



**Certificate of Approval of a Prospectus
pursuant to Article 8b Austrian Capital Market Act
transposing Articles 17 and 18 of Directive 2003/71/EC, as amended**

To: **Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht (Germany)**
Croatian Financial Services Supervisory Agency (Croatia)
Commission de surveillance du secteur financier (Luxembourg)
Czech National Bank (Czech Republic)
Hungarian Financial Supervisory Authority (Hungary)
Romanian National Securities Commission (CNVM)
National Bank of Slovakia (Slovak Republic)

From:

Finanzmarktaufsicht Österreich (FMA)
Financial Market Authority Austria

We hereby certify that the Third Supplement to the Base Prospectus detailed below has been drawn up in accordance with the Austrian Capital Market Act transposing Directive 2003/71/EC, as amended and was approved by us on August 18, 2014.

Name of Issuer: Erste Group Bank AG

Registered Office/Seat: Graben 21, 1010 Vienna, Austria

Type of Securities: EUR 30,000,000,000 Debt Issuance Programme

Annexes of the Commission Regulation (EC) No 809/2004 according to which the prospectus was drawn up: V, XI, XXI, XXII, XXX

Yours faithfully,

Financial Market Authority
On behalf of the Executive Board

Susanne Reder


Christoph Burgstaller

signed electronically

Date: August 18, 2014

Attachments:

- (1) Third Supplement, including the German translation of the Summary, dated August 18, 2014 to the Base Prospectus dated May 14, 2014
- (2) Summary of Base Prospectus in Croatian, Czech, Hungarian, Romanian and Slovak language
- (3)

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