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to the European Central Bank
Rule 140
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Subject: The ECB’s efforts to listen to the public

The President of the ECB has committed to improving and expanding its efforts to listen to the public and their concerns, as reflected in the ECB Listens events.

1. What are the ECB’s intentions regarding the transformation of ‘listening events’ into a ‘structural feature, extending the principle of two-way communication’ that the ECB has with ‘the European Parliament directly to citizens’. Could the ECB expand on this?

As announced in its climate roadmap, the ECB intends to ‘develop proposals to adapt the CSPP (corporate sector purchase programme) framework to include climate change considerations’. From 21 May to 2 July 2021, the Bank of England carried out a consultation exercise on options for greening its corporate bond purchase scheme in which several organisations and experts took part.

2. Given the significant contribution of civil society organisations and academics to the discussion on the environmental impacts that affects society at first hand, will the ECB consider following the good example set by the Bank of England and organise a public consultation to allow civil society to take part in the conversation?