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Annex 6

Hypothetical Scenario Description and Answer Sheet

Consultant Name: *[please insert your name here]*

# General Note

Your answers for each question shall not exceed three pages each.

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# Questions

## What key challenges will the Eurosystem face in developing, maintaining, and governing a digital euro IT infrastructure that could accommodate various policy- and business decisions? (Weighting: 15%)

*[please insert your answer here, your answer shall not exceed three pages]*

## How can the Eurosystem achieve the appropriate balance between (i) minimising industry investment costs for the implementation of a digital euro, (ii) not producing undue dependence or giving undue preference to certain providers, (iii) offering a distinct value proposition that encourages consumers to pay with digital euro and (iv) not affecting the economic viability of private [European] initiatives, while ensuring that paying with digital euro is always an option for the consumer? (Weighting: 15%)

*[please insert your answer here, your answer shall not exceed three pages]*

## What must the Eurosystem take into account when deciding whether the digital euro infrastructure should be based on a centralised database technology or on distributed ledger technology? When thinking about advanced functionalities, what would be the differences and respective implications of providing such service directly on the Eurosystem infrastructure or via the systems of supervised intermediaries? (Weighting: 20%)

*[please insert your answer here, your answer shall not exceed three pages]*