2247 of the European Central Bank of 3 November 2016 on the annual accounts of the European Central Bank (ECB/2016/35) (OJ L 347, 20.12.2016, p. 1).

- 4. Annex I is replaced by Annex I to this Decision.;
- 5. Annex III is replaced by Annex II to this Decision.

# Article 2

# **Entry into force**

The Decision shall enter into force on 31 December 2019.

Done at Frankfurt am Main, 28 November 2019.

For the Governing Council The President of the ECB Christine LAGARDE ANNEX I

Annex I to Decision (EU) 2016/2247 (ECB/2016/35) is replaced by the following:

## 'ANNEX I

## COMPOSITION AND VALUATION RULES FOR THE BALANCE SHEET

## ASSETS

	Balance sheet item	Categorisation of contents of balance sheet items	Valuation principle
1	Gold and gold receivables	Physical gold, i.e. bars, coins, plates, nuggets, in storage or 'under way'. Non-physical gold, such as balances in gold sight accounts (unallocated accounts), term deposits and claims to receive gold arising from the following transactions: (a) upgrading or downgrading transactions; and (b) gold location or purity swaps where there is a difference of more than one business day between release and receipt	Market value
2	Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	Claims on counterparties resident outside the euro area including international and supranational institutions and central banks outside the euro area denominated in foreign currency	
2.1	Receivables from the International Monetary Fund (IMF)	(a) Drawing rights within the reserve tranche (net) National quota minus balances in euro at the disposal of the IMF. The No 2 account of the IMF (euro account for administrative expenses) may be included in this item or under the item 'Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in euro'	(a) Drawing rights within the reserve tranche (net) Nominal value, translated at the foreign exchange market rate
		(b) Special drawing rights (SDRs) Holdings of SDRs (gross)	(b) SDRs Nominal value, translated at the foreign exchange market rate
		(c) Other claims General arrangements to borrow, loans under special borrowing arrangements, deposits made to trusts under the management of the IMF	(c) Other claims Nominal value, translated at the foreign exchange market rate
2.2	Balances with banks and security investments, external loans and other external assets	(a) Balances with banks outside the euro area other than those under asset item 11.3 'Other financial assets' Current accounts, fixed-term deposits, day-to-day money, reverse repo transactions	(a) Balances with banks outside the euro area Nominal value, translated at the foreign exchange market rate

Balance sheet item	Categorisation of contents of balance sheet items	Valuation principle
	(b) Security investments outside the euro area other than those under asset item 11.3 'Other financial assets' Notes and bonds, bills, zero bonds, money market paper, equity shares, investment funds held as part of the foreign reserves, all issued by non-euro area residents	(b) (i) Marketable debt securities other than held-to-maturity Market price and foreign exchange market rate Any premiums or discounts are amortised (ii) Marketable debt securities classified as held-to-maturity Cost subject to impairment and foreign exchange market rate Any premiums or discounts are amortised (iii) Non-marketable debt securities Cost subject to impairment and foreign exchange market rate Any premiums or discounts are amortised (iv) Marketable equity shares Market price and foreign exchange market rate (v) Marketable investment funds Market price and foreign exchange market rate
	(c) External loans (deposits) to non-euro area residents other than those under asset item 11.3 'Other financial assets'	(c) External loans Deposits at nominal value, translated at the foreign exchange market rate
	(d) Other external assets Non-euro area banknotes and coins	(d) Other external assets Nominal value, translated at the foreign exchange market rate
Claims on euro area residents de- nominated in foreign currency	(a) Security investments inside the euro area other than those under asset item 11.3 'Other financial assets' Notes and bonds, bills, zero bonds, money market paper, equity shares, investment funds, held as part of the foreign reserves, all issued by euro area residents	(a) (i) Marketable debt securities other than held-to-maturity Market price and foreign exchange market rate Any premiums or discounts are amortised (ii) Marketable debt securities classified as held-to-maturity Cost subject to impairment and foreign exchange market rate Any premiums or discounts are amortised (iii) Non-marketable debt securities Cost subject to impairment and foreign exchange market rate Any premiums or discounts are amortised (iv) Marketable equity shares Market price and foreign exchange market rate (v) Marketable investment funds Market price and foreign exchange market rate

