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Andreas Ittner was appointed Vice Governor of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB) on July 11, 2013, and is responsible for the Executive Directorate Financial Stability, Banking Supervision and Statistics. Ittner joined the OeNB in 1983. He was a member of the OeNB's Governing Board from September 2008 prior to his appointment to the post of Vice Governor. In his capacity as Vice Governor, Ittner is the accompanying person of the Governor at meetings of the Governing Council of the European Central Bank (ECB). In addition, Ittner holds numerous national and international functions related to banking supervision, e.g. in the General Board of the European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB), the Board of Supervisors of the European Banking Authority (EBA) and in the Supervisory Board of the Austrian Financial Market Authority (FMA). Previous positions at the OeNB include that of Director of the Financial Stability and Bank Inspections Department.

Elke König

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Danièle Nouy is the Chairperson of the Supervisory Board of the Single Supervisory Mechanism at the ECB, where she has been since 1 January 2014. Ms. Nouy brings almost 40 years of experience in banking supervision. After her studies at the Panthéon-Assas University, she started her career as supervisor of French credit institutions for the French Banking Supervision Commission of Banque de France. She worked 20 years for Banque de France and gained substantial experience in the field of banking supervision in several posts e.g. Head of Research of the Department of the French Banking Commission (Commission Bancaire), Director of Supervision of French Banks – Commission Bancaire, Associate to the Secretary General of the Commission Bancaire. In 1996, Ms. Nouy became Deputy Secretary General of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision to become Secretary General in 1998. From 2010 to 2013, she returned to France as Secretary General of the Commission Bancaire and then from 2010 to 2013, Ms. Nouy became Secretary General of the French Prudential Supervision and Resolution Authority.

Ewald Nowotny

Ewald Nowotny is the Governor of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB) and a Member of the Governing Council of the European Central Bank (ECB). Before taking on his current position in September 2008, Ewald Nowotny held a number of high-level positions in financial institutions. He was CEO of the Austrian BAWAG P.S.K. banking group from 2006 to 2007, served as Vice-President and Member of the Management Committee of the European Investment Bank (EIB) in Luxembourg from 1999 to 2003, and, between 1971 and 1979, was first a Member and then President of the Governing Board of Öster-Postsparkasse reichische (P.S.K.). Moreover, from 1992 to 2008, Ewald Nowotny served on the supervisory boards of several banks and corporations and was a member of the OeNB's General Council from 2007 to 2008. Ewald Nowotny was born in Vienna, Austria, in 1944. He studied law and political science at the University of Vienna and economics at the Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS) in Vienna. In 1967, he received his doctorate in law from the University of Vienna. He served as a professor at the University of Linz and at the Vienna University of Economics and Business, where he was

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