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to the Commission**
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Subject: Single tax policy in the eurozone

In 2011, German Chancellor Angela Merkel talked about the idea of a common tax policy as though it were the only way out of the crisis. Eurozone Member States would share not only a single currency, but also more centralised fiscal and budgetary policies. This idea still lacks political legitimacy and democratic support from Member State citizens, however.

Although the economic crisis has subsided and many eurozone countries have shown solid economic growth, the situation in Greece has kept the monetary union on tenterhooks. The eurozone is now much better prepared for a possible Grexit than it was in 2011, but we cannot predict how the markets would behave and develop in that event.

The five presidents of the EU institutions recently revealed a plan which appears to involve a number of fundamental changes over the next two years. These changes will, it seems, move the EU away from the current system of rules and directives designed to guide national economic policy and towards a system characterised by a greater degree of shared sovereignty with common institutions.

Can the Commission guarantee that, in spite of its problems and uncertain future, the eurozone will not move towards a single tax policy and common ministry of finance?