## PREFACE

This report brings up to date information provided by the following researches of Georgios Kaskarelis over the past years:

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Since the third version, some structural changes occurred in national central banks that had an impact on their staff number, activities and structure. For this reason, the regular update of the report is inevitable in order to include the recent developments.

This 4th version is not only updated but also largerly extended in order to offer more data to the reader.

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