

**Question for written answer E-013595/2015  
to the Council**

Rule 130

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Subject: Common European unemployment fund and insurance

On 6 October, the Italian Minister for Economy and Finance Pier Carlo Padoan brought up again the issue of setting up a pan-European unemployment fund, recommending that such an insurance scheme be created based on the existing legal framework, without revising the Treaty. The current Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs, Taxation and Customs, Pierre Moscovici had made a similar recommendation in November 2012 when he was the Minister for Economy and Finance of France.

Many economists<sup>1</sup> claim that such a fund would help unemployed people in the EU as a whole.

In December 2012, the so-called report by the four Presidents (of the European Council, of the Commission, of the ECB and of the Eurogroup) titled 'Towards a genuine Economic and Monetary Union'<sup>2</sup>, also recommended that such a fund be set up.

What is the Council's stance on this issue, given that the finance ministers of at least some of the Member States, as well as the former President of the European Council, Herman van Rompuy, are in favour of such a policy? Has the issue in question been discussed and, if yes, what is the disagreement that is preventing the Council from agreeing to the creation of such a fund?

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<sup>1</sup> [http://bruegel.org/wp-content/uploads/imported/publications/pc\\_2012\\_22\\_EA\\_budget\\_final.pdf](http://bruegel.org/wp-content/uploads/imported/publications/pc_2012_22_EA_budget_final.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms\\_Data/docs/pressdata/en/ec/134069.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/ec/134069.pdf)