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Mr Sven Giegold
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Re: Your letter

Dear Mr. Giegold,

Thank you for your questions, passed on to me by Sharon Bowles, Chairwoman of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, accompanied by a cover letter dated 6 March 2012.

As regards your questions on the two three-year longer-term refinancing operations (LTROs), please be aware that, in the first LTRO, the Eurosystem has allocated EUR 489 billion to 523 financial institutions. In the second LTRO, EUR 530 billion have been allocated to 800 financial institutions. However, it should be noted that in total about half of the amount allocated in both operations was in substitution for short-term borrowing from the Eurosystem, so that the net increase in liquidity was about EUR 520 billion.

With reference to your questions on the disclosure of information about the amounts provided to institutions in individual countries and individual institutions themselves please note that by conducting monetary policy for the entire euro area the ECB provides information on monetary policy operations for the euro area as a whole and not as a breakdown for each country. For confidentiality reasons information on the participation of individual financial institutions cannot be disclosed.

Furthermore it should be noted that, in a monetary union, a bank's bid in the context of refinancing operations is not systematically related to the country location of its headquarters but can take place via branches and subsidiaries located in different parts of the EU. Hence the reason why it is difficult, and potentially misleading, to make an exact attribution of borrowings and drawings for individual countries.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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