

## STUDY

# Involvement of the National Parliaments in SCPs and NRPs – 2014, 2015 and 2016

*This paper, updated on an ad hoc basis, provides an overview of the involvement of national parliaments in the preparations of the National Reform Programmes and Stability or Convergence Programmes. It is based on information provided by the Member States in the respective programmes and supplementing information received from the representatives of national parliaments.*

The Stability or Convergence Programmes (SCPs) should contain information about the involvement of national parliaments in connection with the SCPs as stated in [the regulation 1466/97](#), Art. 3(4) and Art. 7(4): "Each programme shall include information on its status in the context of national procedures, in particular whether the programme was presented to the national parliament, and whether the national parliament had the opportunity to discuss the Council's opinion on the previous programme or, if relevant, any recommendation or warning, and whether there has been parliamentary approval of the programme." Art. 3(4) and Art. 7(4) of the regulation 1466/97 do not cover the National Reform Programmes (NRPs) but similarly to SCPs the references about the role of national parliaments in the preparations of the NRPs are included to this paper.

However, information available in the 2014-2016 SCPs/NRPs about the involvement of national parliaments in the preparations of the programmes permits to provide merely an approximate overview, which is presented in the tables overleaf using the following "colour coding":

- SCPs/NRPs indicate that the national parliaments and/or parliamentary committees receive and/or deliberate and/or approve the programmes in April at the latest and/or prior to submission to the Council and the Commission, including the cases when only a cross-reference is found in NRPs for SCPs and vice-versa;
- SCPs/NRPs do not refer to the involvement of national parliaments or parliamentary committees or the references to the involvement are ambiguous or the involvement takes place later than in April and/or after submission of the programmes to the Council and the Commission;
- Member States subject to a macro-economic adjustment programme are not obliged to submit a fully-fledged SCPs/NRPs.

PS! References about the involvement of national parliaments, if included to the programmes, do not always have the same level of detail. They vary from very general statements (e.g. "The SCPs and the NRPs have been / will be presented to the national parliament.") to overviews that are more factual (i.e. the dates of the submission to and approval by the national parliament together with the parliamentary committees participating in the process are mentioned). For the purpose of this document information in the programmes is considered detailed enough in case it indicates the involvement at least in the form of informing the national parliaments or parliamentary committees of the programmes in April at the latest and/or prior to submission to the Council and the Commission (i.e. the SCPs/NRPs with the green "colour-coding" are not necessarily debated nor approved by the national parliaments/parliamentary committees). The involvement after notification of any relevant Commission and Council recommendations is not always reflected in this paper as the focus is on the preparation phase. The dates of approval of the programmes by national governments, if available, are also included.

Year	SCPs		NRPs	
	Green	Red	Green	Red
2016	15	12	11	17
2015	13	13	12	16
2014	12	13	11	17

The table on the left presents the overall results of the involvement of national parliaments in the preparations of the programmes based solely on the information available in the SCPs/NRPs.

The table on the right shows the outcome after taking into account supplementing information received from the representatives of national parliaments.

Year	Supplementing information and			
	SCPs		NRPs	
	Green	Red	Green	Red
2016	19	8	16	12
2015	15	11	15	13
2014	16	9	15	13

Information on individual Member States overleaf can be accessed by using the hyperlinks below:

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## Belgium

2014		2015		2016	
Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme
<p><a href="#">SP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned on the <a href="#">verso of the cover page</a>: "The stability programme was approved by the Federal Government Council of Ministers on 30 April 2014."</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found. However, the date of the SP is mentioned on the <a href="#">cover page</a>: "25 April 2016"</p>	<p><a href="#">SP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned on the <a href="#">verso of the cover page</a>: "The stability programme was approved on 24 April by the Federal Government Council of Ministers [...]"</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the Belgian Federal Parliament could be found.</p> <p>However, a remark about involvement of the Flemish Parliament is included to the <a href="#">NRP p 84</a>: "[...]"</p> <p>In recent years, the FRP (<i>Reform Programme of the Flemish Region</i>) was clarified by the minister-president in the Flemish Parliament, but this took place after the Government of Flanders had already submitted its reform programme to the federal government. To strengthen the involvement of the Flemish Parliament, the subject of the FRP will, from the European Semester 2015, be discussed in advance in the Flemish Parliament. This took place on 17/03/2015 in the Committee on General Policy, Finances and Budget."</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the federal government could be found.</p>	<p>(EN version is not available.)</p> <p><a href="#">SP</a> (NL and FR version): No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned on the <a href="#">verso of the cover page</a>: "Le programme de stabilité a aussi été mis à l'agenda du Conseil des ministres du gouvernement fédéral le 29 avril 2016. A cette occasion, ce dernier a approuvé sa trajectoire."</p> <p><i>[Courtesy translation: "The stability programme was in the agenda of 29 April 2016 of the Federal Government Council of Ministers. It approved the SP on the same day."]</i></p>	<p><a href="#">NRP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the Belgian Federal Parliament could be found.</p> <p>However, a remark about involvement of the Flemish Parliament is included to the <a href="#">NRP p 138</a>: "[...] To increase the involvement of the Flemish Parliament in the European Semester the draft FRP (<i>Reform Programme of the Flemish Region</i>) is discussed in the Flemish Parliament General Policy, Finance and Budget Committee since the European Semester 2015. This year this discussion took place on 15 March 2016. [...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the federal government could be found.</p>

**Belgium: supplementing information provided by representatives of national parliament to the EP**

<p>None on federal level.</p>	<p>On the federal level, the documents were discussed on 4 May 2015 by the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs, on the one hand, and the Budget and Social Affairs Committees of the House of Representatives, on the other – cf. DOC. 54 1104/001;</p>		<p>On the federal level, the documents were discussed on 13 May 2016 by the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs, on the one hand, and the Budget and Social Affairs Committees of the House of Representatives, on the other – cf. DOC. 54 1854/001.</p>	
<p>Starting from 2011 the minister-president of Flanders yearly presented the Flemish Reform Programme (FRP) in the Committee on Economics of the Flemish Parliament. For the period 2011-2014 the key measures (implementation of the country-specific recommendations and the Europe 2020-targets of Flanders) of the FRP are included in the main chapters of the NRP. Additionally, an executive summary of the FRP was also attached as an annexe to the NRP.</p> <p>The FRP was discussed in the Committee on Economics of the Flemish Parliament in May or June.</p> <p>- 05/05/2011: <a href="http://docs.vlaamsparlement.be/docs/stukken/2011-2012/g1298-1.pdf">http://docs.vlaamsparlement.be/docs/stukken/2011-2012/g1298-1.pdf</a>;</p> <p>- 24/05/2012: <a href="http://docs.vlaamsparlement.be/docs/stukken/2012-2013/g1965-1.pdf">http://docs.vlaamsparlement.be/docs/stukken/2012-2013/g1965-1.pdf</a></p> <p>- 27/06/2013: <a href="http://docs.vlaamsparlement.be/docs/stukken/2012-2013/g2143-1.pdf">http://docs.vlaamsparlement.be/docs/stukken/2012-2013/g2143-1.pdf</a></p> <p>- 24/05/2014: Elections for the Flemish Parliament: no presentation – no discussion</p> <p>On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2014 the Flemish Parliament added article 84/1 to its Rules of Procedure. Article 84/1 requires that the Flemish government introduces the draft of Flemish Reform Programme to the Flemish Parliament before the last Friday of March. Therefor the Flemish Parliament can discuss and amend the project of FRP before it is send to the Belgian and European authorities. Also article 83/1, that states that the Flemish government has to introduce a project of Flemish Budgetary Plan to the Flemish Parliament (EU Regulation 473/2013) that has to be discussed in the Committee on Finance and Budget before 7<sup>th</sup> of October, was added to the Rules of Procedure.</p> <p>- <a href="http://docs.vlaamsparlement.be/docs/stukken/2014-2015/g7-1.pdf">http://docs.vlaamsparlement.be/docs/stukken/2014-2015/g7-1.pdf</a></p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>The draft of the Flemish Reform Programme was presented by the minister-president of Flanders and discussed in the Committee on General Policy, Finance and Budget of the Flemish Parliament on 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2015.</p> <p>- 17/03/2015: <a href="http://docs.vlaamsparlement.be/docs/stukken/2014-2015/g34-2.pdf">http://docs.vlaamsparlement.be/docs/stukken/2014-2015/g34-2.pdf</a></p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>The draft of the Flemish Reform Programme was presented by the minister-president of Flanders and discussed in the Committee on General Policy, Finance and Budget of the Flemish Parliament on 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2016.</p> <p>- 15/03/2016: <a href="http://docs.vlaamsparlement.be/docs/stukken/2015-2016/g34-2.pdf">http://docs.vlaamsparlement.be/docs/stukken/2015-2016/g34-2.pdf</a></p> <p>For the period 2015-2016 the main measures (implementation of the country-specific recommendations and the Europe 2020-targets of Flanders) of the FRP are included in the main chapters of the NRP. From the NRP 2015 forward, the FRP was added to the NRP as an annex in its entirety.</p>
<p>On 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 2015 the Committee on General Policy, Finance and Budget of the Flemish Parliament discussed the country specific recommendations of the European Commission for Belgium.</p> <p>23/06/2015: <a href="http://docs.vlaamsparlement.be/docs/stukken/2015-2016/g485-1.pdf">http://docs.vlaamsparlement.be/docs/stukken/2015-2016/g485-1.pdf</a></p>				

