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Statistics for the macroeconomic imbalances procedure

Proposal for a regulation
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Amendment 9
Marije Cornelissen

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) Reliable statistical data are the basis for effective surveillance of macroeconomic imbalances. To guarantee sound and independent statistics, Member States should ensure the professional independence of national statistical authorities, consistent with the European statistics code of practice laid down in Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics³.

³ OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 164

Amendment

(3) ***Democratic decisions based on*** reliable statistical data ***and analysis*** are the basis for effective surveillance of macroeconomic imbalances. To guarantee sound and independent statistics, Member States should ensure the professional independence of national statistical authorities, consistent with the European statistics code of practice laid down in Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics³.

³ OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 164

Or. en

Amendment 10
Marije Cornelissen

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) The inclusion of a number of (auxiliary) employment and social indicators in the Alert Mechanism Report is foreseen. This Regulation should also apply to these indicators.

Or. en

Amendment 11
Csaba Óry

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) It is essential that the statistical production necessary for ***the performance of the activities*** of the Union should only be based on reliable data. In the production of MIP relevant data, which is an essential input for the detection of macroeconomic imbalances as well as the prevention and correction of excessive macroeconomic imbalances within the Union, unreliable data can have a significant impact on the interest of the Union. Additional measures to make the enforcement of the production, provision and quality monitoring of MIP relevant data more effective are necessary for the performance of the macroeconomic imbalances procedure. Those measures should enhance the credibility of the underlying statistical information as well as of the provision and quality monitoring of the MIP relevant data. In order to deter against misrepresentation, whether intentional or due to serious negligence, of MIP relevant data, a mechanism of financial sanctions should be established, which will also serve the purpose of ensuring due diligence in the production of MIP relevant data.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 12
Csaba Óry

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) Close cooperation and on-going dialogue should be established between the Commission and Member States' statistical authorities in order to ensure the quality of the MIP relevant data reported by Member States and the underlying statistical information.

Amendment

(8) Close cooperation and on-going dialogue ***to coordinate and harmonise data to be transmitted*** should be established between the Commission and Member States' statistical authorities in order to ensure the quality of the MIP relevant data reported by Member States and the underlying statistical information.

Or. en

Amendment 13
Marije Cornelissen

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9a) The strengthening of economic governance through an improved statistical monitoring system of MIP relevant data should include a closer and more timely involvement of the European Parliament and the national parliaments.

Or. en

Amendment 14
Csaba Óry

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 15
Marije Cornelissen

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

In the event of doubt regarding the correct implementation of the rules governing the compilation and transmission of the MIP relevant data, the Member State concerned shall request clarification from the Commission (Eurostat). The Commission shall promptly examine the issue and communicate its clarification to the Member State concerned, to the relevant expert **group** on macroeconomic statistics established by the Commission, to all other Member States and to the public.

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Or. en

Amendment 16
Jürgen Creutzmann

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Where the Commission (Eurostat) identifies problems, in particular in the context of the quality assessment under Article 5, it may decide to carry out missions to the Member State concerned.

Amendment

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Amendment 17
Jürgen Creutzmann

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission (Eurostat) shall report to the Economic Policy Committee set up by Council Decision 74/122/EEC⁷ on the findings of these missions, including any comments on these findings made by the Member State concerned. After having been transmitted to the Economic Policy Committee, these reports, along with any comments made by the Member State concerned, shall be made public, without prejudice to the provisions concerning statistical confidentiality in Regulation (EC) No 223/2009.

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Amendment 18
Csaba Óry

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Or. en

Amendment 19 **Jürgen Creutzmann**

Proposal for a regulation **Article 8 – paragraph 3**

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission (Eurostat) may express a reservation on the quality of a Member State's MIP relevant data. No later than **three** working days before the planned publication date, the Commission (Eurostat) shall communicate to the Member State concerned and to the President of the Economic Policy Committee the reservation it intends to express and make public. Where the issue is resolved after publication of the data and the reservation, withdrawal of the reservation shall be made public immediately thereafter.

