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The bibliographies in the country reports provide an overview of the written sources directly referred to in the documents. They do not cover the full spectrum of stakeholder consultations on which the Commission bases its analysis.

The Commission consults with a broad range of stakeholders at different levels throughout the Semester process. These consultations take various forms, from high-level political discussions between Commissioners and national, regional and local authorities to bilateral exchanges, outreach seminars and technical discussions on specific issues between the Commission services and (academic) experts, social partners and civil society organisations. To support this two-way dialogue, the Commission has posted dedicated European Semester Officers in the Permanent Representations in the Member States. These officials regularly organise outreach activities and in-depth discussions with both governmental and non-governmental stakeholders. They also remain at the disposal of interested parties that wish to discuss specific Semester-related topics. In addition, the staff involved in the Semester process regularly undertakes dedicated missions to the Member States to meet with stakeholders directly.

The Commission does not have this intention at this stage. The current approach provides various low-threshold entry points for different interested parties to provide input into the Commission's analysis.