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Scrutiny and oversight of the executive is an important part of the European Parliament's work, as set out in the Treaties and detailed in agreements between the EU institutions. Working alongside other services, the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) provides specialist support to parliamentary committees and to the institution as a whole, to enable scrutiny and oversight to be as effective as possible, throughout the whole policy cycle - both before legislation is adopted (*ex ante*) and after its adoption (*ex post*).

The Directorate for Impact Assessment and European Added Value of EPRS provides a range of analytical tools to support the scrutiny process, notably in the form of **rolling check-lists**. These comprehensive publications compile important, but otherwise largely inaccessible, material relating to various aspects of the EU law-making and policy cycles, and are updated on a regular basis.

[Review Clauses in EU Legislation: A Rolling Check-List \(Fifth edition\)](#)

By Ivana Kiendl Krišto and Stephan Huber, March 2017

This check-list provides parliamentary committees with a structured overview, by subject area and individual legislative act, of review clauses and the timelines for forthcoming reviews and other reporting provisions in EU legislation. It includes all legislative acts adopted from 2004 to 2016 (during the sixth, seventh and the current, eighth, parliamentary term) that contain a review, evaluation, implementation and/or monitoring clause. The check-list is updated annually.

[International Agreements – Review and Monitoring Clauses: A Rolling Check-List](#)

By Milan Remáč, March 2018

This rolling check-list of the review and monitoring clauses in international agreements provides an overview of review and monitoring clauses, sunset clauses and management and implementation clauses included in the international agreements concluded between the EU and third countries that are currently in force. The check-list is updated on a regular basis.

[Evaluation in the European Commission: Rolling Check-List and State of Play](#)

By Lorna Schrefler, November 2017

This check-list provides a comprehensive overview of ongoing and planned ex-post evaluations of EU legislation and spending programmes conducted by the Commission, as well as of their underpinning mechanisms. The check-list is updated annually.

[Special Reports of the European Court of Auditors: A Rolling Check-List of recent findings](#)

By Ron Korver and Gabriella Zana, March 2018

This rolling check-list presents an overview of the European Court of Auditors' special reports, concentrating on those relevant to the 2016 budgetary discharge procedure. The check-list links the special reports' research topics to the relevant debates and positions within the European Parliament, including the working documents of the Committee on Budgetary Control, the work of the specialised parliamentary committees, plenary resolutions and individual questions by Members.

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[European Commission follow-up to European Parliament requests](#)

By Roxana Osiac, Stephan Huber, Gabriella Zana-Szabo and Gertrud Malmersjö, January 2017

A new EPRS scrutiny tool which focuses on Parliamentary resolutions and subsequent actions taken by the Commission. It covers some 100 resolutions, based on own-initiative reports and adopted between the start of the current mandate and December 2015. These come from across parliamentary committees on a variety of topics. Since the Commission's responses do not always follow a set pattern, as some address the requests in great detail while others only make general observations, the study tries to trace back concrete actions taken beyond the formal Commission reply.

[European Council Conclusions: A Rolling Check-List of Commitments to Date](#)

By Izabela Bacian, Susanna Tenhunen, Ralf Drachenberg, December 2017

A rolling check-list of European Council conclusions, which lists all the European Council's commitments or policy pronouncements by subject area since 2010, showing the evolution of wording of each issue over time and detailing the degree of implementation of such commitments to date. The check-list was launched in June 2014, is updated four times a year, and is now in its fourteenth edition.

[Country-Specific Recommendations – Scorecard for 2013: How far are EU Member States meeting their European Council commitments? \(Second edition\)](#)

By Stanislas de Finance, May 2015

An annual scorecard of Country-Specific Recommendations (CSRs), which evaluates how far the EU Member States are meeting their European Council commitments in this field. This evaluates the implementation of the CSRs adopted by the EU Council of Finance Ministers (EcoFin Council) each year, following endorsement by the European Council, within the framework of the European Semester.

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