## Bulgaria

2014		2015		2016	
Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme	Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme	Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme
<p><a href="#">CP p 6:</a> "[...]"</p> <p>This CP has been approved by the government and has been discussed by the National Assembly. [...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 60:</a> It is not clear from the text of the NRP whether the national parliament is involved in April at the latest / before or after submission of the programme to the Commission: "[...]"</p> <p>After the approval by the CoM (<i>Council of Ministers</i>) of the update of the 2014 NRP it will be sent for information to the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the European Funds at the National Assembly. [...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">CP p 8:</a> It is not clear from the text of the CP whether the national parliament is involved in April at the latest / before or after submission of the programme to the Commission: "[...]"</p> <p>This CP has been approved by the CoM (<i>Council of Ministers</i>) on April 29. Following this, it will be submitted for information to the National Assembly. [...]"</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the extract above.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP:</a> No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is included to the supplementing information below.</p>	<p><a href="#">CP p 5:</a> "[...]"</p> <p>This CP has been approved by the Council of Ministers and examined by the National Assembly. [...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP:</a> No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is included to the supplementing information below.</p>

### Bulgaria: supplementing information provided by representatives of national parliament to the EP

None.	After the approval by the CoM ( <i>Council of Ministers</i> ) of the update of the 2015 NRP it was sent for information to the National Assembly and to the respective committees. The update of the 2015 NRP was approved by CoM on 5 May 2015.	After the approval by the CoM ( <i>Council of Ministers</i> ) of the update of the 2016 NRP it will be sent for information to the National Assembly and to the respective committees. The update of the 2016 NRP was approved by CoM on 19 April 2016.
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## Czech Republic

2014		2015		2016	
Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme	Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme	Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme
<p>(EN version is not available.)</p> <p><a href="#">CP p 1</a> (CS version):</p> <p>"KP byl rovněž v měsíci dubnu představen a diskutován ve věcně příslušných výborech Poslanecké sněmovny a Senátu Parlamentu ČR."</p> <p><i>[Courtesy translation: "The CP was also presented and discussed in the relevant Committees of the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic."]</i></p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 4</a>:</p> <p>"Prior to its approval by the Government the NRP was debated in relevant committees of the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate of the Czech Parliament [...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">CP p 1</a>: "[...]"</p> <p>This submitted update of the CP of the Czech Republic [...] for the period 2015–2018 was approved by the Government of the Czech Republic on 29 April 2015 and is consistent with the NRP of the Czech Republic approved by the Government of the Czech Republic on the same day [...]. In April 2015, the CP was also presented and discussed with the relevant committees of the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate of the Czech Republic. [...]"</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the extract above.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 1 and p 2</a>:</p> <p>"[...] Its (NRP's) preparation involved consultation with [...] Members of the Czech Parliament [...]"</p> <p>[...] from February to April 2015 there were a number of formal and informal discussions with [...] representatives of Parliament [...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">CP p 1</a>:</p> <p>"[...] In April 2016, the CP was also presented and discussed with the relevant committees of the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate of the CR (<i>Czech Republic</i>). [...]"</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the <a href="#">CP p 1</a>: "The submitted update of the CP for the period 2016–2019 was approved by the Government of the CR (<i>Czech Republic</i>) on 11 May 2016 [...]"</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 1</a>:</p> <p>"[...] On a formal and informal basis, preparation also closely involved [...] the Parliament of the Czech Republic [...]"</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the <a href="#">NRP p 2</a>: "The NRP of the Czech Republic 2016 was approved by the government on 27 April 2016."</p>

### Czech Republic: supplementing information provided by representatives of national parliament to the EP

As a general rule, and years 2014-2016 were no exception, the Chamber of Deputies is involved already in the preparatory phase - the Government always invites MPs from relevant committees to round-table discussions that are meant to get feedback from stakeholders on the very first drafts of respective chapters of CP/NRP. Some MPs participate and their comments, proposals, suggestions are usually taken into account when finalizing the chapters. As a second phase, the Government approves CP/NRP and right after they are presented and discussed in the Committee on European Affairs. The Committee confirms the programmes in the resolution by stating that the Committee "takes note" of CP/NRP. In the past it has rarely happened that Committee passed no resolution on the CP/NRP.

None.	In 2015 the Committee discussed CP and NRP and adopted resolution no. 154 on 11th June at its session no. 34.	In 2016 the Committee discussed CP and NRP and adopted resolution no. 279 on 12 May at its session no. 51.
Parliament is consulted on the entire text of the 2015 and 2016 NRPs in a series of roundtables focused at individual parts of the text.		



## Denmark

2014		2015		2016	
Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme	Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme	Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme
<p><a href="#">CP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>However, see the extract under the <a href="#">NRP</a> in the right-hand column.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 63-64</a>: "[...] the government [...] will brief the European Affairs Committee and the Finance Committee of the Danish Parliament [...]"</p> <p>In spring, the government will in joint consultation inform the Parliamentary Committees of how the government expects to reflect the Broad Economic Policy Guidelines from the meeting of the European Council in March in Denmark's NRP and CP.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>10 April 2014: Joint consultation of the European Affairs Committee and the Finance Committee of the Danish Parliament on Denmark's NRP as well as the CP and the Economic Policy Guidelines from the European Council."</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">CP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>However, see the extract under the <a href="#">NRP</a> in the right-hand column.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 73-74</a>: "[...] the government [...] will brief the European Affairs Committee and the Finance Committee of the Danish Parliament. [...]"</p> <p>[...] During the spring, the government will in joint consultation inform the two parliamentary committees of how the government expects to reflect the Broad Economic Policy Guidelines from the European Council in March in Denmark's NRP and CP.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>19 March 2015: Joint consultation of the European Affairs Committee and the Finance Committee of the Danish NRP and CP and economic policy guidelines of the European Council.</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">CP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>However, see the extract under the <a href="#">NRP</a> in the right-hand column.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 63-64</a>: "[...] the government [...] will brief the European Affairs Committee and the Finance Committee of the Danish Parliament. [...]"</p> <p>[...] During spring, the government will in joint consultation inform the two parliamentary committees of how the government expects to reflect the Broad Economic Policy Guidelines from the European Council in March in Denmark's NRP and CP.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>17 March 2016: Joint consultation of the European Affairs Committee and the Finance Committee on the Danish NRP and CP. [...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>

### Denmark: supplementing information provided by representatives of the national parliament to the EP

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## Germany

<u>2014</u>		<u>2015</u>		<u>2016</u>	
Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme
<p><a href="#">SP p 7:</a> It is not clear from the text of the SP whether the national parliament is involved in April at the latest / before or after submission of the programme to the Commission:</p> <p>"[...] The federal government submits each update of the German SP and the corresponding Council opinion on the updated German SP to the competent expert committees of the German Bundestag [...]"</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the <a href="#">SP p 7</a>: "This update of the German SP was approved by the Federal Cabinet on 8 April 2014."</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 37:</a> "[...] The NRP 2014 was adopted by the Federal Cabinet on 8 April 2014. Directly after the Cabinet decision, the NRP was formally submitted to the German Bundestag and the Bundesrat.</p> <p>[...] The Federal Government will submit the NRP 2014 and the SP 2014 to the European Commission in mid-April."</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the extract above.</p>	<p><a href="#">SP p 5:</a> "[...] The Federal Cabinet approved this update to the German SP on 15 April 2015. [...] The federal government has submitted this update to the German SP to the competent expert committees of the German Bundestag [...]"</p> <p>See also the extract under the <a href="#">NRP</a> in the right-hand column.</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the extract above.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 37:</a> "[...] The NRP 2015 was adopted by the Federal Cabinet on 1 April 2015 [...]. Directly after the Cabinet decision, the NRP was formally submitted to the German Bundestag and the Bundesrat.</p> <p>[...] The Federal Government will submit the NRP 2015 and the SP 2015 to the European Commission by the end of April.</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the extract above.</p>	<p><a href="#">SP p 5:</a> "[...] This update of the German SP was approved by the federal cabinet on 13 April 2016. [...] The federal government submits each update of the German SP to the competent expert committees of the German Bundestag [...]"</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the extract above.</p>	<p>(EN version is not available.)</p> <p><a href="#">NRP p 39</a> (DE version):</p> <p>"[...] Das NRP 2016 wurde am 13. April 2016 [...] vom Bundeskabinett beschlossen. Unmittelbar nach dem Kabinettsbeschluss wurde das NRP dem Deutschen Bundestag und dem Bundesrat formell zugeleitet.</p> <p>[...] Bis Ende April übermittelt die Bundesregierung der Europäischen Kommission das NRP 2016 ebenso wie das Stabilitätsprogramm 2016."</p> <p><i>[Courtesy translation: "[...] The Federal Cabinet adopted NRP 2016 on 13 April 2014. Directly after the Cabinet decision, the NRP was formally submitted to the German Bundestag and the Bundesrat.</i></p> <p>[...] The Federal</p>

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**Germany: supplementing information provided by representatives of the national parliament to the EP**

In the German Bundestag, the Budget Committee is the lead committee for the SP. Lead committee for the NRP is the Committee on Economic Affairs and Energy.

