

**Question for written answer E-004354/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Serious deficiencies in the Commission's surveillance of Member States exiting a macroeconomic adjustment programme

According to special report 18/2021 of the European Court of Auditors, there are some serious deficiencies in the Commission's surveillance of Member States exiting a macroeconomic adjustment programme.

The report notes that post-programme surveillance (PPS) reports are becoming repetitive. Up to 78 % of information reported in a PPS report was already presented in the previous PPS report. In year-on-year comparisons of reports, it is almost 40 %. One suggestion for mitigating this problem is to allow more room to deviate from the three- or six-month intervals between reports, depending on the surveillance programme.

1. How will the Commission make sure that less frequent reporting under enhanced supervision or PPS will not result in a loss of quality of reporting or a reduced sense of urgency when it comes to enacting reforms?
2. What other ways to decrease the repetitiveness of reports and increase the effectiveness of the surveillance programmes is the Commission considering?