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		(b) Other claims on euro area residents other than those under asset item 11.3 'Other financial assets' Loans, deposits, reverse repo transactions, sundry lending	(b) Other claims  Deposits and other lending at nominal value, translated at the foreign exchange market rate	
4	Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in euro			
4.1	Balances with banks, security investments and loans	(a) Balances with banks outside the euro area other than those under asset item 11.3 'Other financial assets' Current accounts, fixed-term deposits, day-to-day money, reverse repo transactions in connection with the management of securities denominated in euro	(a) Balances with banks outside the euro area Nominal value	
		(b) Security investments outside the euro area other than those under asset item 11.3 'Other financial assets' Equity shares, investment funds, notes and bonds, bills, zero bonds, money market paper, all issued by non-euro area residents	(b) (i) Marketable debt securities other than held-to-maturity Market price Any premiums or discounts are amortised (ii) Marketable debt securities classified as held-to-maturity Cost subject to impairment Any premiums or discounts are amortised (iii) Non-marketable debt securities Cost subject to impairment Any premiums or discounts are amortised (iv) Marketable equity shares Market price (v) Marketable investment funds Market price	
		(c) Loans to non-euro area residents other than those under asset item 11.3 'Other financial assets'	(c) Loans outside the euro area Deposits at nominal value	
		(d) Securities issued by entities outside the euro area other than those under asset item 11.3 'Other financial assets' and asset item 7.1 'Securities held for monetary policy purposes' Securities issued by supranational or international organisations, e.g. the European Investment Bank, irrespective of their geographical location, and not purchased for monetary policy purposes	(d) (i) Marketable debt securities other than held-to-maturity Market price Any premiums or discounts are amortised (ii) Marketable debt securities classified as held-to-maturity Cost subject to impairment Any premiums or discounts are amortised (iii) Non-marketable debt securities Cost subject to impairment Any premiums or discounts are amortised	

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	Balance sheet item	Categorisation of contents of balance sheet items	Valuation principle	
	Securities of euro area residents denominated in euro			
.1	Securities held for monetary policy purposes	Securities held for monetary policy purposes (including securities purchased for monetary policy purposes issued by supranational or international organisations, or multilateral development banks, irrespective of their geographical location). European Central Bank (ECB) debt certificates purchased for fine-tuning purposes	(a) Marketable debt securities  Accounted for depending on monetary policy considerations:  (i) Market price  Any premiums or discounts are amortised  (ii) Cost subject to impairment (cost when the impairment is covered by a provision under liability item 13(b) 'Provisions')  Any premiums or discounts are amortised  (b) Non-marketable debt securities  Cost subject to impairment  Any premiums or discounts are amortised	
.2	Other securities	Securities other than those under asset item 7.1 'Securities held for monetary policy purposes' and under asset item 11.3 'Other financial assets': notes and bonds, bills, zero bonds, money market paper held outright, including government securities stemming from before Economic and Monetary Union (EMU), denominated in euro. Equity shares and investment funds	<ul> <li>(a) Marketable debt securities other than held-to-maturity         Market price         Any premiums or discounts are amortised</li> <li>(b) Marketable debt securities classified as held-to-maturity         Cost subject to impairment         Any premiums or discounts are amortised</li> <li>(c) Non-marketable debt securities         Cost subject to impairment         Any premiums or discounts are amortised</li> <li>(d) Marketable equity shares         Market price</li> <li>(e) Marketable investment funds         Market price</li> </ul>	
	General government debt denominated in euro	Claims on government stemming from before EMU (non-marketable securities, loans)	Deposits/loans at nominal value, non-marketable securities at cost	
)	Intra-Eurosystem claims			
.1	Claims related to the issuance of ECB debt certificates	Intra-Eurosystem claims vis-à-vis national central banks (NCBs), arising from the issuance of ECB debt certificates	Cost	
9.2	Claims related to the allocation of euro banknotes within the Eurosystem	Claims related to the ECB's banknote issue, in accordance with Decision ECB/2010/29 of the European Central Bank (**)	Nominal value	

