

**Question for written answer E-003945/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Failure of the monetary budget policy

Last week, the European Court of Auditors issued a scathing report on the Stability and Growth Pact¹. The pact was introduced to reinforce budgetary discipline in Member States, as a budget crisis in one Member State can cause problems in other Member States.

- 1) Can the Commission explain to me how it is possible that the 'measures' it took against Member States that did not abide by the budget rules have led to a further increase in their debt?
- 2) Is it not embarrassed by the report from the Court of Auditors? Which measures did it take or does it intend to take on the basis of the recommendations in the report?
- 3) Why is it still continuing with the Stability and Growth Pact if it is clear to everyone that a monetary union with accompanying budget rules does not work or is even counterproductive?

¹ . Special Report No 18/2018 of the European Court of Auditors, 'Is the main objective of the preventive arm of the Stability and Growth Pact delivered?', published on 12 July 2018.