<p>SP 2014: The Budget Committee took note of the SP but did not debate on it. The European Affairs Committee took note of the SP but did not debate on it. The Committee on Economic Affairs and Energy took note of the SP but did not debate on it.</p>	<p>NRP 2014: The Committee on Economic Affairs and Energy debated on the NRP on 11 May 2014 (BT-Drs. 18/1107). The European Affairs Committee and the Budget Committee took note of the NRP but did not debate on it. The Budget Committee took note of the NRP but did not debate on it.</p>	<p>SP 2015: The Budget Committee took note of the SP on 6 May 2015 but did not debate on it. The European Affairs Committee took note of the SP but did not debate on it. The Committee on Economic Affairs and Energy took note of the SP but did not debate on it.</p>	<p>NRP 2015: The Committee on Economic Affairs and Energy debated on the NRP on 22 April and 6 May 2015 (BT-Drs. 18/4549). The European Affairs Committee debated on the NRP on 4 March 2015.</p> <p>The Budget Committee took note of the NRP but did not debate on it.</p>	<p>SP 2016: The Budget Committee took note of the SP but did not debate on it. The European Affairs Committee took note of the SP but did not debate on it. The Committee on Economic Affairs and Energy took note of the SP but did not debate on it.</p>	<p>NRP 2016: The Committee on Economic Affairs and Energy debated on the NRP on 11 May 2016 (BT-Drs. 18/8116).</p> <p>The European Affairs Committee debated on the NRP on 16 March 2016.</p> <p>The Budget Committee took note of the NRP but did not debate on it.</p>
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In the development of the NRP, the Länder are contributing via the sectorial ministers conferences to the Federal Government's draft of the NRP.

<p>After adoption by the Federal Government and before transmission to the COM, the Bundesrat deliberated on the Commission's draft to Germanys NRP and SP and adopted an opinion on it (BR-Drs 249/13 (B)).</p>	<p>After adoption by the Federal Government and before transmission to the COM, the Bundesrat deliberated on the Commission's draft to Germanys NRP and SP. The Bundesrat took notice of the 2015 NRP (cf. BR-Drs 133/15 (B)).</p>	<p>After adoption by the Federal Government and before transmission to the COM, the Bundesrat deliberated on the Commission's draft to Germanys NRP and SP. The Bundesrat took notice of the 2016 NRP (cf. BR-drs 174/16 (B)).</p>
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## Estonia

2014		2015		2016	
Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme
<p><a href="#">SP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found. However, the date of the SP is mentioned on the <a href="#">cover page</a>: "[...] 29.04.2014"</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned on the <a href="#">cover page</a>: "Approved by the Government on 8th of May 2014"</p>	<p><a href="#">SP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found. However, the date of the SP is mentioned on the <a href="#">cover page</a>: "14 May 2015"</p>	<p>(EN version is not available.)</p> <p><a href="#">NRP</a> (ET version):</p> <p>No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">SP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found. However, the date of the SP is mentioned on the <a href="#">cover page</a>: "28 April 2016"</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned on the <a href="#">cover page</a>: "Approved by the Government 05.05.2016"</p>
<b>Estonia: supplementing information provided by representatives of the national parliament to the EP</b>					
<p>By law (Riigikogu Rules and Procedures Act § 152<sup>1</sup>, paragraph 2) the Government must present to Riigikogu EU Affairs Committee important issues concerning the decision making in EU matters, and by that procedure the Government presents to EU affairs committee every year the SPs for a discussion.</p>				<p>Riigikogu's Finance Committee discussed the 2016 SP and NRP on the 3rd of May within the Estonia's 2017-2020 state budget strategy.</p>	
<p>Since 2011, the EU Affairs Committee of the Estonian Parliament discussed the SPs and NRPs every April before the Government presents them to the COM. The SPs have also been discussed in the Finance Committee. Recommendations to the Government are taken into account.</p>		<p>Since 2011, the EU Affairs Committee of the Estonian Parliament discussed the SPs and NRPs before the Government presents them to the COM. The SPs have also been discussed in the Finance Committee. Recommendations to the Government are taken into account.</p>			
<p>The 2014 SP and NRP were presented and discussed in EU Affairs Committee on 21th of April 2014 before they were sent to the European Commission.</p>		<p>The 2015 SP and NRP were presented and discussed in EU Affairs Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2015.</p>			

## Ireland

2014		2015		2016		
Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	
<p><a href="#">SP p.i:</a> "[...] It (<i>SP</i>) was published in draft form on 15 April 2014 and discussed at the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform on the same day.</p> <p>This document is being submitted to the European Commission [...] It will also be laid before the houses of the Oireachtas.</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p.59:</a> "[...] the Minister of State for European Affairs attended a dedicated meeting of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on European Union Affairs on 1 April to discuss a draft of this NRP with Committee members. [...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">SP p.i:</a> "[...] It (<i>SP</i>) was presented in draft form to Dáil Éireann on 28 April 2015 alongside the Spring Economic Statement 2015.</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p.75:</a> "[...] the Minister of State for European Union Affairs discussed a draft of this NRP with the Joint Oireachtas Committee on European Union Affairs on April 23, and further engagement by this Committee on the NRP is planned. [...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">SP p.i:</a> "[...] This document (<i>SP</i>) was submitted to the European Commission on 29 April 2016 [...]"</p> <p>It (<i>SP</i>) was debated in Dáil Éireann on 27 April prior to submission.</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP:</a> No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	
<b>Ireland: supplementing information provided by representatives of the national parliament to the EP</b>						
None.		<p>While the SP does not make explicit reference to the involvement of the national parliament in the preparation of the programme, there was a debate in the Dáil chamber on the subject, which lasted three days from 28-30 April.</p> <p>Similarly, the Seanad debated the Spring Statement/SP on 6 May. Although there was no Committee meeting this year on the SP, there was arguably more involvement at national parliament level.</p>		<p>Dáil Éireann debated this matter during Statements on Ireland's SP Update which was held over two days on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April.</p>		<p>Due to the impact of parliamentary elections it was not possible for a debate on the NRP to take place. However, the recent establishment of Parliamentary Committees should now provide the opportunity to engage on this and other EU issues.</p>

## Greece

2014		2015		2016	
Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme
Programme countries are not required to submit a fully-fledged SP.	<a href="#">NRP</a> : No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.  No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.	Programme countries are not required to submit a fully-fledged SP.	<a href="#">NRP</a> : No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.  No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.	Programme countries are not required to submit a fully-fledged SP.	<a href="#">NRP</a> : No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.  No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.
<b>Greece: supplementing information provided by representatives of the national parliament to the EP</b>					
None.		None.		None.	

## Spain

2014		2015		2016	
Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme
<p><a href="#">SP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p>(EN version is not available.)</p> <p><a href="#">NRP</a> (ES version): No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">SP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p>(EN version is not available.)</p> <p><a href="#">NRP</a> (ES version): No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p>(EN version is not available.)</p> <p><a href="#">SP</a> (ES version): No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is included to the supplementing information below.</p>	<p>(EN version is not available.)</p> <p><a href="#">NRP</a> (ES version): No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is included to the supplementing information below.</p>
<b>Spain: supplementing information provided by representatives of the national parliament to the EP</b>					
None.		None.		<p>In 2016, 19 April, Mr de Guindos, Spanish Minister for Economic Affairs, appeared before the Economic Affairs Committee of the Congress of Deputies in order to present the main elements of the NRP and the SP for Spain, before both documents were approved in the Council of Ministers on <a href="#">29 April 2016</a> and sent to Brussels at the end of that month.</p>	

## France

2014		2015		2016	
Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme
<p><a href="#">SP p 76</a>: "[...]"</p> <p>SPs are debated and voted on by Parliament by virtue of Article 14 of the 2011-2014 Public Finance Planning Act of 28 December 2010. This Article [...] stipulates: "The Government shall send the draft SP to the Parliament at least two weeks before it is sent to the European Commission for the purposes of Article 121 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. The Parliament shall debate the draft programme and vote on it".</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p>See also the extract under the <a href="#">NRP</a> in the right-hand column.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found. However, the date of the SP is mentioned on the <a href="#">cover page</a>: "23 April 2013 (<i>sic</i>)"</p>	<p>(EN version is not available.)</p> <p><a href="#">NRP p 90</a> (FR version): "[...]"</p> <p>Le projet de PNR a été transmis pour avis à l'Assemblée nationale et au Sénat le 23 avril 2014, à la suite de sa validation en Conseil des ministres, en même temps que le Programme de stabilité.</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p><i>[Courtesy translation: "The draft NRP was submitted to the National Assembly and the Senate for an opinion on 23 April 2014, following its approval by the Cabinet, together with the SP."]</i></p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">SP p 73</a>: "[...]"</p> <p>The SP was presented to Parliament on 15 April 2015.</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p>(EN version is not available.)</p> <p><a href="#">NRP - Contribution from stakeholders p 1</a> (FR version): "[...]"</p> <p>Le projet de PNR a été transmis pour avis à l'Assemblée nationale et au Sénat, suite à sa présentation en Conseil des ministres, en même temps que le Programme de stabilité.</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p><i>[Courtesy translation: "The draft NRP was submitted to the National Assembly and the Senate for an opinion, following the presentation in the Cabinet, together with the SP."]</i></p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">SP p 84</a>: "The SP was presented to Parliament on 13 April 2016.</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is included to the supplementing information below.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found in the English version.</p> <p><a href="#">NRP p 127</a> (FR version): "Le Programme national de réforme est transmis pour avis à l'Assemblée nationale et au Sénat, suite à sa présentation en Conseil des ministres le 13 avril 2016, simultanément à l'adoption du programme de stabilité.</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p><i>[Courtesy translation: "The NRP was submitted to the National Assembly and the Senate for an opinion, following the presentation in the Cabinet on 13 April 2016 and at the same time with the approval of the SP."]</i></p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the extract above.</p>

**France: supplementing information provided by representatives of the national parliament to the EP**

The SP has been approved by the National Assembly on 29 April 2014.	None.	None.	2016 supplementing information is included to the separate table below.
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**2016: supplementing information - the National Assembly and the Senate**

*L'Assemblée nationale:*

- Le programme de stabilité pour les années 2016 à 2019 et le programme national de réforme 2016 ont été présentés, par le Gouvernement au Parlement, le mercredi 13 avril: la commission des finances de l'Assemblée nationale a entendu, ce jour-là, M. Emmanuel Macron, ministre de l'économie, de l'industrie et du numérique, et M. Christian Eckert, secrétaire d'État au budget, sur le programme de stabilité pour les années 2016 à 2019 et le programme national de réforme ([compte rendu](#) de l'audition). Le même jour, elle a aussi entendu M. Didier Migaud, président du Haut Conseil des finances publiques, sur l'avis du Haut Conseil relatif aux prévisions macroéconomiques associées au projet de programme de stabilité pour les années 2016 à 2019 ([compte rendu](#) de l'audition). Le mercredi 20 avril, la commission des finances a adopté un rapport d'information présenté par [Mme Valérie Rabault](#), rapporteure générale, sur le programme de stabilité pour les années 2016 à 2019 et le programme national de réforme ([rapport d'information](#)).

