

Athens, February 10, 2023

The IOSCO European Regional Committee (ERC) meeting was held in Athens on 10 February 2023

The Hellenic Capital Market Commission (HCMC) organized today, in Zappeion Megaro, in Athens, the IOSCO ERC meeting.

The discussions of the IOSCO ERC meeting touched upon important issues for the region as well as on an international basis, such as sustainable finance, national initiatives for the protection of private investors, fintech and cryptocurrencies.

To be noted that the newly elected Chair of IOSCO Board, who is also the Chair of the ERC, Mr. Jean Paul Servais, was also present at the IOSCO ERC Meeting in Athens and headed the relevant discussions. The Deputy General Secretary of IOSCO, Mr. Tajinder Singh also participated in the Athens IOSCO ERC Meeting as well as other Chairs and representatives of the IOSCO ERC members. The HCMC Chair and member of the Management Board of the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), Ms Vassiliki Lazarakou, recently assumed duties in the IOSCO Board, given that HCMC was elected as the member representing IOSCO ERC in the IOSCO Board as of October 2022 and for a period of 2 years.

The IOSCO ERC, which has 52 ordinary members, is one of the four regional committees of IOSCO and focuses its work on capital market issues in the wider European area.

Mr. Jean-Paul Servais, Chairman of the IOSCO Board, Chairman of the European Regional Committee and Chairman of the FSMA Belgium said the following: "I warmly thank Vasiliki Lazarakou, the chair of the Hellenic Capital Market Authority, for hosting the meeting of the IOSCO European Regional Committee today in Athens, Greece. More than 50 representatives gathered to discuss global developments in key areas such as sustainable finance, Fintech and crypto assets and their relevance for the protection of investors and the integrity of the markets in the region. These discussions will provide valuable feedback to the global work coordinated by IOSCO."

Vassiliki Lazarakou thanked the members of ERC for their wide representation in this ERC meeting in Athens and pointed out the importance of the deliberations and discussions of issues of common interest to capital market regulators like cryptos and consumer protection and the central role of IOSCO and the ERC in achieving coordination among the supervisory authorities and consequently international cooperation in respect of these matters.

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