

**Question for written answer Z-000006/2024
to the Chair of the ECB Supervisory Board**
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Subject: Banking capital requirements

A well-capitalised, regulated and supervised banking system is a necessary precondition for a successful economic growth strategy. The damage caused by banking crises hits the most vulnerable hardest and leaves lasting harm – the effects of which can persist for decades. In this context, there is increasing talk of making banking regulation weaker.

1. What can the Single Supervisory Mechanism tell us about the capital requirements of EU banks based on an international comparison, and in particular, when compared to the US banking sector?
2. What is the link, if any, between capital requirements and the ability of banks to support economic growth through lending to the real economy?
3. What would be an appropriate way of measuring the relative competitiveness of the EU banking sector?