- En séance publique, l'Assemblée nationale a débattu du projet de programme de stabilité le mardi 26 avril ([compte rendu](#) de la séance).

*Le Sénat:*

- L'article 14 de la loi du 28 décembre 2010 de programmation des finances publiques pour les années 2011 à 2014, introduit à l'initiative du Sénat, dispose que le Gouvernement adresse au Parlement, au moins deux semaines avant sa transmission aux autorités de l'Union européenne, le projet de programme de stabilité.

- Le projet de programme de stabilité 2016-2019 et le programme national de réforme, ont été adoptés en Conseil des ministres le 13 avril 2016.

- La commission des finances du Sénat a, lors de sa réunion du mardi 26 avril 2016, autorisé la publication du rapport d'information de [M. Albéric de Montgolfier](#), rapporteur général sur [le projet de programme de stabilité 2016-2019](#) (rapport d'information n° 550 (2015-2016)). Dans ce rapport, la commission des finances examine notamment la sensibilité de la trajectoire budgétaire proposée par le Gouvernement aux aléas de la conjoncture économique, ainsi qu'à l'évolution de la dépense publique en établissant ses propres projections sous forme de scénarii alternatifs. La commission des finances du Sénat publie un avis circonstancié sur les projets de programme de stabilité depuis 2011.

- Le Sénat a débattu les deux programmes en séance publique le mercredi 27 avril 2016 ([compte rendu](#) de la séance).

- Enfin, le commissaire européen chargé des affaires économiques et monétaires, Pierre Moscovici, a été entendu par les commissions des finances et des affaires européennes le 8 juin 2016 ([compte rendu](#) de l'audition).



## Croatia

2014		2015		2016	
Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme	Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme	Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme
<p><a href="#">CP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the <a href="#">CP p I</a>: "At its session of 24 April 2014, the Government of the Republic of Croatia accepted the CP of the Republic of Croatia for 2014. [...]"</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned on the <a href="#">verso of the cover page</a>: "The NRP of the Republic of Croatia was adopted by the Government of the Republic of Croatia on 24 April 2014."</p>	<p><a href="#">CP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the <a href="#">CP p I</a>: "At its session of 30 April 2015, the Government of the Republic of Croatia adopted the CP of the Republic of Croatia for 2015."</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 93</a>: " [...]"</p> <p>Involvement of stakeholders and relevant institutions in the process of defining the key reform measures and development of the NRP is provided through a partnership process in the framework of the European Semester. This primarily relates to continuing partnership communication with the Economic and Social Council and the Parliament as the main stakeholders.</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the <a href="#">NRP p 3</a>: "[...] The Government of the Republic of Croatia adopted the NRP 2015 at its 225th session held on 23 April 2015."</p>	<p><a href="#">CP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the <a href="#">CP p I</a>: "At its session on April 28 2016, the Government of the Republic of Croatia adopted the CP of the Republic of Croatia for 2016. [...]"</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 85</a>: " [...] the NRP was [...] presented to representatives of the Croatian Parliament [...]"</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the <a href="#">NRP p 3</a>: "[...] The Government of the Republic of Croatia adopted the NRP 2016 at its 16th session held on 28 April 2016."</p>

### Croatia: supplementing information provided by representatives of the national parliament to the EP

Commission's assessment (CP and NRP) and the Council's statement on Croatia's CP have been debated at the joint session of the European Affairs Committee and the Finance Committee of the Croatian Parliament.

Committees on EU Affairs, Regional Development and EU Funds and Finance and Central Budget jointly discussed first drafts of the CPs and NRPs in February 2015 (in the presence of representatives of Ministry for

On 28 April 2016, the NRP 2016 and 2016 CP were presented to the Parliament by the Minister of Finance and debated in a joint session of the committees on EU Affairs, Regional Development and EU Funds and Finance and

Regional Development and EU Funds and Ministry for Finance). Croatia's position on the 2015 CPs were debated in May 2015, at the joint session of the committees on EU Affairs, Regional Development and EU Funds and Finance and Central Budget.

Central Budget.  
NRP and CP were first adopted by the Government on 28 April 2016, then, on the same date, presented and debated in the joint session of 3 competent committees of the Parliament and only after that submitted to the European Commission.

<b>Italy</b>					
<b>2014</b>		<b>2015</b>		<b>2016</b>	
Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme
<p><a href="#">SP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the <a href="#">SP on the 3rd page after the cover page</a>: "Adopted by the Cabinet on 8 April 2014."</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the <a href="#">NRP on the 3rd page after the cover page</a>: "Adopted by the Cabinet on 8 April 2014."</p>	<p>(EN version is not available.)</p> <p><a href="#">SP</a> (IT version): No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the <a href="#">SP on the 3rd page after the cover page</a> (IT version): "Deliberato dal Consiglio dei Ministri il 10 Aprile 2015."</p> <p><i>[Courtesy translation: "Adopted by the Cabinet on 10 April 2015."]</i></p>	<p>(EN version is not available.)</p> <p><a href="#">NRP</a> (IT version): No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the <a href="#">NRP on the 3rd page after the cover page</a> (IT version) "Deliberato dal Consiglio dei Ministri il 10 Aprile 2015."</p> <p><i>[Courtesy translation: "Adopted by the Cabinet on 10 April 2015."]</i></p>	<p><a href="#">SP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the <a href="#">SP on the 3rd page after the cover page</a>: "Adopted by the Cabinet on 8 April 2016."</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the <a href="#">NRP on the 3rd page after the cover page</a>: "Adopted by the Cabinet on 8 April 2016 "</p>
<b>Italy: supplementing information provided by representatives of the national parliament to the EP</b>					
<p>According to the Law on accounting and public finance (Law 196/2009), the Government submits to the Parliament by 10th April, the National Reform Programme (NRP) together with the Stability Programme (SP). In the Italian Parliament NRP and SP are scrutinised by the committees responsible by subject matter and – as main committee – by the Committee on budget, which holds hearings of the main stakeholders (Minister of Economy and Finance, Parliamentary Budget Office, National Statistics Institute, Court of Auditors, Central Bank, trade unions, entrepreneurs associations, etc.). At the end of the scrutiny process, the Chamber votes a resolution addressed to the Government, before it submits the NRP and the SP to the EU institutions.</p>					
<p>In 2014, the scrutiny of Budget Committees started, jointly, on the 14th of April, and the resolution was approved by the House of deputies and by the Senate of the Republic on the 17th of April.</p>		<p>In 2015 the scrutiny of Budget Committees started, jointly, on the 20th of April, and the resolution was approved by the House of deputies and by the Senate of the Republic on the 23th of April.</p>		<p>In 2016 the scrutiny of Budget Committees started, jointly, on 18th of April, and the resolution was approved by the House of deputies and by the Senate of the Republic on the 27th of April.</p>	

## Cyprus

2014		2015		2016	
Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme
<p>Programme countries are not required to submit a fully-fledged SP.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the <a href="#">NRP p 3</a>: "The NRP 2014 [...] has been approved by the Council of Ministers on 30 April 2014."</p>	<p>Programme countries are not required to submit a fully-fledged SP.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">SP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the <a href="#">SP p 5</a>: "[...], the Republic of Cyprus submits its SP for the period 2016-2019 as approved by the Council of Ministers on 13th May 2016. [...]"</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the <a href="#">NRP p 63</a>:"[...]"</p> <p>The NRP was approved by the Council of Ministers on the 21st of April, 2016."</p>
<b>Cyprus: supplementing information provided by representatives of the national parliament to the EP</b>					
None.		None.		<p>The competent Committees of the House of Representatives have not yet deliberated on the NRP or the SP. The House having dissolved itself on April 14, prior to parliamentary elections, held on May 22, the new Parliament took office on 2 June 2016 with competent Committees being formed on 9 June. Summer recess started on 15 July and the House will resume its work beginning of September 2016. Consideration of the NRP and the SP by the competent Committees of the House is thus not yet envisaged, neither have these Programmes been presented to the House as yet.</p>	

