

THE ETHICS COMMITTEE

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Mr Edward Scicluna  
Member of the Governing Council  
Governor of the Central Bank of Malta

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**Subject: Request for advice on private activity**

Dear Mr Scicluna,

Thank you for notifying the Ethics Committee of your wish to accept the invitation of the European Investment Bank (EIB) to become a member of its Appointment Advisory Committee (AAC).

Considering the EIB's status as a European institution and a financial entity outside the scope of the ECB's supervisory responsibilities, and taking into account that the responsibilities of the envisaged role, i.e. advising on the suitability of candidates for senior positions at the EIB, are unrelated to those of a member of the Governing Council, the Ethics Committee concluded that this activity does not raise any concerns in terms of actual, potential, or even perceived conflicts of interest. Moreover, the Ethics Committee observes that according to the Single Code<sup>1</sup> high-level ECB officials may accept remuneration for private activities, provided that such remuneration and expenses are commensurate with the work performed and remain within customary limits.

As such and taking into account that the time to be dedicated to this assignment is expected to be limited, the Ethics Committee holds the view that the envisaged activity is compliant with the requirements of the Single Code<sup>2</sup>, which stipulate that private activities should neither have a negative impact on your obligations as a member of the Governing Council nor damage the ECB's reputation.

Against the foregoing, the Ethics Committee has no objections to your accepting the invitation to become a member in the AAC of the EIB. This assessment applies exclusively to your role as member of the Governing Council and is without prejudice to the application of rules which you may be subject to by virtue of your duties and responsibilities at the Central Bank of Malta.

For the sake of good order, the Ethics Committee wishes to recall your obligation of professional secrecy at all times, as well as the need to reflect this activity in the next regular update of your Declaration of Interests.

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<sup>1</sup> Article 7.3 Single Code

<sup>2</sup> Article 7.1 Single Code

Finally, please also note that in line with the transparency policy adopted by the Governing Council in February 2022, opinions issued by the Ethics Committee on private activities of high-level ECB officials are published on the ECB website with a six-month delay<sup>3</sup>.

With kind regards,

The Chairman of the Ethics Committee (Erkki Liikanen)

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<sup>3</sup> [https://www.ecb.europa.eu/press/govcdec/otherdec/2022/html/ecb\\_gc220218~ae2df56b2a.en.html](https://www.ecb.europa.eu/press/govcdec/otherdec/2022/html/ecb_gc220218~ae2df56b2a.en.html)