



BANK OF GREECE  
EUROSYSTEM

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023  
NINETY SIXTH YEAR  
(in euro)

| ASSETS                                    |                                                                                                                                                                     |             | 31.12.2023      | 31.12.2022      |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1.                                        | Gold and gold receivables                                                                                                                                           |             | 9,118,836,040   | 8,315,986,789   |
| 2.                                        | Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency                                                                                                   |             | 5,471,970,488   | 5,173,082,228   |
| 2.1                                       | Receivables from the International Monetary Fund (IMF)                                                                                                              |             | 1,674,596,524   | 1,728,659,968   |
| 2.2                                       | Balances with banks and security investments, external loans and other external assets                                                                              |             | 3,797,373,964   | 3,444,422,260   |
| 3.                                        | Claims on euro area residents denominated in foreign currency                                                                                                       |             | 345,822,277     | 482,908,368     |
| 3.1                                       | General government                                                                                                                                                  | 0           |                 | 23,944,221      |
| 3.2                                       | Other claims                                                                                                                                                        | 345,822,277 |                 | 458,964,147     |
| 4.                                        | Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in euro                                                                                                               |             | 24,489          | 22,784          |
| 4.1                                       | Balances with banks, security investments and loans                                                                                                                 |             | 24,489          | 22,784          |
| 4.2                                       | Claims arising from the credit facility under ERM II                                                                                                                |             | 0               | 0               |
| 5.                                        | Lending to euro area credit institutions related to monetary policy operations denominated in euro                                                                  |             | 14,339,000,000  | 35,423,400,000  |
| 5.1                                       | Main refinancing operations                                                                                                                                         |             | 0               | 0               |
| 5.2                                       | Longer-term refinancing operations                                                                                                                                  |             | 14,339,000,000  | 35,423,400,000  |
| 5.3                                       | Fine-tuning reverse operations                                                                                                                                      |             | 0               | 0               |
| 5.4                                       | Structural reverse operations                                                                                                                                       |             | 0               | 0               |
| 5.5                                       | Marginal lending facility                                                                                                                                           |             | 0               | 0               |
| 5.6                                       | Credits related to margin calls                                                                                                                                     |             | 0               | 0               |
| 6.                                        | Other claims on euro area credit institutions denominated in euro                                                                                                   |             | 1,682,246       | 1,486,496       |
| 7.                                        | Securities of euro area residents denominated in euro                                                                                                               |             | 160,551,153,357 | 160,420,762,541 |
| 7.1                                       | Securities held for monetary policy purposes                                                                                                                        |             | 143,172,450,175 | 148,154,939,009 |
| 7.2                                       | Other securities of euro area residents denominated in euro                                                                                                         |             | 17,378,703,182  | 12,265,823,532  |
| 8.                                        | General government long-term debt denominated in euro                                                                                                               |             | 2,941,022,742   | 3,478,819,849   |
| 9.                                        | Intra-Eurosystem claims                                                                                                                                             |             | 30,044,111,311  | 22,287,438,863  |
| 9.1                                       | Participating interest in the ECB                                                                                                                                   |             | 503,561,541     | 503,561,541     |
| 9.2                                       | Claims equivalent to the transfer of foreign reserves to the ECB                                                                                                    |             | 997,925,769     | 997,925,769     |
| 9.3                                       | Net claims related to the allocation of euro banknotes within the Eurosystem                                                                                        |             | 25,157,169,805  | 20,073,139,395  |
| 9.4                                       | Net claims arising from balances of TARGET accounts                                                                                                                 |             | 0               | 0               |
| 9.5                                       | Other claims within the Eurosystem (net)                                                                                                                            |             | 3,385,454,196   | 712,812,158     |
| 10.                                       | Items in course of settlement                                                                                                                                       |             | 0               | 0               |
| 11.                                       | Other assets                                                                                                                                                        |             | 3,656,273,780   | 2,880,765,658   |
| 11.1                                      | Coins of euro area                                                                                                                                                  |             | 36,302,711      | 46,813,436      |
| 11.2                                      | Tangible and intangible fixed assets                                                                                                                                |             | 592,570,979     | 570,170,655     |
| 11.3                                      | Other financial assets                                                                                                                                              |             | 125,807,396     | 115,818,250     |