Amendment

3. The Commission (Eurostat) may express a reservation on the quality of a Member State's MIP relevant data. No later than **five** working days before the planned publication date, the Commission (Eurostat) shall communicate to the Member State concerned and to the President of the Economic Policy Committee the reservation it intends to express and make public. ***The Member State concerned shall be given the opportunity to explain the situation.*** Where the issue is resolved after publication of the data and the reservation, withdrawal of the reservation shall be made public immediately thereafter.

Or. en

Amendment 20 **Jürgen Creutzmann**

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The Commission (Eurostat) may amend data transmitted by Member States and provide the amended data and a justification of the amendment where there is evidence that the data reported by Member States do not comply with the requirements of Article 3(2). No later than **three** working days before the planned publication date, the Commission (Eurostat) shall communicate to the Member State concerned and to the President of the Economic Policy Committee the amended data and the justification for the amendment.

Amendment

4. The Commission (Eurostat) may amend data transmitted by Member States and provide the amended data and a justification of the amendment where there is evidence that the data reported by Member States do not comply with the requirements of Article 3(2). No later than **five** working days before the planned publication date, the Commission (Eurostat) shall communicate to the Member State concerned and to the President of the Economic Policy Committee the amended data and the justification for the amendment.

Or. en

Amendment 21
Jürgen Creutzmann

Proposal for a regulation
Chapter 8 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

SANCTIONS CONCERNING THE
MANIPULATION OF STATISTICS

Amendment

SANCTIONS CONCERNING THE
MISREPRESENTATION OF
STATISTICS

Or. en

Amendment 22
Csaba Óry

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Council, acting on a proposal by the Commission, may decide to impose a fine on a Member State that intentionally or by serious negligence misrepresents the MIP relevant data.

Amendment

1. The Council, acting on a proposal by the Commission, may decide to impose a fine on a Member State that intentionally or by serious negligence misrepresents ***or delays the delivery of*** the MIP relevant data.

Or. en

Amendment 23
Csaba Óry

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission may ***conduct*** all investigations necessary to establish the existence of the misrepresentations referred to in paragraph 1. It may decide to initiate an investigation when it finds that there are serious indications of the existence of facts liable to constitute such a misrepresentation. In investigating the putative misrepresentations, the Commission shall take into account any comments submitted by the Member State concerned. In order to carry out its tasks, the Commission may request the Member State to provide information, and may conduct on-site inspections and access the underlying statistical information and documents related to the MIP relevant data. If the law of the Member State concerned requires prior judicial authorisation for on-site inspections, the Commission shall make the necessary applications.

Amendment

In compliance with the rules, the Commission may ***carry out*** all investigations necessary to establish the existence of the misrepresentations referred to in paragraph 1. It may decide to initiate an investigation when it finds that there are serious indications of the existence of facts liable to constitute such a misrepresentation. In investigating the putative misrepresentations, the Commission shall take into account any comments submitted by the Member State concerned. In order to carry out its tasks, the Commission may request the Member State to provide information, and may conduct on-site inspections and access the underlying statistical information and documents related to the MIP relevant data. If the law of the Member State concerned requires prior judicial authorisation for on-site inspections, the Commission shall make the necessary applications.

Or. en

Amendment 24
Jürgen Creutzmann

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. The Court of Justice of the European Union shall have unlimited jurisdiction to review the decisions of the Council imposing fines under paragraph 1. ***It may annul, reduce or increase the fine so imposed.***

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 25
Jürgen Creutzmann

Proposal for a regulation
Article 11 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The fines collected in accordance with Article 9 shall constitute other revenue, as referred to in Article 311 of the Treaty, and shall be assigned to the Union budget.

Amendment

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They shall be designated for measures to enhance employment and education levels especially among the youth.

Or. en

Amendment 26
Marije Cornelissen

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

In line with Article 5 of Regulation (EC)

Amendment

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No 223/2009, the national statistical institutes of the Member States (the NSI) shall ensure the required coordination on the MIP relevant data at national level. All other national authorities shall report to the NSI for this purpose. The Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure the application of this provision.

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Or. en