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**Resolution of the Execution Commission of the Banco de España dated 4 November 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 (IRBE) 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 IRBE, 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 4 November 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 IRBE. This description shall replace that approved by the Resolution of the Executive Commission dated 15 May 2024.

## 1 Directorate General Economics

The Directorate General Economics is responsible for:

- Analysing and offering advice on questions of monetary policy to the Governor as a member of the Governing Council of the European Central Bank (ECB).

- Undertaking studies and research relating to Spanish, European and international economic and financial issues.

- Drafting the Annual Report and other reports and publications in the areas within its remit.

- Preparing the medium-term macroeconomic projections for the Spanish economy.

- Studying and monitoring the political, economic and solvency-related developments in material countries with regard to the financial risk assumed by Spanish banks, in line with its regulatory function in respect of country-risk provisions.

**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 the Financial Stability Report of the Banco de España and conducting periodic stress tests.

- Analysing and formulating macroprudential policy proposals, interacting as necessary with other Spanish, European and international authorities.

- Drafting reports and proposals relating to banking regulation and discipline legislation applicable to banks subject to Banco de España supervision, in coordination with the relevant Directorate General, and processing external enquiries as to the interpretation and application of such rules, except in those matters pertaining to other Directorates General.

- Contributing to defining regulatory policy on technical and economic aspects in the framework of the Financial Stability Board (FSB), the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) and the European Banking Authority (EBA). To this end, it coordinates with other areas of the Banco de España, in particular the Directorate General Banking Supervision, and submits the relevant reports and proposals to the Bank's governing bodies.

- Carrying out all the Banco de España's statutory resolution-related functions in the framework of the Single Resolution Mechanism.

- Carrying out research in the area of financial stability, regulatory policies and bank resolution.

- Undertaking the preparatory, advisory and monitoring work relating to the Banco de España's participation in the Spanish macroprudential authority (AMCESFI, by its Spanish abbreviation), the European Systemic Risk Board, the ECB, the FSB, the BCBS, the EBA and the Single Resolution Board.

**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 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 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 banks supervised by the Banco de España in matters relating to the provision of payment services. To this end, it submits to the Bank's governing bodies the relevant reports and proposals, including those concerning the adoption of preventive, disciplinary or precautionary measures.

- Contributing to defining the Banco de Espana'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 banks 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 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, within the framework of the Single Supervisory Mechanism, the solvency of credit institutions and the other financial institutions and markets subject to Banco de España supervision, and their compliance with banking regulation and discipline legislation. To this end, it is responsible for carrying out the ongoing supervision of supervised banks and their groups, as well as of those of their shareholders, directors and managers, through analysis of the information available and through on-site inspections.

- Formulating the necessary proposals for the adoption of preventive, disciplinary and precautionary measures in respect of the aforementioned banks, groups and individuals.

- In coordination with other areas of the Banco de España (in particular the Directorate General Financial Stability, Regulation and Resolution), contributing to the definition of the Bank's supervisory policy in the domestic and international spheres, except in respect of the functioning of payment systems and instruments, the provision of payment services, market conduct, banking transparency and customer protection, and submitting the relevant reports and proposals to the Bank’s governing bodies.

- Reporting, and recommending decisions where appropriate, on requests by credit institutions and other financial agents that the Banco de España is required to report or authorise, in the areas entrusted to this Directorate General.

- Drawing up draft accounting standards for credit and other supervised institutions, and resolving enquiries in this connection.

**5 Directorate General Strategy, People and Data**

The Directorate General Strategy, People and Data is responsible for:

- Leading strategic and global planning activities, along with organisational change within the institution.

- Preparing the draft expenditure and investment budgets.

- People and workplace health and safety.

- Information systems.

- Compiling, analysing and disseminating the statistics entrusted to the Banco de España.

- In coordination with the relevant directorate general, preparing draft rules and regulations on the periodic information that must be submitted to the Banco de España by institutions subject to its supervision or to that of another within the framework of the Single Supervisory Mechanism.

- Receipt, quality control, custody and, where applicable, dissemination of the above-mentioned information and of the periodic information to be submitted in connection with the Eurosystem.

