



ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE

Economic Dialogues with the other EU Institutions under the European Semester Cycles during the 9th legislative term

State of play - April 2024

This document provides an overview of Economic Dialogues with the other institutions of the European Union that has taken place in the competent committee(s) of the European Parliament since September 2019 under the European Semester for economic policy coordination. It also lists the Recovery and Resilience Dialogues with the European Commission as undertaken by the competent committee(s) since the entry of force of the Recovery and Resilience Facility in 2021. It also includes an overview of the respective legal bases for these dialogues.

During the 9th legislative term, the competent committees held 15 Recovery and Resilience Dialogues with the Commission, 10 Economic Dialogues with the Commission, 9 Economic Dialogues with the Council, and 6 Economic Dialogues with the Eurogroup.

Dialogues with the other EU Institutions				
Date/ Committee(s)	Institution	Subject	Briefing	Transcript and/or video recording
22 April 2024 BUDG and ECON	European Commission Dombrovskis, Gentiloni	► Regular Recovery and Resilience Dialogue	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
5 February 2024 BUDG and ECON	European Commission Dombrovskis, Gentiloni	► Regular Recovery and Resilience Dialogue	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
22 January 2024 ECON	Council President of ECOFIN (BE)	► Economic Dialogue on the 2024 European Semester Cycle	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>



11 January 2024 ECON	European Commission Dombrovskis, Gentiloni	► Economic Dialogue on the EU Fiscal Surveillance	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
10 December 2023 BUDG and ECON	European Commission Dombrovskis, Gentiloni	► Regular Recovery and Resilience Dialogue	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
2 October 2023 BUDG and ECON	European Commission Dombrovskis, Gentiloni	► Regular Recovery and Resilience Dialogue	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
20 September 2023 ECON	Council President of ECOFIN (ES)	► Economic Dialogue on the 2023 European Semester Cycle	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
10 July 2023 BUDG and ECON	European Commission Gentiloni	► Regular Recovery and Resilience Dialogue	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
29 June 2023 ECON	Eurogroup President	► Regular Economic Dialogue	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u> <u>Transcript</u>
17 April 2023 BUDG and ECON	European Commission Dombrovskis, Gentiloni	► Regular Recovery and Resilience Dialogue	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
6 February 2023 BUDG and ECON	European Commission Dombrovskis, Gentiloni	► Regular Recovery and Resilience Dialogue	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
24 January 2023 ECON	Council President of ECOFIN (SE)	► Economic Dialogue on the 2023 European Semester Cycle	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
12 December 2022 ECON and EMPL	European Commission Dombrovskis, Gentiloni and Schmit	► Economic Dialogue on the launch of the 2023 European Semester	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
21 November 2022 BUDG and ECON	European Commission Dombrovskis, Gentiloni	► Regular Recovery and Resilience Dialogue	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
12 September 2022 BUDG and ECON	European Commission Dombrovskis, Gentiloni	► Regular Recovery and Resilience Dialogue	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
13 July 2022 ECON	Council President of ECOFIN (CZ)	► Economic Dialogue on the 2022 European Semester Cycle	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
2 May 2022 BUDG and ECON	European Commission Dombrovskis, Gentiloni	► Regular Recovery and Resilience Dialogue	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
7 March 2022 BUDG and ECON	European Commission Dombrovskis, Gentiloni	► Regular Recovery and Resilience Dialogue	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
7 February 2022 ECON and EMPL	European Commission Dombrovskis, Gentiloni	► Economic Dialogue on the Fiscal package of the 2022 European Semester	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
2 February 2022 ECON	Eurogroup President	► Regular Economic Dialogue	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u> <u>Transcript (EN)</u>
25 January 2022 ECON and EMPL	European Commission Dombrovskis, Gentiloni and Schmit	► Economic Dialogue on the Implementation of the 2021 European Semester	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>

