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to the European Central Bank
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Subject: The digital euro and the north of Ireland

As planning for and examination of the possible introduction of the digital euro continue, I wish to once again draw the ECB’s attention to the circumstances of the north of Ireland.

As per the Irish Protocol, the north of Ireland remains in the EU single market for some purposes. This unique situation is designed to protect the all-island economy. It is my view that a digital euro could undermine the aim of the protocol if it were limited to only part of the island.

Will the ECB take this situation into account when determining the design and geographical limits of the digital euro (i.e. who can hold digital euros)?