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PRESS RELEASE

The webinar on the new Regulation on the sustainability-related disclosures in the financial sector "ESG disclosures in the financial services sector (SFDR)", organized by the Hellenic Capital Market Commission, was successfully completed on 17 June 2021. The purpose of the webinar was to inform the persons/entities falling into the scope of the transparency regulation of their disclosure obligations.

The Chair of the Hellenic Capital Market Commission and Member of the Management Board of the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), Mrs Vasiliki Lazarakou, pointed out that the diverse new European framework for Sustainability, in particular the ESG factors (Environment, Society and Governance) is a priority for the Hellenic Capital Market Commission, but also for the other National Competent Authorities given that these specific factors are rapidly being incorporated into the capital market legislation.

Mrs Lazarakou also noted that Sustainability is an important opportunity for companies that incorporate these practices in order to become more competitive in the international capital market.

The aim of the webinars is to inform the participants about the legislation, the obligations arising from that legislation and to be able to comply in time.

The webinar was coordinated by the representative of the Hellenic Capital Market Commission in the ESMA Coordination Network on Sustainability, Mrs Vassia Papaikononou, Economist PhD, and participants were given the opportunity to ask questions to the speakers on practical topics.

Deputy Chief Officer, Issuer Relations of the Athens Stock Exchange, Mrs Georgia Mourla, expressed her confidence that the initiatives taken by the Athens Stock Exchange in 2021, in the context of its continuous commitment to strengthen the disclosures framework and the efficiency of listed companies in terms of ESG, will contribute to the faster and more efficient adoption of the new regulatory framework by the Greek market and the increase of sustainable investments in our country.

The representative of the Hellenic Capital Market Commission in the Joint Committee Sub Committee on Consumer Protection and Financial Innovation of the European Supervisory Authorities, Mrs Eleni Vokou, presented the SFDR Regulation in terms of scope, categories of required disclosures, the core concepts of the Regulation and the relevant specific articles.

This was followed by the presentation by Mr Patrik Karlsson, ESMA representative in the Joint Committee Sub Committee on Consumer Protection and Financial Innovation of the European Supervisory Authorities and ESMA expert on SFDR Regulatory Technical Standards, of the final draft of the Regulatory Technical Standards on SFDR, and reference was made to the

second text of the Regulatory Technical Standards on financial products falling within the scope of the Taxonomy Regulation.

The President of the Hellenic Fund and Asset Management Association and also Chairman and CEO of Eurobank Asset Management M.F.M.C, Mr Theofanis Mylonas, referred to the challenges identified by institutional investors in implementing SFDR.

The individual presentations as well as the retransmission of the webinar are available on the website of the Hellenic Capital Market Commission <http://www.hcmc.gr/>.