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SCHEDULES FOR THE MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ECB IN 2014 AND 2015

The Governing Council of the European Central Bank (ECB) has decided that in 2014 and 2015 its meetings will continue to be held, as a rule, twice a month. As in previous years, exceptions to this rule are envisaged to accommodate special holiday situations and to ensure an efficient meeting sequence when Governing Council and General Council meetings take place in the same week as meetings of the General Board of the European Systemic Risk Board.

As a rule, the Governing Council will continue to assess the monetary policy stance for the euro area at its first meeting of the month, held on a Thursday. Accordingly, decisions on the key ECB interest rates will normally be taken during that meeting. Whenever it holds a second meeting in the month, which will start on a Wednesday afternoon and may continue on Thursday morning, depending on the agenda, the Governing Council will deal with issues related to other tasks and responsibilities of the ECB and the Eurosystem. Obviously, if necessary, the Governing Council can assess the monetary policy stance and decide to change ECB interest rates at any time, regardless of previously scheduled meetings.

The Governing Council's meeting schedule for 2014 and 2015 also takes into account the fact that the reserve maintenance periods will start on the settlement day of the main refinancing operation following the Governing Council meeting at which the monthly assessment of the monetary policy stance is scheduled to take place.

In line with established practice, two meetings of the Governing Council will be held outside Frankfurt in both 2014 and 2015. In 2014 the first one, on 8 May, will be hosted by the Nationale Bank van België/Banque Nationale de Belgique and the second one, on 2 October, will be hosted by the Banca d'Italia. In 2015 the first external meeting, on 7 May, will be hosted by the Central Bank of Cyprus and the second one, on 8 October, will be hosted by the Central Bank of Malta.

The General Council of the ECB will continue to meet on a quarterly basis. These meetings will as a rule be held on Thursdays, following the Governing Council's second meeting of the month.

Finally, the ECB will continue to hold its regular press conferences after the first Governing Council meeting of each month.

Meetings of the Governing Council of the ECB in 2014

9 January 2014

22 January 2014

6 February 2014

19 February 2014

6 March 2014

19 March 2014

3 April 2014

16 April 2014

8 May 2014 (Belgium)

21 May 2014

5 June 2014

17 June 2014

3 July 2014

16-17 July 2014

7 August 2014

4 September 2014

17 September 2014

2 October 2014 (Italy)

15 October 2014

6 November 2014

19 November 2014

4 December 2014

17 December 2014

Meetings of the General Council of the ECB in 2014

20 March 2014

18 June 2014

18 September 2014

18 December 2014

Press conferences in 2014

9 January 2014

6 February 2014

6 March 2014

3 April 2014

8 May 2014 (Belgium)

5 June 2014

3 July 2014

7 August 2014

4 September 2014

2 October 2014 (Italy)

6 November 2014

4 December 2014

Meetings of the Governing Council of the ECB in 2015

8 January 2015

21 January 2015

5 February 2015

18 February 2015

5 March 2015

18 March 2015

2 April 2015

15 April 2015

7 May 2015 (Cyprus)

20 May 2015

3 June 2015

17 June 2015

2 July 2015

15-16 July 2015

6 August 2015

3 September 2015

16 September 2015

8 October 2015 (Malta)

21 October 2015

5 November 2015

18 November 2015

3 December 2015

16 December 2015

7 January 2016

Meetings of the General Council of the ECB in 2015

19 March 2015

18 June 2015

17 September 2015

17 December 2015

Press conferences in 2015

8 January 2015

5 February 2015

5 March 2015

2 April 2015

7 May 2015 (Cyprus)

3 June 2015

2 July 2015

6 August 2015

3 September 2015

8 October 2015 (Malta)

5 November 2015

3 December 2015

7 January 2016