



DIRECTORATE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

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### Request for public access to ECB documents

On 17 May 2022 the European Central Bank (ECB) received your application for access to “*all documents / statements (including communications) relating to support purchases/sales on the foreign exchange market during the last twelve months.*” On 19 May 2022 you had been informed that this request was put on hold until conclusion of the other public access requests you had addressed to the ECB.

On 23 May 2022, in response to your enquiry about the status of pending requests, the ECB asked you to indicate which of them should be given priority. In the absence of any reply from you, on 9 June 2022 the ECB informed you that it would start assessing your request for the ECB instruction prohibiting the business operations of Sberbank Europe AG, and that the present request would be handled immediately afterwards. However, since the search for the documents relating to support purchases/sales on the foreign exchange market could be performed swiftly and in the interest of good administration, we gladly reply to your request even before finalisation of the other request currently being processed.

In this respect, following a thorough examination of your request in accordance with Decision ECB/2004/3 on public access to ECB documents<sup>1</sup>, we would like to inform you that no documents were found that would correspond to the description given in your application. In line with its commitment to high transparency standards, the ECB publishes information on its foreign exchange interventions on its website on a quarterly basis<sup>2</sup> and, as displayed on the same page, the last foreign exchange intervention dates from 2011.

Yours sincerely,

<sup>1</sup> [Decision ECB/2004/3](#) of 4 March 2004 on public access to European Central Bank documents (OJ L 80, 18.3.2004, p. 42).

<sup>2</sup> ECB foreign exchange interventions:  
[https://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/balance\\_of\\_payments\\_and\\_external/international\\_reserves/fx\\_interventions/html/index.en.html](https://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/balance_of_payments_and_external/international_reserves/fx_interventions/html/index.en.html)

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