| 11.4                                      | Off-balance-sheet instruments revaluation differences                                                                                                               |             | 813,130         | 45,202          |
| 11.5                                      | Accruals and prepaid expenses                                                                                                                                       |             | 2,340,924,708   | 1,595,246,747   |
| 11.6                                      | Sundry                                                                                                                                                              |             | 559,854,856     | 552,671,368     |
| TOTAL ASSETS                              |                                                                                                                                                                     |             | 226,469,896,730 | 238,464,673,576 |
|                                           |                                                                                                                                                                     |             |                 |                 |
| OFF-BALANCE-SHEET ITEMS                   |                                                                                                                                                                     |             | 31.12.2023      | 31.12.2022      |
| 1.                                        | Greek government securities relating to the management of the "Common capital of legal entities in public law and social security funds" according to Law 2469/97   |             | 68,985,745,262  | 62,827,172,348  |
| 2.                                        | Greek government securities and other debt securities relating to the management and custody of assets of public entities, social security funds and private agents |             | 5,685,354,946   | 5,886,169,738   |
| 3.                                        | Assets eligible as collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy operations and intraday credit                                                                         |             | 29,582,079,377  | 50,863,532,362  |
| 4.                                        | Other off-balance-sheet items                                                                                                                                       |             | 11,349,208,605  | 12,610,228,014  |
| TOTAL OFF-BALANCE-SHEET ITEMS             |                                                                                                                                                                     |             | 115,602,388,190 | 132,187,102,462 |
|                                           |                                                                                                                                                                     |             |                 |                 |
| PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 2023 |                                                                                                                                                                     |             |                 |                 |
|                                           |                                                                                                                                                                     |             | 2023            | 2022            |
|                                           |                                                                                                                                                                     |             | (in euro)       |                 |
| 1.                                        | Net interest income                                                                                                                                                 |             | -3,084,475,258  | 2,290,875       |
| 1.1                                       | Interest income                                                                                                                                                     |             | 3,257,084,683   | 1,105,976,743   |
| 1.2                                       | Interest expense                                                                                                                                                    |             | -6,341,559,941  | -1,103,685,868  |
| 2.                                        | Net result of financial operations and write-downs                                                                                                                  |             | 66,273,180      | 22,143,460      |
| 2.1                                       | Realised gains arising from financial operations                                                                                                                    |             | 79,122,485      | 76,385,714      |
| 2.2                                       | Write-downs on financial assets and positions                                                                                                                       |             | -12,849,305     | -54,242,254     |
| 3.                                        | Net income from fees and commissions                                                                                                                                |             | 138,710,123     | 130,362,534     |
| 3.1                                       | Fees and commissions income                                                                                                                                         |             | 148,477,026     | 139,799,392     |
| 3.2                                       | Fees and commissions expense                                                                                                                                        |             | -9,766,903      | -9,436,858      |
| 4.                                        | Income from equity shares and participating interests                                                                                                               |             | 3,996,566       | 3,993,279       |
| 5.                                        | Net result of pooling of monetary income                                                                                                                            |             | 3,377,651,143   | 706,062,158     |
| 6.                                        | Other income                                                                                                                                                        |             | 41,516,332      | 20,241,097      |
| Total net income                          |                                                                                                                                                                     |             | 543,672,086     | 885,093,403     |
| 7.                                        | Staff costs and pension benefit expenses                                                                                                                            |             | -292,259,236    | -272,373,563    |
| 8.                                        | Other administrative expenses                                                                                                                                       |             | -63,321,612     | -66,377,217     |
| 9.                                        | Depreciation of tangible and intangible fixed assets                                                                                                                |             | -11,942,697     | -11,158,851     |
| Total expenses before provisions          |                                                                                                                                                                     |             | -367,523,545    | -349,909,631    |
| Profit before provisions                  |                                                                                                                                                                     |             | 176,148,541     | 535,183,772     |
| 10.                                       | Provisions                                                                                                                                                          |             | -77,441,559     | -78,408,348     |
| NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR                   |                                                                                                                                                                     |             | 98,706,982      | 456,775,424     |

