

Resolution of the Executive Commission of the Banco de España dated 15 March 2024 approving the description of functions of the Directorates General and of the General Secretariat in accordance with the provisions of Articles 81 and 82.1 of the Internal Rules of the Banco de España

Pursuant to Article 81 of the Internal Rules of the Banco de España on the operating scope of the Directorates General, “the Executive Commission, upon the proposal of the Governor, shall determine the functions and operating scope of each Directorate General, duly informing the Governing Council. The resolution assigning functions in force from time to time shall be published on the Banco de España’s website.”

Article 82.1 of the Internal Rules of the Banco de España, referring to the General Secretariat, establishes that it is for the latter, in addition to the functions therein described, to carry out “whatsoever other function that should be determined by the Executive Commission under the provisions of Article 81”.

To comply with the aforementioned precepts, the Executive Commission, at its sitting on 15 March 2024, has resolved to approve, upon the proposal of the Governor, the following description of functions for the Directorates General and the General Secretariat of the Banco de España, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 81 and 82.1 of the Internal Rules of the Banco de España. This description shall replace that approved by the Resolution of the Executive Commission dated 25 April 2022, with effect from 5 May 2022:

1 Directorate General Economics, Statistics and Research

The Directorate General Economics, Statistics and Research is responsible for:

- Conducting studies and research on economic and financial matters within the sphere of the Spanish, European and international economy.
- Compiling, analysing and disseminating the statistics entrusted to the Banco de España.
- Drafting the Annual report and other reports and publications in the areas within its remit, and taking the steps necessary to disseminate analysis of the economic situation and of monetary policy.
- Conducting the preparatory, advisory and monitoring work relating to the Banco de España’s participation in European institutions and in connection with the abovementioned competencies, and, in particular, relating to the meetings of the Governing Council and General Council of the European Central Bank and the Economic and Financial Committee of the European Union.

- Developing and managing the international relations of the Banco de España outside the scope of the European institutions and with the main international organisations and multilateral institutions, including in particular the monitoring and analysis of the IMF's activity.
- Coordinating international cooperation, including technical assistance, by the Banco de España with other national central banks, financial supervisors and other similar public agencies.
- Studying and monitoring the political, economic and solvency-related developments in countries of relevance for the purposes of the financial risk assumed by Spanish institutions, in step with its regulatory function in respect of country-risk provisions.
- Managing the Banco de España Library.

2 Directorate General Financial Stability, Regulation and Resolution

The Directorate General Financial Stability, Regulation and Resolution is responsible for:

- Analysing and monitoring financial stability and systemic risks. Drafting of the Financial Stability Report of the Banco de España and conducting periodic stress tests.
- Analysing and formulating macroprudential policy proposals, interacting as necessary with the Spanish Macroprudential Authority (AMCESFI by its Spanish acronym), the European Central Bank and the European Systemic Risk Board.
- Conducting research on financial stability and regulatory policies.
- Drafting reports and proposals relating to rules on the regulation and disciplining of institutions subject to Banco de España supervision, in coordination with the Directorate General affected by the matter in question, and processing external enquiries with regard to the interpretation and application of such rules, except in matters pertaining to banking accounting, market conduct, banking transparency and customer protection.
- Contributing to defining regulatory policy on technical and economic aspects in the framework of the Financial Stability Board, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision and the European Banking Authority. To this end, it coordinates with other areas of the Bank, in particular the Directorate General Banking Supervision, and it submits the pertinent reports and proposals to the governing bodies of the Bank.
- Carrying out all resolution functions assigned by legislation to the Banco de España in the framework of the Single Resolution Mechanism.
- Preparing, in coordination with the Directorate General affected by the matter in question, draft rules and regulations on the information that must be periodically submitted to the Banco de España by institutions subject to its supervision or to that of the Single Supervisory Mechanism.

- The receipt, quality control, custody and, where applicable, dissemination of the periodic information that must be submitted to the Banco de España by institutions subject to its supervision or to that of the Single Supervisory Mechanism, and of the periodic information to be submitted in connection with the Eurosystem.
- Management of the Banco de España Central Credit Register and supervision of compliance with its rules and regulations, submitting to the Banco de España's bodies the pertinent reports and proposals, including those concerning the adoption of preventive, disciplinary or precautionary measures.

3 Directorate General Operations, Markets and Payment Systems

The Directorate General Operations, Markets and Payment Systems is responsible for:

- Implementing the operations of the Banco de España in its capacity as a central bank and member of the Eurosystem.
- Managing the gold, foreign exchange reserves and euro-denominated financial assets owned by the Banco de España.
- Measuring, assessing and managing the financial risks arising from the implementation of monetary policy and the management of the Banco de España's financial assets.
- Providing financial services for government debt.
- Providing payment services and other banking operations to the Treasury and to other public-sector entities.
- Promoting and overseeing the proper functioning of payment systems and instruments.
- Providing, managing and maintaining market infrastructures within the framework of the Eurosystem.
- Monitoring and analysing innovations in the financial markets.
- Performing continuous supervision of compliance with the specific rules and regulations for payment institutions, account information service providers and electronic money institutions, except in respect of solvency, market conduct, banking transparency and customer protection, and supervising the other institutions supervised by the Banco de España, in matters relating to the provision of payment services, submitting to the Banco de España's bodies the pertinent reports and proposals, including those concerning the adoption of preventive, disciplinary or precautionary measures.
- Contributing to defining the Banco de España's supervisory policy, in coordination with other areas of the Bank and in collaboration with national and international bodies and fora, and preparing supervisory reports and proposals affecting the institutions supervised by the Banco de España, in relation to the provision of payment services, except in matters pertaining to vetted access to activity and use of restricted names by

natural or legal persons not registered with the Banco de España, market conduct, banking transparency and customer protection.