- Managing the Banco de España’s Central Credit Register and overseeing compliance with its regulations, submitting to the Bank’s bodies the pertinent reports and proposals, including those concerning the adoption of preventive, disciplinary or precautionary measures.

- Designing and implementing the Banco de España’s data strategy and establishing and managing the overall data governance programme.

**6 Directorate General Financial Conduct and Banknotes**

The Directorate General Financial Conduct and Banknotes is responsible for:

- Functions relating to supervision and supervisory and regulatory policy, handling enquiries and preparing reports and proposals for drawing up general provisions on market conduct, banking transparency and customer protection that affect the institutions supervised by the Banco de España. It also submits the appropriate reports and proposals, including those for the adoption of preventive, disciplinary or cautionary measures, to the relevant bodies of the Banco de España.

- Addressing the enquiries, complaints and claims made by bank service users regarding the conduct of supervised institutions in relation to transparency and customer protection regulations and good banking practices.

- Overseeing the entire euro banknote production process at the Banco de España, which is entrusted to the special-purpose entity "Imprenta de Billetes, S.A. Medio Propio del Banco de España (IMBISA)", including the entity's coordination and audit.

- Issuing euro banknotes and putting legal tender coins into circulation, along with the tasks related to their withdrawal, exchange, custody and recirculation, in coordination with the Eurosystem and the European Commission, respectively.

- Promoting the 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, in coordination with the Eurosystem and the Banco de España Monetary Offences Investigation Brigade.

- Carrying out certain operations for the general public, such as exchanging unfit banknotes, and providing cash services to general government agencies.

- Managing the Banco de España's branch office network.

**7 Directorate General Institutional and European Relations and Transparency**

The Directorate General Institutional and European Relations and Transparency is responsible for the following functions:

- Fostering and developing the Banco de España's institutional relations at both the domestic and international level.

- Defining and coordinating the Banco de España's internal and external communication policy, along with disseminating information and publications.

- Advisory services and support for the Governor and Deputy Governor.

- Coordination, analysis and advice in relation to the Banco de España's participation in the Governing Council, General Council and Supervisory Board of the ECB, and its involvement in other European and international organisations such as the International Monetary Fund.

- The Banco de España's participation in Spain's permanent representation to the European Union and the House of the Euro in Brussels.

- Defining and coordinating international cooperation outside of the European Union, including the Bank's technical assistance to other national central banks, financial supervisors and other public agencies.

- Overseeing the Virtual Office and compliance with obligations in respect of transparency, public information and accessibility.

- Defining and coordinating the management of documents and records at the Bank.

- Managing the Bank's General and Historical Archive, the Library and the Numismatic Service.

- Defining and developing financial education initiatives.

**8 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.

- Conduct of sanctioning proceedings in respect of the parties envisaged under current regulations.

- Reporting, and recommending decisions where appropriate, on the requests by credit institutions and other financial agents that the Banco de España is required to report or authorise, in the areas entrusted to the General Secretariat.

- The Official Registers of the Banco de España.

- Management of compliance with obligations in respect of protection of personal data and codes of conduct.

- Management of the Bank's internal and external whistleblowing channels.

- Supervising natural or legal persons that, while not listed in the Banco de España's registers, offer or engage in activities reserved for institutions subject to the functions and competences of the Banco de España or make undue use of restricted names.

- Preparation of the draft accounts (balance sheet, profit and loss account and notes to the accounts), and the accounting and audit of operations.

- Hiring arrangements.

- Acquisition, maintenance and administration of assets and the art collection.

- Administration and organisation of internal security services.

*(*) Further to the above overview of functions, the functions of the following areas, not under the jurisdiction of a directorate general or the General Secretariat, are summarised below:*

- *The Internal Audit Department, reporting to the Governor and overseen by the Audit Committee, is tasked with evaluating risk, control and management processes in the performance of the Banco de España's mission.*

- *The Independent Evaluations Office, reporting to the Governing Council, coordinates the annual evaluation programme for the Banco de España's activities.*

- *The Environmental, Social and Governance Office, reporting to the Deputy Governor, is responsible for establishing a common position and promoting environmental, social and governance considerations at the Banco de España, along with developing the necessary strategies.*