| LIABILITIES       |                                                                                                        |  | 31.12.2023      | 31.12.2022      |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1.                | Banknotes in circulation                                                                               |  | 35,380,149,525  | 35,771,610,915  |
| 2.                | Liabilities to euro area credit institutions related to monetary policy operations denominated in euro |  | 27,967,319,526  | 43,694,914,508  |
| 2.1               | Current accounts (covering the minimum reserve system)                                                 |  | 2,456,691,052   | 2,507,194,960   |
| 2.2               | Deposit facility                                                                                       |  | 25,510,628,474  | 41,187,719,548  |
| 2.3               | Fixed-term deposits                                                                                    |  | 0               | 0               |
| 2.4               | Fine-tuning reverse operations                                                                         |  | 0               | 0               |
| 2.5               | Deposits related to margin calls                                                                       |  | 0               | 0               |
| 3.                | Other liabilities to euro area credit institutions denominated in euro                                 |  | 0               | 0               |
| 4.                | Liabilities to other euro area residents denominated in euro                                           |  | 26,491,373,087  | 25,057,106,363  |
| 4.1               | General government                                                                                     |  | 25,726,540,595  | 23,800,806,836  |
| 4.2               | Other liabilities                                                                                      |  | 764,832,492     | 1,256,299,527   |
| 5.                | Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in euro                                             |  | 2,978,760,941   | 3,076,522,869   |
| 6.                | Liabilities to euro area residents denominated in foreign currency                                     |  | 1,702,212,353   | 1,756,096,807   |
| 7.                | Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency                                 |  | 2,621           | 2,715           |
| 7.1               | Deposits and other liabilities                                                                         |  | 2,621           | 2,715           |
| 7.2               | Liabilities arising from the credit facility under ERM II                                              |  | 0               | 0               |
| 8.                | Intra-Eurosystem liabilities                                                                           |  | 114,955,507,920 | 112,440,835,732 |
| 8.1               | Liabilities related to promissory notes backing the issuance of ECB debt certificates                  |  | 0               | 0               |
| 8.2               | Net liabilities related to the allocation of euro banknotes within the Eurosystem                      |  | 0               | 0               |
| 8.3               | Net liabilities arising from balances of TARGET accounts                                               |  | 114,955,507,920 | 112,440,835,732 |
| 8.4               | Other liabilities within the Eurosystem (net)                                                          |  | 0               | 0               |
| 9.                | Items in course of settlement                                                                          |  | 5,807,004       | 13,199,947      |
| 10.               | Other liabilities                                                                                      |  | 932,035,114     | 1,392,845,189   |
| 10.1              | Off-balance-sheet instruments revaluation differences                                                  |  | 0               | 163,611         |
| 10.2              | Accruals and income collected in advance                                                               |  | 786,014,312     | 856,846,888     |
| 10.3              | Sundry                                                                                                 |  | 146,020,802     | 535,834,690     |
| 11.               | Provisions                                                                                             |  | 4,468,136,872   | 4,465,767,289   |
| 12.               | Revaluation accounts                                                                                   |  | 8,043,834,435   | 7,336,388,673   |
| 13.               | Capital and reserves                                                                                   |  | 3,544,757,332   | 3,459,382,569   |
| 13.1              | Capital                                                                                                |  | 111,243,362     | 111,243,362     |
| 13.2              | Ordinary reserve                                                                                       |  | 111,243,362     | 111,243,362     |
| 13.3              | Extraordinary reserve                                                                                  |  | 575,889,379     | 490,531,600     |
| 13.4              | Special reserve for financial risks                                                                    |  | 2,744,771,262   | 2,744,771,262   |
| 13.5              | Other special reserves                                                                                 |  | 1,609,967       | 1,592,983       |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES |                                                                                                        |  | 226,469,896,730 | 238,464,673,576 |

