Object: Adoption of the questionnaire prepared by the European Central Bank, with the addition of national specificities, as part of the fit and proper assessment of the management bodies of significant banks.

According to the supervisory provisions for procedures to assess the suitability of management bodies, the Bank of Italy may ask intermediaries to send standard questionnaires for verifying the suitability requisites and criteria provided for in the Decree of the Ministry of Economy and Finance 169/2020.

On 8 December, the European Central Bank (ECB) published the final version of its questionnaire for the fit and proper assessment (FAP) of management bodies, following the consultation carried out for this purpose. This questionnaire is designed to ensure that the assessments are based on comprehensive and adequate information and to encourage a consistent application of the EU rules on FAP assessment. The questionnaire published on the ECB website (core questionnaire) needs to be supplemented in order to be consistent with the specificities of national legislation.

The Bank of Italy shares the aims pursued by the ECB and has supplemented the core questionnaire with some limited information requests to align all the information gathered with the provisions of Ministerial Decree 169/2020. The supplemented questionnaire was submitted to the professional associations, which prepared some technical comments taken into due consideration by the Bank.

The purpose of this communication is to request that, in order to carry out the checks under Article 24 of Ministerial Decree 169/2020, as of 15 June 2022, banks classified as significant pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 1024/2013, shall transmit via the ECB portal (IMAS), at the time of the communications on the checks on the suitability of management bodies, the ECB questionnaire supplemented with national regulatory specificities (see attachment<sup>1</sup>), together with the other documents envisaged by the applicable regulations.

 $<sup>^1{\</sup>rm The}$  Italian and English versions of the core questionnaire and the Italian specificities will be made available on the Bank of Italy's website and on the ECB's IMAS portal.