COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2021/1869

of 19 October 2021

amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of the Banca d'Italia

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to Protocol No 4 on the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the European Central Bank, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 27.1 thereof,

Having regard to the Recommendation of the European Central Bank of 7 September 2021 to the Council of the European Union on the external auditors of the Banca d'Italia (ECB/2021/41) ([1]),

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 the current external auditors of the Banca d'Italia, BDO Italia S.p.A., ended after the audit for the financial year 2020. It is therefore necessary to appoint external auditors as from the financial year 2021.

(3) The Banca d'Italia has selected Deloitte & Touche S.p.A. as its external auditors for the financial years 2021 to 2022.

(4) The Governing Council of the ECB recommended that Deloitte & Touche S.p.A. be appointed as the external auditors of the Banca d'Italia for the financial years 2021 to 2022.

(5) Following the recommendation of the Governing Council of the ECB, Council Decision 1999/70/EC ([2]) should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 1 of Decision 1999/70/EC, paragraph 6 is replaced by the following:

'6. Deloitte & Touche S.p.A. are hereby approved as the external auditors of the Banca d'Italia for the financial years 2021 to 2022.'.

Article 2

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

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the ECB.

([1]) OJ C 370, 15.9.2021, p. 1.

([2]) Council Decision 1999/70/EC of 25 January 1999 concerning the external auditors of the national central banks (OJ L 22, 29.1.1999, p. 69).

Done at Luxembourg, 19 October 2021.

For the Council
The President
G. DOVŽAN