



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND MONETARY AFFAIRS

Note for the attention of Representatives of National Parliaments

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ECON Committee Exchange of Views with National Parliaments on the 2015 cycle of the European Semester

For the fourth consecutive year, an exchange of views with National Parliaments on the 2015 cycle of the European Semester will take place in the context of an ordinary meeting of the Economic and monetary Affairs Committee (the ECON Committee) of the European Parliament, and as part of the parliamentary work on the ECON Report on the European Semester ("European Semester for economic policy coordination: implementation of 2015 priorities"). Although this meeting cannot be considered as a traditional interparliamentary meeting, it is nevertheless intended to foster a frank discussion between the National Parliaments and the European Parliament on the European Semester.

This exchange of views reflects the willingness of the ECON Committee to use innovative meeting formats in order to gather the national parliaments' views on issues relating to the European Semester before ECON concludes its work in 2015.

Purpose of the meeting

The country-specific recommendations adopted by the Council before the summer break will now have to be implemented in the draft budget laws that are currently being discussed. This is therefore a topical moment to have a debate on the outcome of the 2015 cycle of the European Semester.

Moreover, in the context of the ongoing discussion for the need to find an adequate balance between fiscal consolidation and growth enhancing measures, and due to the fact that the decisions taken by each national parliament in the context of the adoption of draft budget laws can have an impact on other Member States, it is vital to discuss the outcome of the 2015 cycle of the European Semester together.

An own initiative report on the 2015 cycle of the European Semester is currently being discussed at the European Parliament (Rapporteur: Mr Rosati). The purpose of the debate is therefore also to feed in the discussion before this report is formally adopted by the European Parliament, in view of giving feedback to the European Commission on the 2015 cycle of the European Semester before it releases the latest Annual Growth Survey, setting the economic and budgetary priorities for next year.

Practical organizational details

Sitting arrangements

Representatives of national parliaments will be seated in the center of the Committee meeting room, but behind Members of the ECON Committee, with one member of their staff next to each of them. Other accompanying staff will be seated in the rear rows.

Speaking-time rules

The exchange of views will be interpreted in 22 languages.

The meeting will start with a short presentation by the EP rapporteur Dariusz Rosati of his report on the 2015 cycle of the European Semester. The floor will then be given to representatives of national parliaments and MEPs.

Speaking cards will be used to facilitate the debate: representatives of national parliaments willing to speak will have to fill in a speaking card and hand it to the ushers.

The floor will be given alternatively to 2 representatives of national parliaments and 1 member of the ECON Committee.