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LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION amending Decision 98/481/EC approving the external auditors of the European Central Bank

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2025/…

of …

amending Decision 98/481/EC
approving the external auditors of the European Central Bank

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 annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 27.1 thereof,

Having regard to Recommendation ECB/2025/6 of the European Central Bank of 12 February 2025 to the Council of the European Union on the external auditors of the European Central Bank[1],

[1] OJ C, C/2025/1362, 21.2.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/c/2025/1362/oj.

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 Baker Tilly GmbH & Co. KG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft as the external auditor of the ECB ended following the audit for the financial year 2024. It is therefore necessary to appoint an external auditor from the financial year 2025 onwards.

(3) The ECB has selected Forvis Mazars GmbH & Co. KG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft Steuerberatungsgesellschaft as its external auditor for the financial years 2025 to 2029, with an option to extend the mandate for up to two additional financial years, that is to 2030 or to 2031.

(4) The Governing Council of the ECB has therefore recommended to the Council that Forvis Mazars GmbH & Co. KG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft Steuerberatungsgesellschaft be appointed as the external auditor of the ECB for the financial years 2025 to 2029, with an option to extend the mandate for up to two additional financial years, that is to 2030 or to 2031.

(5) Following the recommendation of the Governing Council of the ECB, Council Decision 98/481/EC[2] should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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[2] Council Decision 98/481/EC of 20 July 1998 approving the external auditors of the European Central Bank (OJ L 216, 4.8.1998, p. 7, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/1998/481/oj).

Article 1

Article 1 of Decision 98/481/EC is replaced by the following:

'*Article 1*

Forvis Mazars GmbH & Co. KG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft Steuerberatungsgesellschaft is hereby approved as the external auditor of the ECB for the financial years 2025 to 2029.'.

Article 2

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

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the ECB.

Done at …, …

For the Council
The President