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Subject: France and Italy's budgetary commitments

President Macron announced on 10 December 2018 that he would take several steps to appease the anger of the 'yellow vests', namely by increasing the minimum wage by 100 euro a month, removing the overtime requirement and cancelling the increase in the general social contribution for pensions lower than EUR 2 000 per month.

The French government has officially calculated the cost of these measures to be EUR 10 billion in additional expenditure. On 12 December 2018, it was announced in Le Figaro that France's deficit 'will exceed the threshold of 3% of GDP'.

Does the Commission intend to call out – or even fine – France for these budgetary overruns?

If not, how does it explain the severity of the situation vis-à-vis Italy, whose budget deficit is only estimated at 2.4% of its GDP?