

1 **List of interviews**

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3 The seven interviews conducted by both authors and experts explicitly for this project (all conducted via Zoom) were  
4 held with these individuals on this date.

5 Interview 1, ECB official, 28 July 2021

6 Interview 2, ECB official, 29 July 2021

7 Interview 3, ECB official, 17 August 2021

8 Interview 4, European Council official, 15 September 2021

9 Interview 5, economist at Bruegel, 22 September 2021

10 Interview 6, ECB official, 9 November 2021

11 Interview 7, European Commission official, 3 December 2021

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13 The interviews lasted about one hour. This research design was approved by the Human Ethics Board of the University  
14 of Victoria (16-162).

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