## Latvia

2014		2015		2016	
Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme
<p><a href="#">SP p 6:</a> "[...] The SP as a policy document has been approved by the Cabinet as well as presented and approved in the corresponding commissions of the Saeima."</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 4-5:</a> It is not clear from the text of the NRP whether the national parliament is involved in the preparations of the programme:</p> <p>"[...] implementation of the NRP of Latvia and the SP of Latvia [...] are discussed on a regular basis [...] in the Saeima [...], for example, [...] the Saeima's Committee for European Affairs, etc. [...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">SP p 6:</a> "[...] The SP as a policy document has been approved by the Cabinet as well as presented and approved in the corresponding commission of the Saeima."</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 7:</a> It is not clear from the text of the NRP whether the national parliament is involved in the preparations of the programme:</p> <p>"[...] implementation of the NRP of Latvia and the SP of Latvia [...] are discussed on a regular basis [...] in the Saeima [...], for example, [...] the Saeima Committee for European Affairs, etc. [...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">SP p 5:</a> "[...] The SP for 2016 – 2019 as a policy document has been approved by the Cabinet as well as presented and approved in the corresponding commission of the Saeima."</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 5:</a> It is not clear from the text of the NRP whether the national parliament is involved in the preparations of the programme:</p> <p>"[...] implementation of the NRP of Latvia and the SP of Latvia [...] are discussed on a regular basis [...] in the Saeima [...], for example, [...] the Saeima Committee for European Affairs, etc. [...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>
<b>Latvia: supplementing information provided by representatives of the national parliament to the EP</b>					
<p>In case of the parliament of Latvia, European Affairs Committee (EAC) engages in all aspects of the European Semester, starting from the Annual Growth Survey till reports of competent government structures on the implementation of counties' specific recommendations, including the SP and the NRP. The European Affairs Committee usually approves both documents at the same day (according to the national EU coordination mechanism, European Affairs Committee has to rule on the documents containing attitudes or positions prior to the communication to the EU Institutions). It was so in the years covered by this study.</p>					
<p>The SPs and the NRPs were scrutinised and approved on 02.04.2014 in LV parliament's EAC.</p>		<p>The SPs and the NRPs were scrutinised and approved on 15.04.2015 in LV parliament's EAC.</p>		<p>The SPs and the NRPs were scrutinised and debated on 12.04.2016 and approved on 13.04.2016 in LV parliament's EAC.</p>	

## Lithuania

<a href="#">2014</a>		<a href="#">2015</a>		<a href="#">2016</a>	
Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme
<p><a href="#">CP p 2</a>: "[...] The CP has been coordinated with the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania. [...]"</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the <a href="#">CP p 2</a>: "Approved by the resolution no 346 of 16 April 2014 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania"</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 4</a>: "[...]"</p> <p>A draft NRP 2014 received an approval in the Seimas Committee on European Affairs of 21 March 2014. The final document was approved in the Government meeting of 31 March 2014. During the consideration, active discussions were held between members of the Seimas and political-level representatives from responsible ministries on the issues of education and science, innovation promotion, social policy, employment enhancement and promotion of competitiveness. [...]"</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the extract above.</p>	<p><a href="#">SP p 2</a>: "[...] The SP has been submitted to the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania. [...]"</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the <a href="#">SP p 2</a>: "Approved by the resolution no 440 of 29 April 2015 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania"</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 61</a>: "[...]"</p> <p>On 24 March 2015, the draft NRP 2015 was approved at the meeting of the European Committee under the Government. On 25 March 2015, the draft NRP 2015 was approved at the meeting of the Seimas Committee on European Affairs. During the meeting, members of the Seimas and responsible representatives from the ministry-level institutions engaged in active discussions on poverty reduction and pension reform issues. [...] The final document was approved in the meeting of the Government held on 7 April 2015."</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the extract above.</p>	<p><a href="#">SP p 4</a>: "[...] The SP was presented before the Seimas Committee on European Affairs in the meeting of 29 April 2016. [...]"</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the <a href="#">SP p 1</a>: "Approved by the resolution no 417 of 27 April 2016 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania"</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is included to the supplementing information below.</p>

### Lithuania: supplementing information provided by representatives of the national parliament to the EP

<p>The CP draft was presented to and discussed by the Seimas Committee on the European Affairs on April 11, 2014, prior to its submission to the Government of Lithuania.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>The draft SP was presented to and discussed by the Seimas Committee on the European Affairs on April 24, 2015, prior to its submission to the Government of Lithuania.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>The draft NRP 2016 was debated at the meeting of the Seimas Committee on European Affairs on 23 of March, 2016. The Committee on European Affairs approved draft NRP on 1 of April, 2016. The final document was approved by the Government held on 27 April 2016 (Resolution No. 443).</p>
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## Luxembourg

2014		2015		2016	
Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme
<p><a href="#">SP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found. However, the date of the SP is mentioned on the <a href="#">cover page</a>: "[...]25 April 2014"</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">SP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found. However, the date of the SP is mentioned on the <a href="#">cover page</a>: "[...] 30 April 2015"</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found. However, the date of the SP is mentioned on the <a href="#">cover page</a>: "[...] 30 April 2015"</p>	<p><a href="#">SP p 35</a>: "[...] for the 2016 cycle of the European semester, the ex-ante involvement of the Chamber of Deputies has yet again been reinforced by the organisation of debates about the NRP and SGP (<i>i.e.</i> <a href="#">SP</a>) in the plenary session of the Parliament during the speech on the State of the Nation during the week of 25 April 2016.  [...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found. However, the date of the SP is mentioned on the <a href="#">cover page</a>: "29 April 2016"</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 6</a>: "[...] the government again involved the Parliament [...] in the European semester programme for 2016: - Parliament was involved during the European semester week that took place at the end of April focusing on the government's statement concerning the economic, social and financial situation of the country".</p> <p>See also the extract under the <a href="#">SP</a> in the left-hand column.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found. However, the date of the SP is mentioned on the <a href="#">cover page</a>: "[...] 29 April 2016"</p>
<b>Luxembourg: supplementing information provided by representatives of the national parliament to the EP</b>					
<p>SP and NRP have been presented by the government to the members of the Finance and Budget Committee as well as to the Economic Affairs Committee before being sent to Brussels in April.</p>				<p>None.</p>	

## Hungary

<u>2014</u>		<u>2015</u>		<u>2016</u>	
Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme	Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme	Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme
<p><u>CP</u>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><u>NRP</u>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><u>CP</u>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><u>NRP</u>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><u>CP</u>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the <u>NRP p 28</u>: "[...] The Government officially adopted the NRP and the CP jointly on 27 April."</p>	<p><u>NRP</u>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament in April at the latest and/or prior to submission to the Commission could be found. However, the following remark is included to the <u>NRP p 28</u>:</p> <p>"[...] The Government officially adopted the NRP and the CP jointly on 27 April. Following its submission, the NRP will also be discussed by the Committee on European Affairs of the National Assembly.</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the extract above.</p>

### Hungary: supplementing information provided by representatives of the national parliament to the EP

The Committee on European Affairs (CEA) of the Hungarian National Assembly (HNA) focuses on the European Semester at its most important phases, the Annual Growth Survey (AGS), the Convergence Programme (CP) and the National Reform Programme (NRP), the Country-Specific Recommendations (CSR). In general the documents are presented and debated by the CEA following the presentations of the responsible State

Similarly to the practice established since 2011, the AGS was presented by the Head of the EC Representation in Budapest as well as the responsible State Secretary of the Ministry of National Economy on 8 December 2014. The NRP and the CP were debated on the meeting of 11 May 2015 of the Committee of European Affairs (CEA). The 2015 CSRs were on the agenda firstly during Ms Elzbieta Bienkowska's visit in the HNA on 26 May 2015 where

The comments of the Committee on European Affairs of the Hungarian National Assembly is the following: "[...] Following their submission to the European Commission, the CP as well as the NRP were discussed by the CEA on its meeting of 17 May 2016. [...]" Regarding the Country -Specific Recommendations 2016, it was the first time that the CSR for Hungary [COM (2016) 337] were presented by the Country Director of the

<p>Secretary of the Ministry of National Economy and of the Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Hungary.</p> <p>Regarding 2014, the AGS was on the agenda of the CEA on 18 November 2013. Due to the legislative elections of April 2014, the 2 programmes, CR and NRP were not discussed following their submission to the European Commission, however during the discussion of the CSR of 10 June 2014 reflection was made on the 2 Programmes as well.</p>	<p>apart from the CEA the delegation of the Committee on Economics also participated. Secondly, the CSR were presented and discussed by the responsible State Secretary of the Ministry of National Economy on the meeting of 26 May 2015 of the CEA.</p>	<p>European Commission, then the standpoint of the Government was reflected by the responsible Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry for National Economy. The Head of the EC Representation also took part at the meeting of CEA of 6 June 2016.</p>
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## Malta

2014		2015		2016	
Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme
<p><a href="#">SP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">SP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">SP p 5</a>: It is not clear from the text of the SP whether the national parliament is involved in April at the latest / before or after submission of the programme to the Commission:</p> <p>"[...] this Programme is being submitted to the Malta Fiscal Advisory Council (MFAC) for its endorsement [...] the MFAC will carry out a fiscal risk assessment. Once this is completed, the report of the MFAC will be considered by Government and will then be submitted to Parliament in conjunction with the SP."</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>
<b>Malta: supplementing information provided by representatives of the national parliament to the EP</b>					
None.		None.		Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy for Malta 2016-2016 – Update of Stability Programme was tabled in the House in Sitting 401 on 13 June 2016.	Parliament is not involved in the drawing up of the National Reform Programme.