	Balance sheet item	Categorisation of contents of balance sheet items	Valuation principle	
.3	Other claims within the Eurosystem (net)	Net position of the following sub-items:  (a) net claims arising from balances of TARGET2 accounts and correspondent accounts of NCBs, i.e. the net figure of claims and liabilities. See also liability item 10.2 'Other liabilities within the Eurosystem (net)'	(a) Nominal value	
		(b) other intra-Eurosystem claims denominated in euro that may arise, including the interim distribution of ECB income to NCBs	(b) Nominal value	
)	Items in course of settlement	Settlement account balances (claims), including the float of cheques in collection	Nominal value	
1	Other assets			
1.1	Coins of euro area	Euro coins	Nominal value	
11.2	Tangible and intangible fixed assets	Land and buildings, furniture and equipment including computer equipment, software	Depreciation is the systematic allocation of the depreciable amount of an asset over its useful life. The useful life is the period over which a fixed asset is expected to be available for use by the entity. Useful lives of individual material fixed assets may be reviewed on a systematic basis, if expectations differ from previous estimates. Major assets may comprise components with different useful lives. The lives of such components should be assessed individually The cost of intangible assets includes the price for the acquisition of the intangible asset. Other direct or indirect costs are to be expensed Capitalisation of expenditure: limit based (below EUR 10 000 excluding VAT: no capitalisation)	
1.3	Other financial assets	<ul> <li>Participating interests and investments in subsidiaries, equity shares and investment funds held for strategic/policy reasons</li> <li>Securities including equity shares and investment funds, and other financial instruments and balances including fixed-term deposits and current accounts held as an earmarked portfolio</li> <li>Reverse repo transactions with financial institutions in connection with the management of securities portfolios under this asset item</li> <li>Euro denominated reverse repo transactions with euro area financial institutions other than credit institutions in connection with the management of securities portfolios other than those held under this item</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>(a) Marketable equity shares         Market price</li> <li>(b) Marketable investment funds         Market price</li> <li>(c) Participating interests and illiquid equity shares, and any other equity instruments held as permanent investments         Cost subject to impairment</li> <li>(d) Investment in subsidiaries or significant interests         Net asset value</li> <li>(e) Marketable debt securities other than held-to-maturity         Market price Premiums/discounts are amortised</li> </ul>	

	Balance sheet item	Categorisation of contents of balance sheet items	Valuation principle	
			(f) Marketable debt securities classified as held-to-maturity or held as a permanent investment Cost subject to impairment Any premiums or discounts are amortised (g) Non-marketable debt securities Cost subject to impairment (h) Balances with banks and loans Nominal value, translated at the foreign exchange market rate if the balances/deposits are denominated in foreign currencies	
11.4	Off-balance-sheet instruments revaluation differences	Valuation results of foreign exchange forwards, foreign exchange swaps, interest rate swaps (unless daily variation margin applies), forward rate agreements, forward transactions in securities, foreign exchange spot transactions from trade date to settlement date	Net position between forward and spot, at the foreign exchange market rate	
11.5	Accruals and prepaid expenditure	Income not due in, but assignable to the reported period. Prepaid expenditure and accrued interest paid, i.e. accrued interest purchased with a security	Nominal value, foreign exchange translated at market rate	
11.6	Sundry	(a) Advances, loans and other minor items. Loans on a trust basis	(a) Nominal value or cost	
		(b) Investments related to customer gold deposits	(b) Market value	
		(c) Net pension assets	(c) As per Article 25(2)	
		(d) Outstanding claims arising from the default of Eurosystem counterparties in the context of Eurosystem credit operations	(d) Nominal/recoverable value (before/after settlement of losses)	
		(e) Assets or claims (vis-à-vis third parties) appropriated and/or acquired in the context of the realisation of collateral submitted by Eurosystem counterparties in default	(e) Cost (converted at the foreign exchange market rate at the time of the acquisition if financial assets are denominated in foreign currencies)	
12	Loss for the year		Nominal value	