25 January 2022 ECON	Council President of ECOFIN (FR)	► Economic Dialogue on the launch of the 2022 European Semester Cycle	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
13 December 2021 BUDG and ECON	European Commission Dombrovskis, Gentiloni	► Regular Recovery and Resilience Dialogue	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
1 September 2021 BUDG and ECON	European Commission Dombrovskis, Gentiloni	► Regular Recovery and Resilience Dialogue	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
14 July 2021 BUDG and ECON	European Commission Dombrovskis, Gentiloni	► Regular Recovery and Resilience Dialogue	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
13 July 2021 ECON	Council President of ECOFIN (SI)	► Economic Dialogue on the Implementation of the 2021 European Semester	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
28 June 2021 ECON and EMPL	European Commission Dombrovskis, Gentiloni and Schmit	► Economic Dialogue on the Implementation of the 2021 European Semester	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
21 June 2021 ECON	Eurogroup President	► Regular Economic Dialogue	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u> <u>Transcript (EN)</u>
10 May BUDG and ECON	European Commission Dombrovskis, Gentiloni	► Regular Recovery and Resilience Dialogue	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
4 March 2021 ECON	European Commission Dombrovskis and Gentiloni	► Economic Dialogue on 2021 Draft Budgetary Plans	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
25 January 2021 ECON	Eurogroup President	► Regular Economic Dialogue	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u> <u>Transcript (EN)</u>
25 January 2021 ECON (continued on 1 February 2021)	Council President of ECOFIN (PT)	► Economic Dialogue on the launch of the 2021 European Semester Cycle	<u>Briefing</u>	Video recording Video recording
7 December 2020 ECON and EMPL	European Commission Dombrovskis, Gentiloni and Schmit	► Economic Dialogue on the launch of the 2021 European Semester Cycle	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
2 September 2020 ECON	Council President of ECOFIN (DE)	► Economic Dialogue on the Implementation of the 2020 European Semester	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
27 May 2020 ECON and EMPL	European Commission Dombrovskis, Gentiloni and Schmit	► Economic Dialogue on the 2020 Country Specific Recommendations	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
21 April 2020 ECON	Eurogroup President	► Regular Economic Dialogue	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
27 January 2020 ECON	European Commission Dombrovskis and Gentiloni	► Economic Dialogue on the 2020 Draft Budgetary Plans	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
27 January 2020 ECON and EMPL	European Commission Dombrovskis, Gentiloni and Schmit	► Economic Dialogue on the launch of the 2020 European Semester Cycle	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>

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18 November 2019	Eurogroup	► Regular Economic	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>
ECON	President	Dialogue		<u>Transcript (EN)</u>
4 September 2019 ECON	D	► Economic Dialogue on the implementation of the 2019 European Semester	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Video recording</u>

For an overview Economic Dialogues with the other EU institutions between January 2014 and January 2019, please see <u>separate document</u>.

For an overview of Economic Dialogues with EU Member States, please see <u>separate document</u>.

ANNEX:

The legal provisions for the dialogues with other EU Institutions

The five regulations below were adopted as part of the "6-pack" and include provisions for **Economic Dialogues** with the other EU institutions

In order to enhance the dialogue between the institutions of the Union, in particular the EP, the Council and the COM, and to ensure greater transparency and accountability, the competent committee of the EP may invite the <u>President of the Council</u>, <u>the Commission</u> and, where appropriate, the <u>President of the European Council</u> or the <u>President of the Euro group</u> to appear before the committee to discuss:

