

Press release

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European Central Bank expresses condolences following the death of European Parliament President David Sassoli

The Governing Council, the General Council, the Executive Board and the staff of the European Central Bank are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of David Sassoli, President of the European Parliament.

Mr Sassoli was a dedicated European, a passionate President of the European Parliament since 2019, and a fighter for European democracy and human rights. As an MEP since 2009, he worked tirelessly for a more united and socially conscious Europe with citizens at its centre. His kindness and humility will be sorely missed.

“I am grieving President Sassoli’s passing. Europe has lost a leader and a tireless defender of European values,” said ECB President Christine Lagarde.

The ECB wishes to send its heartfelt condolences to Mr Sassoli’s family and to his friends and colleagues, and is flying its flags at half-mast in his honour.

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