

Communication related to the resolution of the Shareholders' Meeting on the Financial Statements 2019

On 27 March 2020 the European Central Bank (ECB) issued a Recommendation to all significant banks on the issue of dividend distribution during the COVID 19 pandemic – ECB/2020/19 – which repeals the previous Recommendation on dividend distribution policies – ECB/2020/1. Also on 27 March 2020, accepting the invitation of the European Central Bank, Bank of Italy extended this Recommendation to the less significant banks under its direct supervision.

The ECB considers essentially that credit institutions can continue to fulfil their role to fund households, small and medium enterprises and companies following the economic shock related to COVID19. For this purpose, it is therefore essential that credit institutions conserve capital resources necessary to support the economy at a time of great uncertainty caused by COVID 19.

Therefore, the European Central Bank has recommended that at least until 1 October 2020 significant banks:

- do not pay out dividends, including the distribution of reserves, and do not undertake irrevocable commitment to pay out dividends for the financial year 2019 and 2020;
- refrain from share buy-backs aimed at remunerating shareholders.

In compliance with the above mentioned Recommendations, on the proposal of the Board of Directors, the Shareholders' Meeting has resolved:

- to approve the financial statements as at 31 December 2019
- not to proceed with the distribution of dividends and to approve the proposal to allocate the profit for the financial year as follows:

	Euro
Profit for the year	81,270,125
Legal reserve	4,063,506
Coverage of accumulated losses	115,862
Extraordinary reserve	77,090,757
Dividends	0