

**Question for written answer E-8663/2010
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: Maastricht criteria

The normative acts of the European Union's Stability and Growth Pact provide for sanctions to be imposed on Member States that do not comply with the provisions of the Maastricht Treaty; this includes non-compliance with two specific criteria: (a) a deficit-to-GDP ratio of 3% and (b) a debt-to-GDP ratio of 60%.

Can the Commission inform me as to which Member States did not comply with the above provisions, and give details of the sanctions imposed on them?

Can it also indicate the amounts of the penalties paid by the Member States in question and how these sums were spent?