

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1119/10
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to the Commission

Subject: Statistical governance in the EU

Given that the credibility of the Stability and Growth Pact and, worse, the viability of the euro, are jeopardised when EU Member States, especially those in the Eurozone, lack genuinely independent statistical institutions or good statistical governance, what measures is the Commission planning to take with regard to strengthening statistical governance at the national level?

Does the Commission concur that there is a need for a strong centralised monitoring function for the Eurozone to ensure that public finances and their reporting are audited according to common EU-approved standards and that there should also be oversight over national governments' economic forecasts?

Finally, does the Commission agree that, in the interests of transparency, the results of economic 'stress-tests' by the EU should be carried out and published for all Member States on a regular basis?