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Introduction

As part of its activities, the Eurosystem Procurement Coordination Office (EPCO) is in charge of coordinating joint procurements for central banks of the Eurosystem / European System of Central Banks (ESCB) as well as other non-ESCB institutions.

Within this framework Deutsche Bundesbank has been appointed by the Governing Council of the European Central Bank (ECB) as Lead Central Bank and contracting authority for the procurement of Credit Rating Agencies Services on behalf of the EPCO members.

Outcome

With the attached contract award notice we announce the conclusion of a Framework Agreement with Fitch Solutions Limited, 30 North Colonnade, London E14 5GN on Research Services for all statutory tasks.

With this agreement the ECAI certificated vendor Fitch has become a selected provider for Central Banks and Banking Supervision Institutions in the next 4 years. In addition to the partnerships established with Standard & Poor's and DBRS, this is the third agreement with an ECAI certified economic operator establishing a Corporate License on Research Services for the EPCO Group members to support their statutory missions in particular for the market operations and risk management areas of responsibility.

We are pleased about the achieved agreements for all participating partners.

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