NOTES:

1. Under Article 54A of the Bank's Statute, the financial statements of the Bank of Greece are drawn up in accordance with the accounting principles and methods applying from time to time to the European System of Central Banks (ESCB), as established by the European Central Bank (ECB) by Guideline (EU) 2016/2249 of 3.11.2016 (ECB/2016/34) and its subsequent amendments. These principles are based on generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), tailored to best suit the needs and reflect the special status of the national central banks (NCBs) of the Eurosystem. It should also be noted that the Bank's liabilities in respect of post-employment benefits are accounted for in accordance with Decision (EU) 2016/2247 of the European Central Bank of 3.11.2016 on the annual accounts of the European Central Bank (ECB/2016/35) as amended. Any issues that are not covered by the aforementioned principles and ECB guidelines or are governed by non-mandatory provisions are to be treated either in accordance with the ECB recommendations or in accordance with the Bank's Statute and Law 4308/2014 "Greek Accounting Standards, relevant arrangements, and other provisions", to the extent that it does not contravene the provisions of the Statute.

2. Gold has been valued at the price provided by the ECB as at 29.12.2023: €1,867,828 per fine ounce, compared with €1,706,075 as at 30.12.2022.

3. Claims/liabilities denominated in foreign currency have been converted to euro, using the euro foreign exchange reference rates of the ECB as at 29.12.2023.

4. Debt securities (other than those held-to-maturity, non-marketable securities and securities held for monetary policy purposes) have been valued at the mid-market prices of 29.12.2023. Marketable debt securities classified as held-to-maturity, non-marketable securities and securities held for monetary policy purposes are valued at amortised cost and are subject to impairment.

5. An impairment test on real estate (land and buildings), carried out on 31 December 2023, led to a partial reversal of past impairment losses of €27.4 million and to an impairment loss of €3.6 million, with a total positive effect of €23.8 million on the results for the year.

6. The Bank's provisions include provisions against financial and operational risks, provisions for staff insurance benefits, as well as special provisions. The latter include a litigation provision against potential liabilities in respect of pending lawsuits initiated by third parties against the Bank.

7. Revaluation accounts include unrealised revaluation gains on gold, foreign currency instruments and securities, as well as the remeasurement results of the net defined benefit obligations of the Bank in respect of post-employment benefits, which reflect actuarial gains/losses.

8. Other off-balance-sheet items include the liability of the Hellenic Republic to the IMF from the SDR allocations, of a total amount of SDR 3.1 billion, equivalent to €3.8 billion as at 31.12.2023 (31.12.2022: €3.9 billion).

9. Certain items of the profit and loss account for the year 2022 have been reclassified to be comparable with the respective items of the year 2023.

STATEMENT OF PROFIT DISTRIBUTION (\*)  
(Article 71 of the Statute)

|                                                                                         |             |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
|                                                                                         | 2023        | 2022         |
|                                                                                         | (in euro)   |              |
| Profit for the year                                                                     | 98,706,982  | 456,775,424  |
| Dividend to be distributed for the year 2023 (€ 0.6720 per share for 19,864,886 shares) | -13,349,203 | -13,349,203  |
| Extraordinary reserve                                                                   | -85,357,779 | -42,700,000  |
| Amount to be transferred to the Greek State                                             | 0           | -400,726,221 |
|                                                                                         | 0           | 0            |

\* The profit distribution is subject to approval by the General Meeting of Shareholders.

Athens, 4 March 2024

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**To the Shareholders of the Bank of Greece**

**Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of the Bank of Greece (the Bank), which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2023, the profit and loss account and the statement of profit distribution for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Bank as at 31 December 2023 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles and methods established by the European Central Bank (ECB), under the "Guideline (EU) 2016/2249 of 3.11.2016 (ECB/2016/34)" as amended and currently in force, as adopted by the Bank in Article 54A of its Statute. For matters that may not be covered by the aforementioned ECB rules or whose application is not mandatory but recommended, either the ECB recommendations or the provisions of the Bank's Statute in conjunction with Law 4308/2014 "Greek Accounting Standards, relevant arrangements and other provisions" shall be followed, as appropriate, to the extent that they do not contradict with the provisions of the Statute.

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as these have been incorporated into Greek legislation. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We have been independent of the Bank during the whole period of our appointment in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) as incorporated into Greek legislation and the ethical requirements in Greece relevant to the audit of the financial statements and we have fulfilled our ethical requirements in accordance with the applicable legislation and the above-mentioned Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Key Audit Matter**

A key audit matter is this matter that, in our professional judgement, was of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. This matter and the relevant risks of material misstatement was addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on this matter.

In this context, we describe below how our audit addressed the issue below.