Dogulation 1466/07 on the	(a) information provided to the committee by the Council on the broad
	(a) information provided to the committee by the Council on the broad
surveillance of budgetary	guidelines of economic policy pursuant to Article 121(2) TFEU;
	(b) general guidance to MS issued by the COM at the beginning of the annual
positions and the	cycle of surveillance;
surveillance and	(c) any conclusions drawn by the European Council on orientations for economic
coordination of economic	policies in the context of the European Semester;
<u>policies</u> (Article 2ab)	(d) the results of multilateral surveillance carried out under this Regulation;
(Article 2ab)	(e) any conclusions drawn by the European Council on the orientations for and results of multilateral surveillance;
	(f) any review of the conduct of multilateral surveillance at the end of the
	European Semester;
	(g) Council recommendations addressed to MS in accordance with Article 121(4)
	TFEU in the event of significant deviation and the report made by the Council to
	the European Council as defined in Article 6(2) and Article 10(2) of the
	Regulation.
	The Council is expected to, as a rule, follow the recommendations and proposals
	of the COM or explain its position publicly ["comply or explain"].
Regulation 1173/2011 on	Decisions taken pursuant to Articles 4, 5 and 6 of the Regulation [i.e. sanctions
the effective enforcement	and fines].
of budgetary surveillance in	
the euro area	
(Article 3)	
Regulation 1467/97 on	Council decisions under Article 126(6) TFEU, Council recommendations under
speeding up and clarifying	Article 126(7) TFEU, notices under Article 126(9) TFEU, or Council decisions under
the implementation of the	Article 126(11) TFEU.
excessive deficit procedure	The Council is, as a rule, expected to follow the recommendations and proposals
(Article 2a)	of the COM or explain its position publicly ["comply or explain"].
Regulation 1176/2011 on	(a) information provided by the Council on the broad guidelines of economic
prevention and correction	policy pursuant to Article 121(2) TFEU;
of macroeconomic	(b) general guidance to MS issued by the COM at the beginning of the annual
<u>imbalances</u>	cycle of surveillance;
(Article 14 (1))	(c) the conclusions of the European Council concerning orientations for
	economic policies in the context of the European Semester;
	(d) the results of multilateral surveillance carried out under this Regulation;
	(e) the conclusions of the European Council concerning the orientations for, and
	results of, multilateral surveillance;
	(f) a review of the conduct of multilateral surveillance at the end of the European
	Semester;
	(g) the recommendations taken pursuant to Article 7(2), Article 8(2) and Article
Regulation 1174/2011 on	10(4) of this Regulation. Decisions taken pursuant to Article 3 of the Regulation.
enforcement measures to	[i.e. sanctions including fines]
<u>correct excessive</u>	Lice. Surretions including lines
macroeconomic imbalances	
in the euro area	
(Article 6)	

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The two regulations below were adopted as part of the "2-pack" and include provisions for **Economic Dialogues** with the other EU institutions

Regulation 473/2013 on monitoring and assessing draft budgetary plans and ensuring the correction of excessive deficits of the Member States in the euro-area (Articles 7(3), 15 (1) and

(3) and 16)

Article 7: COM assessment of the draft budgetary plan

(3) The Commission's opinion [on the draft budgetary plan] shall be made public and shall be presented to the Eurogroup. Thereafter, at the request of the parliament of the Member State concerned or of the European Parliament, the Commission shall present its opinion to the parliament making the request.

Article 15: Economic dialogue

- (1) In order to enhance the dialogue between the Union institutions, in particular the EP, the Council and the COM, and to ensure greater transparency and accountability, the competent committee of the EP may invite, where appropriate, the <u>President of the Council</u>, the <u>COM</u>, the <u>President of the European Council</u> or the <u>President of the Eurogroup</u> to appear before the committee to discuss:
- (a) the specification of the content of the draft budgetary plan as set out in a harmonised framework established in accordance with Article 6(5) [harmonised framework established by the COM in cooperation with the MS];
- (b) the results of the discussion of the Eurogroup on the COM opinions adopted in accordance with Article 7(1) [COM shall adopt an opinion on the draft budgetary plan as soon as possible and in any event by 30 November], to the extent that they have been made public;
- (c) the overall assessment of the budgetary situation and prospects in the euro area as a whole made by the COM in accordance with Article 7(4) [COM assessment shall be made on the basis of most recent economic forecasts; it shall include sensitivity analysis that provide an indication of the risks to public finance sustainability];
- (d) Council acts referred to in Article 9(4) [the Council, acting on a proposal from the COM, shall adopt an opinion on the economic partnership programme] and in Article 12(3) [COM shall recommend that the Council takes additional measures where there has been no effective action in response to its recommendations].

(...)

(3). The EP shall be duly involved in the European Semester in order to increase the transparency and ownership of, and the accountability for the decisions taken, in particular by means of the economic dialogue carried out pursuant to this article.

