Honourable President of the European Parliament, dear Ms Metsola,

I am pleased to inform you that the ECB Annual Report 2021 will be published in 22 official EU languages on the ECB’s website at 09:00 CET on Thursday, 28 April 2022.

The ECB’s Annual Report is prepared in accordance with Article 284 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 15 of the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the European Central Bank and will also be submitted to the Council of the European Union, the Eurogroup, the European Commission and the European Council.

The report covers the ECB’s monetary policy and economic and financial developments in 2021 and presents the activities of the Eurosystem in its various areas of competence during the year under review. In addition, this publication includes the ECB’s Sustainability Report presented in a new chapter with all sustainability-related activities and initiatives of the ECB. With this, our existing environmental reporting framework is expanded to incorporate also social and governance-related considerations in an integrated format, in line with the call included in the European Parliament resolution of 10 February 2021 on the ECB Annual Report 2019.¹

¹ See paragraph 43 in the European Parliament resolution of 10 February 2021 on the European Central Bank - annual report 2020 (2020/2123(INI)).
The electronic advance version of this year's Annual Report in English, which is attached to this letter, is made available to you and to the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs under embargo.

In line with the practice that we adopted in 2016 in response to a suggestion from the European Parliament, the ECB will publish, alongside the Annual Report 2021, its response to the points made by the Parliament in the resolution it adopted on the ECB Annual Report for 2020 in February of this year. This document is also annexed to this letter and is transmitted to you under the same embargo policy as the Annual Report.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Cc: Ms Irene Tinagli, Chair of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs of the European Parliament

List of attachments:
ECB Annual Report for 2021
Annex – Feedback on the input provided by the European Parliament as part of its resolution on the ECB Annual Report for 2020

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