We have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report, including those related to the key audit matter. Accordingly, our audit included performing procedures designed to address the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements. The results of our auditing procedures, including the procedures performed on the matter below, provide a basis for our opinion on the financial statements.

| Key audit matter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | How our audit addressed the key audit matter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <p><b>Provision against financial risks</b></p> <p>The Bank recognises, measures and monitors the financial risks arising from its assets such as euro-denominated securities issued by euro area residents and euro-denominated loans to euro area credit institutions not related to monetary policy operations.</p> <p>In addition, financial risks include risks arising from the exercise of the monetary policy of the Eurosystem which are measured by the European Central Bank.</p> <p>Following a decision of the Bank's Risk Management Committee, which took into account the measurement of financial risks based on the VaR (Value at Risk) method, a provision for financial risks has been established, which amounted to EUR 1,622 million as at 31 December 2023.</p> <p>The measurement process for financial risks (including credit risk and market risk) is complex, involves estimates and methodological assumptions and has a significant impact on the Bank's results. We therefore considered it to be a key audit matter.</p> <p>The Bank's management has provided information on the provision against financial risks in the section IV. Note 11 "Provisions", paragraph "c. Provisions against Financial and Operational Risks" of the financial statements.</p> | <p>Based on the audit risk assessment and following a risk-based approach, we assessed the financial risks measurement process. Our audit procedures include, among others, the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Understanding of the process of the financial risks and methodology used by the Bank to recognise, measure and monitor the accounting estimates of provisions and verify the approvals of the amount of the provision by the relevant level of authority within the Bank of Greece.</li> <li>2. Assessment of the design and implementation of the internal controls related to the measurement of financial risks (credit risk and market risk).</li> <li>3. With the participation of EY specialists, we reviewed the methodology and the relevant assumptions used by the Bank for the measurement of provisions and performed independent recalculations on a sample basis.</li> <li>4. Examination of the accuracy and completeness of the Bank's assets used to measure the provisions.</li> <li>5. Assessment of the completeness and the accuracy of the disclosures in the financial statements related to this key audit matter.</li> </ol> |

## Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information is included in the General Council's Report, referred to in the "Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements", but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## Responsibilities of the Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the accounting principles and methods established by the European Central Bank (ECB), under the "Guideline (EU) 2016/2249 of 3.11.2016 (ECB/2016/34)" as amended and currently in force, as adopted by the Bank in Article 54A of its Statute.

For matters that may not be covered by the aforementioned ECB rules or whose application is not mandatory but recommended, either the ECB recommendations or the provisions of the Bank's Statute in conjunction with Law 4308/2014 "Greek Accounting Standards, relevant arrangements, and other provisions" shall be followed, as appropriate, to the extent that they do not contradict with the provisions of the Statute, where these have been implemented by the Bank, and for such internal controls as Management determines are necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, Management is responsible for assessing the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting.

The Audit Committee (article 44 of Law 4449/2017) of the Bank is responsible for overseeing the Bank's financial reporting process.

## **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements, as a whole, are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but it is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs, as these have been incorporated into Greek legislation, will always detect a material misstatement, when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users made on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, as these have been incorporated into Greek legislation, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bank's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by Management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion.

Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Bank to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements present fairly the underlying transactions and events.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and we communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those of most significance in the audit of the financial statements for the current period and are, therefore, the key audit matters.

## **Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

### **1. General Council's Report**

Taking into consideration that Management is responsible for the preparation of the General Council's Report for the financial year 2023, which also includes the Corporate Governance Statement, according to the provisions of paragraph 5 of article 2 of Law 4336/2015 (part B), we note the following:

- a) The General Council's Report includes the Corporate Governance Statement, which provides the information required by article 152 of Law 4548/2018.
- b) In our opinion, the General Council's Report for the financial year 2023 has been prepared in accordance with the Bank's Statute and the applicable legal requirements of articles 150-151 and paragraph 1 (subparagraphs c' and d') of article 152 of Law 4548/2018 and its content is consistent with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.
- c) Based on the knowledge we obtained during our audit of the Bank of Greece and its environment, we have not identified any material inconsistencies in the General Council's Report.

## **2. Additional Report to the Audit Committee**

Our audit opinion on the financial statements is consistent with the additional report to the Bank's Audit Committee referred to in Article 11 of European Union (EU) Regulation 537/2014.

## **3. Non-audit Services**

We have not provided to the Bank any prohibited non-audit services referred to in Article 5 of European Union (EU) Regulation 537/2014.

The allowable non-audit services provided to the Bank, during the year ended 31 December 2023 are disclosed in Note 5 in Section VI. "Additional Information" of the financial statements.

## **4. Appointment**

We were appointed statutory auditors for the first time by the General Assembly of the Bank of Greece on 07 April 2022. Since then, our appointment has been renewed for the fiscal year 2023 by the General Assembly of the Bank of Greece held on 07/04/2023.

04 March 2024

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