

DIRECTORATE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

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## Request for public access to ECB documents

Dear Mr 

On 13 February 2021 the European Central Bank (ECB) received your application for access to the “current and complete energy demand card for the European Central Bank Sonnemannstrasse 20, 60314 Frankfurt am Main”. The ECB, after having carefully examined your request in line with Decision ECB/2004/3 on public access to ECB documents, has identified an ECB document of relevance to your application, namely the energy demand card for the ECB which has a validity of ten years (from 2015 until 2025).

Having assessed the document in line with the requirements of Decision ECB/2004/3 on public access to ECB documents, the ECB considers that access to the document can be granted since none of the exceptions listed in Article 4 of the Decision apply. Please find here<sup>1</sup> the requested document. The ECB publishes the total energy consumption and energy consumption per workplace. In addition to this, we would like to draw your attention to the ECB’s publicly available environmental statements<sup>2</sup>. Kindly note that, as the environmental statements do not disclose energy per square meter, there is no direct comparability with the information in the energy demand card.

Where applicable, parts containing personal data of third parties have been redacted, together with any information that would make the data subjects identifiable. Personal data are protected by Article 4(1)(b) of Decision ECB/2004/3 in conjunction with Article 9 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council . Article 9(1)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 stipulates that, for the transfer of personal data, the recipient must establish a necessity to have personal data transmitted. Since you have not established such a necessity, access to personal data in the documents must be refused on the basis of Article 4(1)(b) of Decision ECB/2004/3.

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<sup>1</sup>[https://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/access\\_to\\_documents/document/pa\\_document/shared/data/ecb.dr.par2021\\_OR0005energycertificate.de.pdf](https://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/access_to_documents/document/pa_document/shared/data/ecb.dr.par2021_OR0005energycertificate.de.pdf)

<sup>2</sup><https://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/orga/climate/green/html/all-releases.en.html>

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Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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