<sup>(\*)</sup> Guideline (EU) 2015/510 of the European Central Bank of 19 December 2014 on the implementation of the Eurosystem monetary policy framework (ECB/2014/60) (OJ L 91, 2.4.2015, p. 3). (\*\*) Decision ECB/2010/29 of the European Central Bank of 13 December 2010 on the issue of euro banknotes (OJ L 35, 9.2.2011, p. 26).'.

# LIABILITIES

	Balance sheet item	Categorisation of contents of balance sheet items	Valuation principle	
1	Banknotes in circulation	Euro banknotes issued by the ECB, in accordance with Decision ECB/2010/29	Nominal value	
2	Liabilities to euro area credit insti- tutions related to monetary policy operations denominated in euro	Items 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and 2.5: deposits in euro as described in Guideline (EU) 2015/510 (ECB/2014/60)		
2.1	Current accounts (covering the minimum reserve system)	Euro accounts of credit institutions that are included in the list of financial institutions subject to minimum reserves in accordance with the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the European Central Bank (the 'Statute of the ESCB'). This item contains primarily accounts used in order to hold minimum reserves	Nominal value	
2.2	Deposit facility	Overnight deposits at a pre-specified interest rate (standing facility)	Nominal value	
2.3	Fixed-term deposits	Collection for liquidity absorption purposes owing to fine-tuning operations	Nominal value	
2.4	Fine-tuning reverse operations	Monetary policy-related transactions with the aim of liquidity absorption	Nominal value or repo cost	
2.5	Deposits related to margin calls	Deposits of credit institutions, arising from value decreases of underlying assets regarding credits to these credit institutions	Nominal value	
3	Other liabilities to euro area credit institutions denominated in euro	Repo transactions with credit institutions for the management of securities portfolios under asset item 7 'Securities of euro area residents denominated in euro'. Other operations unrelated to Eurosystem monetary policy operations. No current accounts of credit institutions	Nominal value or repo cost	
4	ECB debt certificates issued	Debt certificates as described in Guideline (EU) 2015/510 (ECB/2014/60). Discount paper, issued with the aim of liquidity absorption	Cost Any discounts are amortised	
5	Liabilities to other euro area residents denominated in euro			
5.1	General government	Current accounts, fixed-term deposits, deposits repayable on demand	Nominal value	

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	Balance sheet item	Categorisation of contents of balance sheet items	Valuation principle	
		(b) other intra-Eurosystem liabilities denominated in euro that may arise, including the interim distribution of ECB income to NCBs	(b) Nominal value	
11	Items in course of settlement	Settlement account balances (liabilities), including the float of giro transfers	Nominal value	
12	Other liabilities			
12.1	Off-balance-sheet instruments revaluation differences	Valuation results of foreign exchange forwards, foreign exchange swaps, interest rate swaps (unless daily variation margin applies), forward rate agreements, forward transactions in securities, foreign exchange spot transactions from trade date to settlement date	Net position between forward and spot, at the foreign exchange market rate	
12.2	Accruals and income collected in advance	Expenditure falling due in a future period but relating to the reporting period. Income received in the reported period but relating to a future period	Nominal value, foreign exchange translated at market rate	
12.3	Sundry	(a) Taxation suspense accounts. Foreign currency credit or guarantee cover accounts. Repo transactions with financial institutions for the management of securities portfolios under asset item 11.3 'Other financial assets'. Compulsory deposits other than reserve deposits. Other minor items. Liabilities on a trust basis.	(a) Nominal value or (repo) cost	
		(b) Customer gold deposits.	(b) Market value	
		(c) Net pension liabilities	(c) As per Article 25(2)	
13	Provisions	(a) For financial risks, and for other purposes, e.g. expected future expenses and contributions in accordance with Article 48.2 of the Statute of the ESCB with respect to central banks of Member States whose derogations have been abrogated		
		(b) For counterparty or credit risks arising from monetary policy operations	(b) Nominal value (based on a valuation at year end by the Governing Council)	
14	Revaluation accounts	(a) Revaluation accounts related to price movements for gold, for every type of euro-denominated securities, for every type of foreign currency-denominated securities, for options; market valuation differences related to interest rate risk derivatives; revaluation accounts related to foreign exchange rate movements for every currency net position held, including foreign exchange swaps/forwards and SDRs  Special revaluation accounts stemming from contributions in accordance with Article 48.2 of the Statute of the ESCB with respect to central banks of Member States whose derogations have been abrogated. See Article 14(2)	(a) Revaluation difference between average cost and market value, foreign exchange translated at market rate	

