

**Question for written answer E-007992/2015/rev.1  
to the Council**  
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Subject: The Eurogroup and transparency

Since the euro crisis, the Eurogroup has asserted itself as a key player in European economic governance. Legally speaking, however, the Eurogroup is not a EU institution and cannot adopt binding decisions.

Nevertheless, it cannot be denied that the Eurogroup has become increasingly powerful as the euro crisis has unfolded. Yet there is, as stressed by Prof. René Repasi of Leiden University, a real problem of transparency. The Eurogroup is not obliged to inform the public or institutions of its activities. There are no minutes of its meetings.

Is the Council planning to take steps to increase transparency within the Eurogroup?