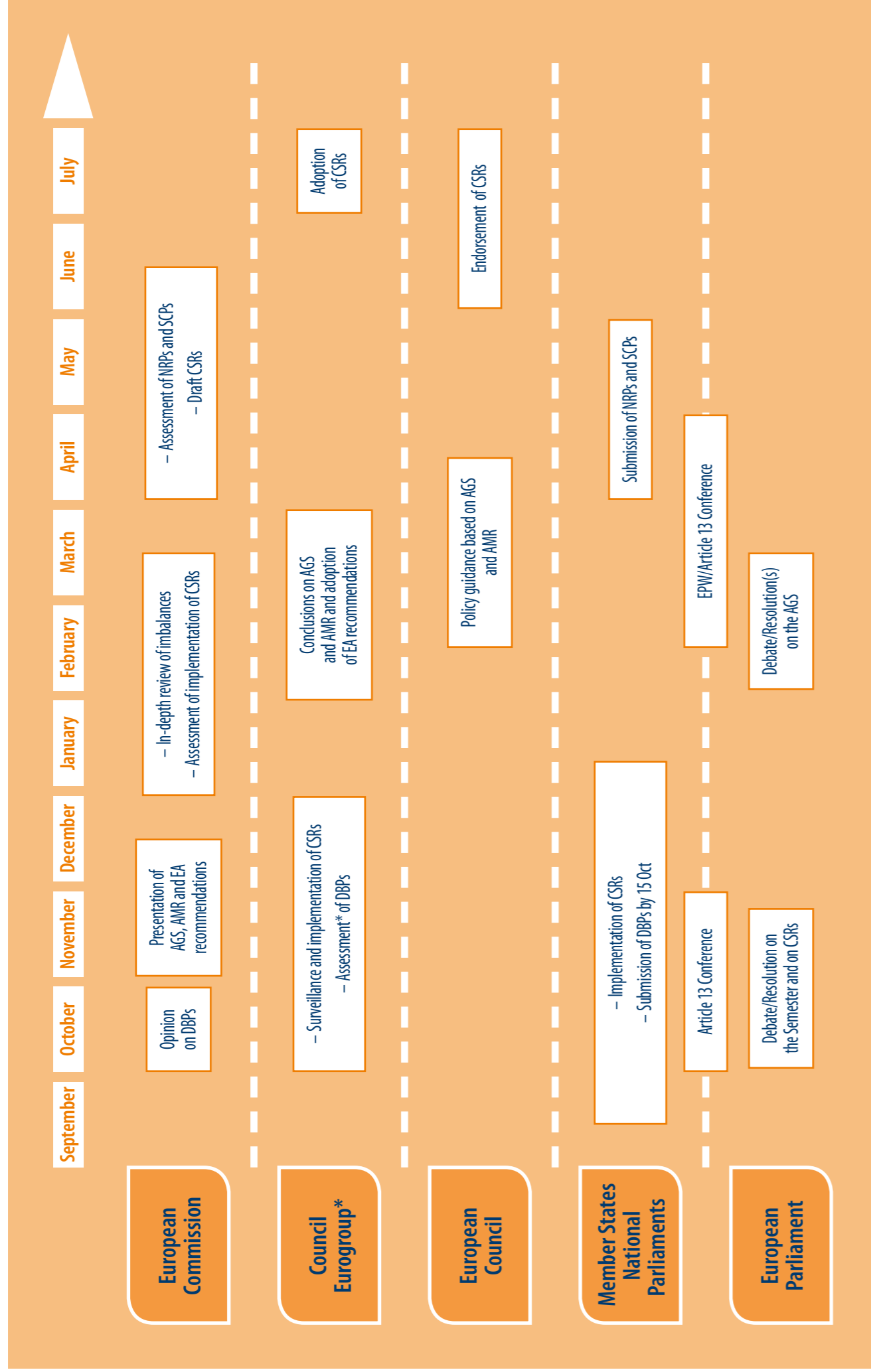


The European Semester for Economic Policy Coordination: Main steps and actors



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WORKING GROUP THE LAUNCH OF THE 2019 EUROPEAN SEMESTER CYCLE

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The European Semester for economic policy coordination from a parliamentary perspective

Foreword

This technical working group for EU parliaments staff on the “European Semester for economic policy coordination” will take place on 22 November 2018 on European Parliament’s premises and aims to kick-off the 2019 European Semester process from a Parliamentary perspective. The programme has been designed in close cooperation with EU national parliament administrations and provides an opportunity to discuss with European Commission services the latest developments.

Since 2010, the European Semester has consisted of an annual cycle of policy guidance and coordination and surveillance of national economic and social policies. While the European Semester process has evolved over the years, political ownership at both EU and national levels of the decisions taken under the Semester cycles has been highlighted as indispensable for the legitimacy and efficiency of the economic governance framework.

The staff working group aims to strengthen cooperation and better understanding among EU national parliaments’ and European Parliament administrations on the main steps and tools of the European Semester process, through knowledge sharing and the exchange of best practice.

This one day working group is an opportunity for participants to discuss and gain valuable insights into the main tools of the European Semester process, from both a European and a national perspective. This may be useful as the Semester framework involves a multi-tier governance structure in the EU.

Finally, the organisers are grateful to all colleagues in the EU institutions taking an active part in this event, including the Commission services, as well as to the colleagues at national level, for their very good collaboration in preparing this event.

We wish you a useful and productive seminar.

The organisation team of the EP services

Objective:

Strengthening the cooperation and capacity-building at administrative level among EU National Parliaments in the area of Economic Governance; improve the understanding of the new European Semester cycle through knowledge sharing and best practices exchange.

Participants:

Staff from national parliaments and EU Parliament dealing with the scrutiny of the European Semester.

Logistics:

Travelling and accommodations costs will be covered by the participants.

Working language:

English.

The launch of the 2019 Semester Cycle (sessions together with European Commission services)

10.00-10.15

Welcome and introduction

Kajus Hagelstam, Wolfgang Lehofer and Nicolas Pond-Hubert

10:15-11.00

The Annual Growth Survey and the launch of the 2019 Semester Cycle

Chair: Kajus Hagelstam

- Presentation by **Marcel Haag**, Director, SG, European Commission
- Exchange of views

11.00 - 11.45

The 2019 Alert Mechanism Report

Chair: **Alice Zoppé**, EGOV

- Presentation by **Jonas Fischer**, HoS, DG ECFIN, European Commission
- Exchange of views

11.45-12.30

The draft Employment Report

Chair: **Wolfgang Lehofer**, EGOV

- Presentation by **Jeroen Jutte**, HoU, DG EMPL, European Commission
- Exchange of views

Lunch break

13.30 - 14.15

Commission’s draft 2019 recommendations for the euro area

Chair: **Cristina Dias**, EGOV

- Presentation by **Zenon Kontolemis**, HoU, DG ECFIN, European Commission
- Exchange of views

14.15 - 15.00

The 2018 Annual Report by the European Fiscal Board

Chair: **Jost Angerer**, EGOV

- Presentation by **Eloïse Orseau**, SG, European Commission
- Exchange of views

Sessions among National parliament and European Parliament administrations

15.00 - 15.30

Pilot project: parliamentary involvement in the various stages of the Semester

15.30 - 16.00

Follow-up, upcoming events and conclusions