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		<ul> <li>(b) Remeasurement results of the net defined benefit liability (asset) in respect of post-employment benefits, which are the net position of the following sub-items: <ol> <li>(i) Actuarial gains and losses in the present value of the defined benefit obligation</li> <li>(ii) Return on plan assets, excluding amounts included in net interest on the net defined benefit liability (asset)</li> <li>(iii) Any change in the effect of the asset ceiling, excluding amounts included in net interest on the net defined benefit liability (asset)</li> </ol> </li></ul>	(b) As per Article 25(2)
15	Capital and reserves		
15.1	Capital	Paid-up capital	Nominal value
15.2	Reserves	Legal reserves, in accordance with Article 33 of the Statute of the ESCB, and contributions in accordance with Article 48.2 of the Statute of the ESCB with respect to central banks of Member States whose derogations have been abrogated	Nominal value
16	Profit for the year		Nominal value'

Annex III to Decision (EU) 2016/2247 (ECB/2016/35) is replaced by the following:

# 'ANNEX III

ANNEX II

# PUBLISHED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT OF THE ECB

(EUR million (1))

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	Profit and loss account for the year ending 31 December	Reporting year	Previous year
1.1.1.	Interest income on foreign reserve assets		
1.1.2.	Interest income arising from the allocation of euro banknotes within the Eurosystem		
1.1.3.	Other interest income		
1.1.	Interest income		
1.2.1.	Remuneration of NCBs' claims in respect of foreign reserves transferred		
1.2.2.	Other interest expense		
1.2.	Interest expense		
1	Net interest income		
2.1.	Realised gains/losses arising from financial operations		
2.2.	Write-downs on financial assets and positions		
2.3.	Transfer to/from provisions for financial risks		
2	Net result of financial operations, write downs and risk provisions		
3.1.	Fees and commissions income		
3.2.	Fees and commissions expense		
3	Net income/expense from fees and commissions (²)		
4	Income from equity shares and participating interests		
5	Other income		
	Total net income		
6	Staff costs (3)		
7	Administrative expenses (3)		

(EUR million (1))

	Profit and loss account for the year ending 31 December	Reporting year	Previous year
8	Depreciation of tangible and intangible fixed assets		
9	Banknote production services (4)		
10	Other expenses		
(Loss)/profit for the year'			

- (¹) The ECB may alternatively publish exact euro amounts, or amounts rounded in a different manner.
- (2) The breakdown between income and expenses may alternatively be provided in the explanatory notes to the annual accounts.
- (3) This includes administrative provisions.
- (4) This item is used in the case of outsourced banknote production (for the cost of the services provided by external companies in charge of the production on behalf of the central banks). It is recommended that the costs incurred in connection with the issue of euro banknotes are taken to the profit and loss account as they are invoiced or otherwise incurred, see also Guideline (EU) 2016/2249 (ECB/2016/34).