Regulation 472/2013 on the strengthening of economic and budgetary surveillance of Member States in the euro area experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability (Articles 3 (1), (5), (8), (9), 7(1), (4) and (10), 14 (3), 18 and 19

Article 3: Enhanced surveillance

- (1, 2nd subparagraph) The Commission shall inform the competent committee of the European Parliament, the EFC, the Eurogroup Working Group, and the parliament of the Member State concerned, where relevant and in accordance with national practice, of the measures referred to in the first subparagraph. [measures to address the sources of difficulties identified] (...)
- 5, 2nd subparagraph) Every quarter, the Commission shall communicate its assessment [following each mission to the MS concerned] to the competent committee of the European Parliament and to the EFC. In that assessment, it shall examine, in particular, whether further measures are needed.
- (8) Where a recommendation [Council recommendations to the concerned MS regarding measures to be adopted] referred to in paragraph 7 is made public:
- (a) the competent committee of the European Parliament may offer the opportunity to the Member State concerned and to the Commission to participate in an exchange of views;

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(c) the Council shall inform the relevant committee of the European Parliament in due time about the content of the recommendation.

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(9) During the course of the enhanced surveillance process, the competent committee of the EP and the parliament of the MS concerned may invite representatives of the COM, the ECB and the IMF to participate in an economic dialogue.

Article 7: Macroeconomic adjustment programme

(1,5th subparagraph) (...) The Commission shall orally inform the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the competent committee of the EP of the progress made in the preparation of the draft macroeconomic adjustment programme. This information shall be treated as confidential.

(...)

(4) The Commission shall <u>inform</u> the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the competent committee of the EP orally of the conclusions drawn from the monitoring of the macroeconomic adjustment programme. That information shall be treated as confidential.

(...)

(10) The competent committee of the European Parliament may offer the opportunity to the Member State concerned and to the Commission to participate in an exchange of views on the progress made in the implementation of the macroeconomic adjustment programme.

Article 14: Post-programme surveillance

(3) The Commission shall conduct, in liaison with the ECB, regular review missions in the Member State under post- programme surveillance to assess its economic, fiscal and financial situation. Every six months, it shall communicate its assessment to the competent committee of the European Parliament, to the EFC and to the parliament of the Member State concerned and shall assess, in particular, whether corrective measures are needed.

Article 18: Informing the EP

The EP may invite representatives of <u>the Council</u> and of <u>the COM</u> to enter into a dialogue on the application of this Regulation.

The below regulation includes provisions **on Recovery and Resilience Dialogues** with the European Commission relating to the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility

Regulation 2021/241 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 February 2021 establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility (Article 26)

Article 26: Recovery and resilience dialogue

- 1. In order to enhance the dialogue between the Union institutions, in particular the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission, and to ensure greater transparency and accountability, the competent committee of the European Parliament may invite the Commission every two months to discuss the following matters:
- (a) the state of recovery, resilience and adjustment capacity in the Union, as well as the measures adopted under this Regulation;
- (b) the recovery and resilience plans of the Member States;
- (c) the assessment of the recovery and resilience plans of the Member States;
- (d) the main findings of the review report referred to in Article 16(2);
- (e) the status of fulfilment of the milestones and targets of the recovery and resilience plans of the Member States;
- (f) payment, suspension and termination procedures, including any observation presented and remedial measures taken by the Member States to ensure a satisfactory fulfilment of the milestones and targets;
- (g) any other relevant information and documentation provided by the Commission to the competent committee of the European Parliament in relation to the implementation of the Facility.

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- 2. The European Parliament may express its views in resolutions as regards the matters referred to in paragraph 1.
- 3. The Commission shall take into account any elements arising from the views expressed through the recovery and resilience dialogue, including the resolutions from the European Parliament if provided.
- 4. The recovery and resilience scoreboard referred to in Article 30 shall serve as a basis for the recovery and resilience dialogue.

In addition to the dialogues mentioned above, the Commission is accountable to the EP in line with the Article 17 (8) of the Treaty on European Union and the framework agreement between the COM and the EP.

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