## Netherlands

<u>2014</u>		<u>2015</u>		<u>2016</u>	
Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme
<p><a href="#">SP p 1:</a> "[...]" A draft of the SP has been submitted to both houses of parliament. On 15 April consultation took place in the Upper House and a debate in the Lower House on 23 April, pursuant to the wish of both houses to have an opportunity to voice an opinion before submission to the European Commission.</p> <p>[...] the NRP and the SP are both submitted to the European Commission at the end of April. [...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 52:</a> "[...]"</p> <p>This NRP was submitted to parliament before it was sent to the European Commission. [...] It is customary that the Minister of Economic Affairs has a debate on the NRP in parliament. Last year the NRP and the SP were also discussed in the Senate for the first time with the Ministers of Economic Affairs and Finance.</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">SP p 2:</a> "[...]"</p> <p>A draft of the SP has been submitted to both houses of parliament. On 21 April a debate took place in the Lower House and on 28 April the Upper House was consulted, pursuant to the wish of both houses to have an opportunity to voice an opinion on the SP before submission to the European Commission.</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 31:</a> "[...]"</p> <p>This NRP was submitted to parliament before it was sent to the European Commission. [...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">SP p 2:</a> "[...]" A draft of this SP has been submitted to both houses of parliament. On 19 April a debate took place in the Lower House and on 26 April a consultation took place in the Upper House, pursuant to the wish of both houses to have an opportunity to voice an opinion before the SP is submitted to the European Commission.</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 26:</a> "[...]"</p> <p>This NRP will be submitted to both houses of parliament before being sent to the European Commission. [...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>
<b>Netherlands: supplementing information provided by representatives of the national parliament to the EP</b>					
None.		None.		None.	

## Austria

2014		2015		2016	
Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme
<p><a href="#">SP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found. The <a href="#">SP p 27</a> refers to the previous year:</p> <p>"[...]</p> <p>The report of the Austrian Minister of Finance on the Update of the Austrian SP for the period from 2012 to 2017 was presented to Parliament on 17 April 2013 for consideration in the ensuing process. On 8 May 2013, the parliamentary budget committee discussed it in public session and then adopted a report [...]."</p> <p>However, <a href="#">for 2014</a> see the extract under the <a href="#">2015 SP</a> on the right.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found. However, the date of the SP is mentioned <a href="#">on the verso of the cover page</a>: "[...] 29 April 2014"</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found. The <a href="#">NRP p 25</a> refers to the previous year:</p> <p>"[...]</p> <p>The NRP 2013 was presented to the Austrian National Council on 22 April 2013 as a federal government report for deliberation [...]. The EU Subcommittee, the Budget Committee and the Plenary of the National Council negotiated the NRP in a public session and acknowledged the Programme with a majority of votes.</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p>However, <a href="#">for 2014</a> see the extract under the <a href="#">2015 NRP</a> on the right</p> <p>No date of approval of the 2014 NRP by the government could be found. However, it is mentioned in the extract under the 2015 NRP on the right.</p>	<p><a href="#">SP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found. The <a href="#">SP p 33</a> refers to the previous year:</p> <p>"[...] Together with the NRP, the SP is submitted to [...] the Austrian Parliament [...].</p> <p>The report of the Austrian Minister of Finance on the Austrian SP Update for the period 2013 to 2018 was presented to Parliament on 29 April 2014 for consideration in the ensuing procedure. On 8 May 2014, the parliamentary budget committee discussed it in public session and then adopted a final report [...]"</p> <p>However, <a href="#">for 2015</a> see the extract under the <a href="#">2016 SP</a> on the right.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found. However, the date of the SP is mentioned <a href="#">on the verso of the cover page</a>: "[...] 21 April 2015"</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found. The <a href="#">NRP p 27</a> refers to the previous year:</p> <p>"[...]</p> <p>The Austrian NRP 2014 was adopted by the Austrian Council of Ministers on 8 April 2015 (<i>sic</i>) and submitted to the Austrian Parliament on 23 April 2014 as a report of the federal government for deliberation [...]. The Budget Committee deliberated on the NRP in a public session and acknowledged the reform programme with a majority of votes.[...]"</p> <p>However, <a href="#">for 2015</a> see the extract under the <a href="#">2016 NRP</a> on the right.</p> <p>The date of approval of the 2014 NRP by the government is mentioned in the extract above.</p> <p>No date of approval of the 2015 NRP by the government could be found. However, it is mentioned in</p>	<p><a href="#">SP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found. The <a href="#">SP p 28</a> refers to the previous year:</p> <p>"[...] Together with the NRP, the SP is submitted to [...] the Austrian Parliament [...].</p> <p>The report by the Federal Minister of Finance on the Austrian SP Update for the period 2014 to 2019 was presented to Parliament on 21 April 2015 for consideration in the ensuing procedure. On 7 May 2015, the parliamentary budget committee discussed it in public session and then adopted a final report [...]."</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found. However, the date of the SP is mentioned <a href="#">on the verso of the cover page</a>: "[...] 26 April 2016"</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found. The <a href="#">NRP p 28</a> refers to the previous year:</p> <p>"The Austrian NRP 2015 was adopted by the Austrian Council of Ministers on 21 April 2015 and submitted to the Austrian Parliament on 27 April 2015 as a report of the federal government for deliberation [...]. The Budget Committee deliberated on the NRP in a public session and acknowledged the Programme with a majority of votes. [...]"</p> <p>The date of approval of the 2015 NRP by the government is mentioned in the extract above.</p> <p>No the date of approval of the 2016 NRP by the government could be found.</p>



			the extract under the 2016 NRP on the right.		
<b>Austria: supplementing information provided by representatives of the national parliament to the EP</b>					
None.		None.		None.	

## Poland

2014		2015		2016	
Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme	Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme	Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme
<p><a href="#">CP p 6</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament in April at the latest and/or prior to submission to the Commission could be found. However, the following remark is included:</p> <p>"[...] the Council Opinion on this Programme as well as Council recommendations on the NRP of 2014 will be discussed by the Polish Parliament."</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 79</a>: It is not clear from the text of the NRP whether the national parliament is involved in April at the latest / before or after submission of the programme to the Commission:</p> <p>"[...] the Government is trying to ensure the participation of the Parliament [...] in the process of NRP update."</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned on the <a href="#">cover page</a>: "Adopted by the Council of Ministers on 22 April 2014."</p>	<p>(EN version is not available.)</p> <p><a href="#">CP p 6</a> (PL version): "[...]"</p> <p>Projekty Programu oraz KPR podlegały dyskusji połączonych komisji sejmowych do spraw Unii Europejskiej, finansów publicznych oraz gospodarki w dniu 23 kwietnia br.[...]"</p> <p><i>[Courtesy translation: "The draft programme and the NRP were discussed at the joint meeting of the Committee for the European Union, the Public Finance Committee and the Economic Committee on 23 April."]</i></p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 75</a>: "[...] Polish parliament is also included in the process of updating the NRP [...]"</p> <p>[...] the NRP and the CP drafts were presented at the joint meeting of the Committee for the European Union, the Public Finance Committee and the Economic Committee of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland on 23 April 2015.</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned on the <a href="#">cover page</a>: "Adopted by the Council of Ministers on 28 April 2015"</p>	<p><a href="#">CP p 5</a>: "[...] Information on the Programme and NRP was discussed at a joint meeting of parliamentary committees for EU affairs, public finances and the economy and development on 13 April this year."</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the <a href="#">CP p 5</a>: "The Polish Programme is a part of the Multiannual Financial Plan of the State (MFPS) [...]. The MFPS was approved by the Council of Ministers on 26 April 2016 [...]"</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 60</a>: "[...] Polish Parliament is also involved in the processes of the NRP update [...]"</p> <p>[...] the information on the NRP and the CP drafts was presented at the joint meeting of the Committee for the European Union, the Public Finance Committee and the Economy and Development Committee of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland on 13 April 2016. [...]"</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned on the <a href="#">cover page</a>: "Adopted by the Council of Ministers on 26 April 2016"</p>

### Poland: supplementing information provided by representatives of the national parliament to the EP

The European Union Affairs Committee of the Sejm had a joint meeting with Public Finance Committee and Economic Committee on 5 June 2014 on Council Recommendation regarding Poland's 2014 National Reform Programme as well as the Council opinion on Poland's 2014 Convergence Programme.

The European Union Affairs Committee of the Sejm had a joint meeting with Public Finance Committee and Economic Committee on 27 May 2015 on Council Recommendation regarding Poland's 2015 National Reform Programme as well as the Council opinion on Poland's 2015 Convergence Programme.

The European Union Affairs Committee of the Sejm had two joint meetings with the Public Finance Committee and the Economic and Development Committee: On 13 April 2016 – information was presented by the Minister of Finance on Poland's 2016 Convergence Programme as well as by the Minister of Development on

		<p>Poland's 2016 National Reform Programme (discussion on Polish draft documents before delivering to EC);</p> <p>On 9 June 2016 – information was presented by Minister of Finance and Minister of Development on Council recommendation on the 2016 national reform programme of Poland and delivering a Council opinion on the 2016 convergence programme of Poland (COM(2016) 341).</p>
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## Portugal