4 Directorate General Banking Supervision

The Directorate General Banking Supervision is responsible for:

- Supervising, as part of the Single Supervisory Mechanism, the solvency of and compliance by credit institutions and the other financial institutions and markets subject to Banco de España supervision with the specific regulatory and disciplinary rules governing them. To this end, it is responsible for: carrying out the ongoing supervision of supervised institutions and their groups, and of those of their shareholders, directors and managers, through analysis of the information available and through inspection visits.
- Formulating the necessary proposals for the adoption of preventive, disciplinary and cautionary measures in respect of the above-mentioned institutions, groups and individuals.
- Contributing to defining the Banco de España's supervisory policy, in coordination with other areas of the Bank, in particular the Directorate General Financial Stability, Regulation and Resolution, in the national and international spheres, except in respect of the functioning of payment systems and instruments, the provision of payment services, vetted access to activity and use of restricted names by natural or legal persons not registered with the Banco de España, market conduct, banking transparency and customer protection, submitting the pertinent reports and proposals to the governing bodies of the Bank.
- Reporting, proposing resolution where appropriate, on requests by credit institutions and other financial agents which the Banco de España has to assess or authorise, in the areas entrusted to this Directorate General.
- Drawing up draft rules on accounting by credit and other supervised institutions, and resolving enquiries in this connection.

5 Directorate General Services

The Directorate General Services is entrusted with the management and administration of the internal services and functions common to the entire Bank, and is responsible for:

- Human resources.
- Workplace health and safety.
- The preparation of the draft expenditure and investment budget.
- The preparation of the draft accounts (balance sheet, income statement and notes to the accounts); the accounting and control of operations.

- Hiring arrangements.
- The acquisition, maintenance and administration of assets and the art collection.
- Information systems.
- Organisation, the administration and organisation of internal security services and, in general, whatsoever tasks and areas are required to carry out the function entrusted to it.

6 Directorate General Financial Conduct and Banknotes

The Directorate General Financial Conduct and Banknotes is responsible for:

- Supervisory functions, supervisory and regulatory policy, handling enquiries, preparing reports and proposals relating to the drawing up of general provisions that affect the institutions supervised by the Banco de España in relation to market conduct, banking transparency and customer protection, submitting to the relevant bodies of the Banco de España the appropriate reports and proposals, including those for the adoption of preventive, disciplinary or cautionary measures.
- The resolution of enquiries, complaints and claims submitted by banking service users about the conduct of the institutions subject to supervision, in relation to transparency and customer safeguard regulations, and to best banking practices and uses.
- Controlling the full process of euro banknote production corresponding to the Banco de España, entrusted to the special-purpose entity “Imprenta de Billetes, S.A. Medio Propio del Banco de España (IMBISA)”, including the coordination and control of the company.
- Issuing euro banknotes and the putting in circulation of legal tender coins, along with tasks relating to the withdrawal, exchange, safekeeping and recirculation of both banknotes and coins, in coordination with the Eurosystem and the European Commission, respectively.
- Promoting the sound quality and authenticity of the banknotes and coins in circulation, and overseeing and monitoring those involved in the processing and handling of cash.
- Detecting and analysing counterfeit banknotes and coins through the National Analysis Centres for banknotes and coins in coordination with the Eurosystem and the Investigation Brigade of the Banco de España.
- Carrying out certain operations for the general public, such as the exchange of unfit banknotes. Furthermore, providing cash services for general government agencies.
- Managing the Banco de España branch network.

7 General Secretariat

The General Secretariat is responsible for:

- The secretariat to the governing bodies of the Banco de España, and assistance to the Council Members.
- Legal advice to the governing bodies and, in general, to the Bank.
- The conducting of sanctioning proceedings in respect of the parties envisaged under current regulations.
- Reporting, providing resolution where appropriate, on the requests by credit institutions and other financial agents that the Banco de España must address or authorise, in the areas entrusted to the General Secretariat.
- The Official Registers of the Banco de España.
- The management of the Virtual Office and of compliance with obligations in respect of transparency and access to public information, accessibility, protection of personal data and codes of conduct.
- The Historical and General Archives and the Numismatic Service, and the coordination of the Bank's corporate documentation management.
- Managing the internal and external whistleblowing channels of the Banco de España.
- Providing advice and support in protocol matters, and organizing institutional events.
- Supervising natural or legal persons that, despite not being registered with the Banco de España, offer or engage in activities reserved for entities subject to the functions and competences of the Banco de España, or unlawfully use restricted names.