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to the Commission
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Subject: Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, and Article 23 thereof, on measures linking the effectiveness of the European Structural and Investment Funds to sound economic governance

Article 23 of **Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund contains measures linking the effectiveness of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) to sound economic governance, in other words, macro-economic conditionality or 'macro-conditionality'.**

I have been appointed the Parliament's rapporteur for the Communication from the Commission on the guidelines for the application of the **measures linking the effectiveness of the** ESIF funds to sound economic governance, in terms of Article 23 of **Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013. In the light of the** forthcoming debates in the European Parliament and with a view to drawing up the corresponding report, could the Commission answer the following questions?

In the process of drawing up the specific recommendations by country and the Council's recommendations, how are the cohesion policy and the aims of **the** ESIF funds taken into account?

Bearing in mind that the primary channel of conditionality is neither automatic nor obligatory, are there any other possibilities for tackling issues that may lead to reprogramming before having recourse to Article 23?

Does the Commission intend to issue guidelines on the secondary channel of macro-economic conditionality?