

## **Statement on ECB approval from Carlos Torres Vila**

Today we have received the green light from the European Central Bank for our offer to the shareholders of Banco Sabadell.

This is a very significant new milestone that further underscores the strength and solvency of this project.

The combination of Banco Sabadell and BBVA creates a stronger and more profitable entity, which will have an additional lending capacity to families and businesses of 5 billion euros per year.

We expect to receive the remaining authorizations within our estimated timeframe and move forward with the most attractive project in European banking.