2014		2015		2016	
Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme
<p>Programme countries are not required to submit a fully-fledged SP.</p>	<p>(EN version is not available.)</p> <p><a href="#">NRP</a> (PT version): No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p>(EN version is not available.)</p> <p><a href="#">SP, Annex 2, p 1</a> (PT version): It is not clear from the text of the SP whether the national parliament is involved in April at the latest / before or after submission of the programme to the Commission:</p> <p>"[...]"</p> <p>No dia 8 de abril o CFP (<i>Conselho das Finanças Públicas</i>) tomou conhecimento de que o Programa de Estabilidade seria discutido na Assembleia da República a 22 de abril. [...]"</p> <p><i>[Courtesy translation: "The Public Finance Council learned on 8 April that the discussion of the SP in the Assembly of the Republic was scheduled for 22 April."]</i></p> <p>However, see the extract under the <a href="#">NRP</a> in the right-hand column.</p>	<p>(EN version is not available.)</p> <p><a href="#">NRP p 95-96</a> (PT version): " [...] O Governo promoveu assim um processo de reflexão e debate entre as principais partes interessadas sobre a estratégia económica de médio-prazo para Portugal, que pode ser dividido em duas fases: o convite dirigido a um conjunto de entidades para envolvimento na elaboração de uma proposta de PNR e a discussão da Proposta de PNR e da Proposta de PE na Assembleia da República.</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p>Fase 2 – Discussão da Proposta de PNR e da Proposta de PE na Assembleia da República</p> <p>A segunda fase do processo de reflexão e debate sobre o Programa Nacional de Reformas e o Programa de Estabilidade iniciou-se com a entrega das respetivas Propostas do Governo na</p>	<p>(EN version is not available.)</p> <p><a href="#">SP, Annex 2, p 1</a> (PT version): It is not clear from the text of the SP whether the national parliament is involved in April at the latest / before or after submission of the programme to the Commission:</p> <p>"[...]"</p> <p>No dia 8 de abril o CFP (<i>Conselho das Finanças Públicas</i>) tomou conhecimento por correio eletrónico de que o Programa de Estabilidade seria remetido para apreciação da Assembleia da República a 21 de abril. [...]"</p> <p><i>[Courtesy translation: "The Public Finance Council learned by email that the discussion of the SP in the Assembly of the Republic was scheduled for 21 April."]</i></p> <p>However, see the extract</p>	<p>(EN version is not available.)</p> <p><a href="#">NRP p 73</a> (PT version): "A 30 de março, foi realizado um debate na Assembleia da República, com a presença do Primeiro-Ministro, para apresentar o Programa Nacional de Reformas e iniciar a sua discussão em sede parlamentar. Foram ainda agendados seis debates no plenário da Assembleia da República para discutir sectorialmente o Programa Nacional de Reformas, com a presença dos ministros mais diretamente envolvidos em cada um dos pilares. Os debates realizados versaram: Endividamento Privado e Capitalização das Empresas (6 de abril); Qualificações (7 de abril); Valorização do Território (13 de abril); Inovação da Economia Portuguesa (14 de abril); Justiça ao Serviço da Competitividade (20 de abril); e Coesão e Igualdade Social (21 de abril). Do conjunto de debates e da</p>

No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.

Assembleia da República, a 17 de abril de 2015.

Os documentos foram debatidos em Plenário no dia 22 de abril de 2015 [...] No decorrer da discussão parlamentar, não foram aprovadas alterações às Propostas do Governo.

[...]"

*[Courtesy translation: "The Government encouraged reflection and debate about the mid-term economic strategy for Portugal among the key stakeholders in two phases: involvement of the stakeholders in the preparations of the draft NRP and discussion of the draft NRP and SP in the Assembly of the Republic.*

[...]

*Phase 2 - Discussion of draft NRP and SP in the Assembly of the Republic*

*The second phase of the reflection and debate about the NRP and SP began with the submission of the respective proposals of the Government to the Assembly of the Republic on 17 April 2015.*

under the NRP in the right-hand column.

No date of the approval of the programme by the government could be found.

atividade política e parlamentar resultaram propostas para o Programa Nacional de Reformas e Projetos de Resolução dos partidos políticos com assento parlamentar. A 27 de abril a versão final e completa do Programa Nacional de Reformas e o Programa de Estabilidade foram discutidos no plenário da Assembleia da República, antes de serem submetidos à Comissão Europeia.

[...]"

*[Courtesy translation: "A debate was organised in the Assembly of the Republic on 30 March at the presence of the Prime Minister in order to present the NRP and initiate its discussion in the assembly. Six debates were organised in the plenary session of the Assembly of the Republic to discuss each pillar of the NRP at the presence of the ministers directly involved in the respective pillars. The debates were about: private debt and companies' capitalisation (6 April), qualification of Portuguese population (7 April), territorial enhancement (13 April), innovation in the*

			<p><i>The documents were discussed in the plenary session on 22 April 2015 [...] During the debate the amendments to the Government proposals were not adopted."</i></p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found. However, it is mentioned on the <a href="#">verso of the cover page</a>: "Este documento foi elaborado com informação disponível até à data de 22 de abril de 2015."</p> <p><i>[Courtesy translation: "This document was prepared based on information available on 22 April 2015".]</i></p>		<p><i>Portuguese economy (14 April), justice and competitiveness (20 April), social cohesion and equality (21 April). The outcome of the debates and political and parliamentary activity were the proposals about the NRP and draft resolutions of the political parties. The final versions of the NRP and SP were discussed in their entirety on 27 April in the plenary session of the Assembly of the Republic prior to submission to the European Commission."</i></p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found. However, it is mentioned on the <a href="#">verso of the cover page</a>: "Este documento foi elaborado com informação disponível até à data de 28 de abril de 2016."</p> <p><i>[Courtesy translation: "This document was prepared based on information available on 28 April 2016".]</i></p>
<b>Portugal: supplementing information provided by representatives of the national parliament to the EP</b>					
<p>A "Fiscal Strategy Document" was presented to the Parliament, instead, where debates took place either at Committee or at Plenary Level.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>The SP was discussed on 27 April, together with the NRP, in the plenary session of the Portuguese Parliament with the presence of the Government and prior to its submission to the EC.</p>			

## Romania

2014		2015		2016	
Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme	Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme	Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme
<p><a href="#">CP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p>(EN version is not available.)</p> <p><a href="#">NRP p 51</a> (RO version): "[...]"</p> <p>Cele două comisii pentru afaceri europene ale Parlamentului României au fost informate asupra principalelor realizări și măsuri incluse în PNR 2014, urmând ca prezentarea versiunii finale a PNR 2014 să fie organizată după derularea alegerilor pentru Parlamentul European.</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p><i>[Courtesy translation: "The two committees on European Affairs of the Romanian Parliament were informed of the main achievements and measures included in the NRP in 2014; the presentation of the final version of the 2014 NRP will be organized after the elections of the European Parliament."]</i></p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the</p>	<p><a href="#">CP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 64</a>: "[...]"</p> <p>The preliminary proposals and final version of NRP will be subject of public debates both at the level of institutions involved and national level. [...]</p> <p>The two Committees on European Affairs of the Romanian Parliament have been informed of the main achievements and measures included in the NRP 2014, following that the presentation of the final version of NRP 2015 completed by an Action Plan to be organized after the publication of CSR 2015 and approval of the Action plans on the implementation of NRP 2015 and CSR 2015 by the Government.</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">CP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of the approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the <a href="#">NRP p 43</a>: "[...] The document was approved in the Romanian Government session of 13 April 2016. [...]"</p>



government could be found.

**Romania: supplementing information provided by representatives of the national parliament to the EP**

The Committee on European Affairs of the Romanian Senate analysed the NRP during the Committee meeting together with the representative of the Romanian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the coordinator on behalf of the Romanian Government for the elaboration of the NRP. The Standing Bureau of the Romanian Senate was also informed.

The Committee on European Affairs of the Romanian Senate analysed also the Council recommendation on the NRP 2014 of Romania and the Council opinion on the Convergence Programme of Romania, 2014.

None.

None.

## Slovenia

2014		2015		2016	
Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme
<p><a href="#">SP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 36</a>: "[...] the Slovenian Government [...] took note of the draft document (<i>NRP</i>) at its regular session held on 27 March 2014. The draft document was then considered by the following committees of the Slovenian National Assembly: the Committee on the Economy, the Committee on Labour, Family, Social Policy and Disability, the Committee on EU Affairs and the Committee on Finance and Monetary Policy.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>The final version of the NRP took into account – mutatis mutandis and in terms of Slovenia's objectives – the discussions at the Economic and Social Council and the committees of the National Assembly; the Slovenian Government gave its final approval on 10 April 2014."</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in</p>	<p><a href="#">SP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">SP p 3</a>: "[...] The SP for 2016 was first drafted together with the Decree on general government framework 2017–2019 which was discussed and passed by the National Assembly at its session on 19 April 2016 [...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 36</a>: "[...] The second draft (NRP) adopted by the government was sent to the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia. MPs discussed the text draft at the following National Assembly's committees: Committee on Finance and Monetary Policy, Committee on the Economy, Committee on Labour, Family, Social Policy and Disability, Committee on Education, Science, Sport and Youth and the Committee on EU Affairs. [...] The discussions at the Economic and Social Council and the committees of the National Assembly have been taken into account mutatis mutandis in the final version of the NRP that was finally confirmed at the session of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia on 14 April 2016."</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the extract above.</p>

the extract above.

**Slovenia: supplementing information provided by representatives of the national parliament to the EP**

None.

The SP however, has not been sent to the National Assembly.

The draft NRP was considered by the following committees of the Slovenian National Assembly: the Committee on the Economy, the Committee on Labour, Family, Social Policy and Disability, the Committee on EU Affairs and the Committee on Finance and Monetary Policy.

None.

