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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

for the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
on the provision and quality of statistics for the macroeconomic imbalances
procedure
(COM(2013)0342 – C7-0162/2013 – 2013/0181(COD))

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AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs calls on the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, as the committee responsible, to take into account the following amendments:

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) A reliable procedure should be set up for the compilation, monitoring and release of the data relevant for the macroeconomic imbalances procedure (hereinafter referred to as “MIP relevant data”) as well as a continuous improvement of the underlying statistical information in line with the Commission’s quality management frameworks for European statistics⁴. The Group of Directors of Macroeconomic Statistics (DMES), established by the Commission, **is** an appropriate expert **group** to provide the Commission (Eurostat) with the required assistance for the application of a robust quality monitoring procedure for the MIP relevant data.

⁴ COM(2005)217 final and COM(2011)211 final.

Amendment

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⁴ COM(2005)217 final and COM(2011)211 final.

Or. en

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4

Text proposed by the Commission

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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 3

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.

⁷ OJ L 63, 5.3.1974, p.21

Amendment

3. The Commission (Eurostat) shall report to the Economic Policy Committee set up by Council Decision 74/122/EEC⁷ **and the Employment Committee established by Council Decision 2000/98/EC^{7a}** 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, **the Employment Committee and the relevant committees of the European Parliament**, 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.

⁷ OJ L 63, 5.3.1974, p.21

^{7a} **Council Decision 2000/98/EC of 24 January 2000 establishing the Employment Committee (OJ L 29,**

Amendment 4

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) ***or where the data transmitted by Member States is incomplete***. No later than three working days before the planned publication date, the Commission (Eurostat) shall communicate to the Member State concerned and to the Presidents of the Economic Policy Committee ***and of the Employment Committee*** the amended data and the justification for the amendment.

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The revenue referred to in the first paragraph shall be allocated to the financing of the Member States' National Reform Programmes (NRPs) and their consequences as part of the European Semester cycle, with the aim of minimalizing economic, employment and

social divergences in the eurozone.

Or. en

Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation Article 15

Text proposed by the Commission

In line with Article 5 of Regulation (EC) 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.

Amendment

In line with Article 5 of Regulation (EC) 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, ***including national central banks and bodies responsible for employment and social statistics***, shall report to the NSI for this purpose. The Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure the application of this provision.

Or. en

Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation Article 17

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission (Eurostat) shall report regularly to the European Parliament and to the Council on the activities carried out by the Commission (Eurostat) for the purpose of implementing this Regulation.

Amendment

The Commission (Eurostat) shall report regularly to the ***relevant committees of the*** European Parliament and to the Council on the activities carried out by the Commission (Eurostat) for the purpose of implementing this Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation

Article 18 – paragraph 2 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) the appropriateness and effectiveness of the applied monitoring process in case of revision or addition of MIP relevant data.

Or. en