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Request for public access to ECB documents

Dear professor,

On 30 April 2021 the European Central Bank (ECB) received your application for public access to *“any minutes of the internal discussions on the secondary mandate in the Governing Council between 1998 and 2003”* and *“any minutes of discussions on the secondary mandate in the context of the 2003 review of the monetary policy strategy”*.

After having carefully examined your request in accordance with [Decision ECB/2004/3](#)¹, we regret to inform you that there is no document that meets the criteria of your request. Please note that within the period of your interest, the members of the Governing Council preferred to have exchanges of views at informal background seminars. At the time, in order to stimulate the discussion and to ensure a free and open exchange of opinions, free of all potential external constraints linked to the risk of being misinterpreted or giving the wrong signal outside the Eurosystem, such exchanges were not recorded, and thus there are no minutes that meet the criteria of your request. The participants benefitted from background documents prepared by the ECB. Some of these background documents have been published already and we have listed the publications in the enclosed annex.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Petra Senkovic
Director General Secretariat

[signed]

Margarita-Louiza Karydi
Head of the Compliance and Governance Division

¹ Decision ECB/2004/3 of the European Central Bank of 4 March 2004 on public access to European Central Bank documents (OJ L 80, 18.3.2004, p. 42).

Annex

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ECB Working Paper No 190

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