## Slovakia

2014		2015		2016	
Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme
<p><a href="#">SP p 6</a>: It is not clear from the text of the SP whether the national parliament is involved in April at the latest / before or after submission of the programme to the Commission:</p> <p>"[...] The SP, once approved by the Government, is submitted to the National Council of SR (<i>Slovak Republic</i>).</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 71</a>: It is not clear from the text of the NRP whether the national parliament is involved in April at the latest / before or after submission of the programme to the Commission: "[...]"</p> <p>The NRP is usually discussed by the Economic and Social Council, as well as by the European Affairs Committee and the Finance, Budget and Currency Committee of the National Council of the Slovak Republic."</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">SP</a>: EN version is available on the website of the Government of the Slovak Republic.</p> <p><a href="#">SP</a> (SK version): No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">SP</a>: EN version is available on the website of the Government of the Slovak Republic.</p> <p><a href="#">SP</a> (SK version): No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p>(EN version is not available.)</p> <p><a href="#">NRP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>

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<p>The SP of the Slovak Republic for 2014 – 2017 was debated in the Financial and Budgetary Committee on 29 April 2014 ...</p>	<p>The NRP of the Slovak Republic 2014 was debated in the Committee on European Affairs on 12 May 2014.</p>	<p>The SP of the Slovak Republic for 2015 – 2018 was debated in the Parliament in May and June 2015. On 27 May 2015 it was debated by the European Affairs Committee; on 9 June 2015 and 16 June 2015 it was discussed in the Financial and Budgetary Committee. On 1 July 2015 the plenary of the National Council of the Slovak Republic took note by means of a resolution.</p>	<p>The SP of the Slovak Republic for 2016 – 2019 was debated in the Parliament in June 2016. On 9 June 2016 it was debated by the European Affairs Committee; on 13 June 2016 it was discussed in the Financial and Budgetary Committee. On 15 June 2016 the plenary of the National Council of the Slovak Republic took note by means of resolution.</p>
<p>... and in the European Affairs Committee on 12 May 2014. On 14 May 2014 the plenary of the National Council of the Slovak Republic took note by means of resolution.</p>			

## Finland

2014		2015		2016	
Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme	Stability Programme	National Reform Programme
<p><a href="#">SP p 13</a>: "[...] The document (<i>SP</i>) will be delivered to the relevant EU bodies once it has been approved by the Government in plenary session. The contents of the SP have also been presented in writing and orally to the Grand Committee of Parliament. The Commission's assessment and the Council's statement on Finland's SP will be submitted to Parliament in connection with Ecofin preparations. [...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 51</a>: It is not clear from the text of the NRP whether the national parliament is involved in April at the latest / before or after submission of the programme to the Commission: "[...] The National Europe 2020 Programme will be submitted to Parliament. [...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p>(EN version is not available.)</p> <p><a href="#">SP</a> (FI version): No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 41</a>: It is not clear from the text of the NRP whether the national parliament is involved in April at the latest / before or after submission of the programme to the Commission: "[...] The National Europe 2020 Programme will be submitted to Parliament. [...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">SP</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found.</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found. However, the date of the SP is mentioned on the <a href="#">cover page</a>: "14 April 2016"</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 35</a>: It is not clear from the text of the NRP whether the national parliament is involved in April at the latest / before or after submission of the programme to the Commission: "[...] The National Europe 2020 Reform Programme will be submitted to Parliament. [...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>

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None.	Although, this was not mentioned in the text of the programme, the SP has been presented in writing and orally to the Grand Committee of Parliament. The Commission's assessment and the Council's statement on Finland's SP have also been submitted to Parliament.	In case of the Parliament of Finland the procedure has not changed since 2015. Again, although this was not explicitly mentioned, the SP was presented in writing and orally to the Grand Committee of Parliament. The Commission's assessment and the Council's statement on Finland's SP were also submitted to Parliament.
		Both programmes were presented to the parliament in writing on 14 April. The SP was presented as an annex to a government white paper on (national) multiannual financial planning for years 2017-2020 whereas the NRP

		<p>was presented as a separate file.</p> <p>The Grand Committee issued one joint statement on both programmes on 13 May after having had a hearing with experts from the Ministry of Finance and the National Audit Office.</p> <p>Including the SP in the above-mentioned white paper gave also other committees than the Grand Committee an opportunity to discuss it. The reporting committee on the white paper was the Finance Committee that issued its report on 14 June after having received statements from all of the other committees. However, most of these statements as well as the final report by the Finance Committee had a predominantly national focus with the exception of the Grand Committee that conversely focused its statement entirely on the SP. The report of the Finance Committee was adopted in the plenary on 23 June.</p>
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Sweden					
2014		2015		2016	
Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme	Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme	Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme
<p><a href="#">CP p 5:</a> "[...] The Parliamentary Committee on Finance was informed about the CP on 15 April 2014. The Government approved the CP on 16 April 2014. [...]"</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the extract above.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 56:</a> "[...]"</p> <p>The Riksdag Committee on Finance has been informed about the NRP. [...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">CP p 5:</a> "[...] The Parliamentary Committee on Finance was informed about the CP on 21 April 2015. The Government approved the CP on 23 April 2015. [...]"</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the extract above.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 53:</a> "[...] The Riksdag Committee on Finance has been informed about the NRP. [...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">CP p 5:</a> "[...] The Parliamentary Committee on Finance was informed about the CP on 26 April 2016. The Government approved the CP on 28 April 2016. [...]"</p> <p>The date of approval of the programme by the government is mentioned in the extract above.</p>	<p>(EN version is not available.)</p> <p><a href="#">NRP p 40</a> (SV version): "[...] Riksdagens finansutskott har informerats om det NRP. [...]"</p> <p><i>[Courtesy translation: "The Riksdag Committee on Finance has been informed about the NRP."]</i></p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>
<b>Sweden: supplementing information provided by representatives of the national parliament to the EP</b>					
None.		None.		Both the NRPs and CPs are based on the early budget bill and the spring fiscal policy bill, decided upon by the Swedish Riksdag.	



## United Kingdom

2014		2015		2016	
Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme	Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme	Convergence Programme	National Reform Programme
<p><a href="#">CP p 5</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament in April at the latest and/or prior to submission to the Commission could be found:</p> <p>"[...] The UK presents copies of assessments of its CP to Parliament. The UK Parliament's Commons European Scrutiny Committee held a debate on 17 June 2013 on Economic Governance: European Semester and Macroeconomic Imbalances. This covered the Council's draft Country Specific Recommendations and Opinion on the UK's NRP and CP.</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p>However, the following remarks are included to the <a href="#">NRP p 7</a>:</p> <p>"[...] the House of Commons debated the 2013 Country-Specific Recommendations addressed to the UK, as well as the UK's 2013-14 CP (30</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 7</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found. However, the following remarks are included:</p> <p>"[...] Substantial engagement with national Parliaments and the wider public is critical to the success of Europe 2020. [...] Since the NRP does not contain any new policy announcements, it is not subject to formal consultation.</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">CP p 5</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament in April at the latest and/or prior to submission to the Commission could be found:</p> <p>"[...] The UK presents copies of assessments of its CP to Parliament.</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p>However, the following remarks are included to the <a href="#">NRP p 7</a>:</p> <p>"[...] the House of Commons debated the UK's 2015 CP (24 March 2015). [...] The House of Lords debated the [...] UK's 2015 CP (26 March 2015)."</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 7</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found. However, the following remarks are included:</p> <p>"[...] Substantial engagement with national Parliaments and the wider public is critical to the success of Europe 2020. [...] Since the NRP does not contain any new policy announcements, it is not subject to formal consultation.</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.</p>	<p><a href="#">CP p 5</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament in April at the latest and/or prior to submission to the Commission could be found:</p> <p>"[...] The UK presents copies of assessments of its CP to Parliament.</p> <p>[...]"</p> <p>However, the following remarks are included to the <a href="#">NRP p 7</a>:</p> <p>"[...] the House of Commons debated the UK's 2015-16 CP (23 March 2016) [...]. The House of Lords debated the UK's 2015-16 CP (23 March 2016)."</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found. However, the relevant comments about government approval are included to the supplementing information below.</p>	<p><a href="#">NRP p 7</a>: No reference to the involvement of the national parliament could be found. However, the following remarks are included:</p> <p>"[...] Substantial engagement with national Parliaments and the wider public is critical to the success of Europe 2020. [...] Since the NRP does not contain any new policy announcements, it is not subject to formal consultation. [...]"</p> <p>No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found. However, the relevant comments about government approval are included to the supplementing information below.</p>

April 2014). The House of Lords debated the UK's 2013-14 CP (9 April 2014)."					
No date of approval of the programme by the government could be found.					

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<p>The EU Committee's Sub-Committee on Economic and Financial Affairs of the House of Lords' has conducted scrutiny of these documents and engaged in correspondence with the UK Government about them. The European Committee of the House of Commons organised a single debate on the 2014 European Semester took place on 14 June 2014.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>The House of Commons European Scrutiny Committee published a report on the European Semester on <a href="#">13<sup>th</sup> April 2016</a>. On <a href="#">13<sup>th</sup> July 2016</a>, the European Scrutiny Committee rescinded its recommendation that these documents be debated in a further European Committee. As a result, no debate has taken place (or will take place) and the documents have been cleared from scrutiny. Government approves both documents following the internal procedures and the dates are not disclosed.</p>	
		<p>However, what is put to both Houses for debate (a statutory requirement) is that Government approved the SP. Thus, the document must have been approved by the Government before 23 March.</p>	<p>The NRP is in effect a restatement of the policies in the most recent Autumn Statement and Budget. There is no statutory requirement for it to be debated in Parliament before submission to the Commission.</p>

The tables above include hyperlinks to the English versions or, if not available, to the original language versions of the SCPs/NRPs published on the website of the Commission. Representative of the national parliament of Slovakia has provided hyperlinks to the English versions of the 2015 SP and 2016 SP on the website of the government of Slovakia, which are added to this paper as English versions are not available on the Commission's webpage.

The European Commission has published the SCPs and NRPs for:

- 2014 at [http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/making-it-happen/country-specific-recommendations/2014/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/making-it-happen/country-specific-recommendations/2014/index_en.htm)
- 2015 at [http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/making-it-happen/country-specific-recommendations/2015/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/making-it-happen/country-specific-recommendations/2015/index_en.htm)
- 2016 at [http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/making-it-happen/country-specific-recommendations/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/making-it-happen/country-specific-recommendations/index_en.htm)

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