

**Question for written answer Z-044/2020
to the European Central Bank**

Rule 140

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Subject: Policy on the prevention of conflicts of interest at the ECB

The members of the Governing Council of the ECB published their declarations of interests, under the ECB's Code of Conduct, on 9 June 2020.

Pursuant to Decision (EU) 2015/433 of the ECB concerning the establishment of an Ethics Committee and its rules of procedure, the Ethics Committee is responsible for ensuring that staff and high-ranking officials at the ECB comply with ethics rules.

1. How does the Ethics Committee go about assessing the declarations of interests of the members of the Governing Council?
2. What procedure does the Ethics Committee follow and what measures or sanctions can be applied when it detects a conflict of interests?
3. What guarantee is there of the independence of the Ethics Committee when it is the members of the Governing Council that appoint its members and decide on their remuneration?