

## **Questionnaire for the 15<sup>th</sup> Bi-Annual Report of COSAC on Procedures and Practices Relevant to Parliamentary Scrutiny**

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### **Input of national Parliaments and the European Parliament to the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy, the EU economic governance and to the elaboration of the Commission Work Programme 2012**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Bi-annual Report will be based on replies to the following questions:

#### **1. Europe 2020 Strategy**

- 1.1 Did your Parliament/Chamber have an input to the National Reform Programme and the Stability and Convergence Programme of your country and if so, how?
- 1.2 Which measures do you consider necessary at the national and the EU level to meet the five EU headline targets by 2020?
- 1.3 Has your Parliament/Chamber considered it, debated or given its input to the national indicators set out by the Government for measuring the condition of the national economies? If so, please specify how.

#### **2. European Semester and the Annual Growth Survey**

- 2.1 Has your Parliament/Chamber held or intends to hold a debate on the findings of the Annual Growth Survey? If so, please indicate the procedure and the findings.
- 2.2 Does your Parliament/Chamber consider the indicators of the Annual Growth Survey to be in line with the national ones (used in your country)? Are the different indicators considered to be coherent enough to give realistic picture on the actual situation of the EU economy?
- 2.3 Does your Parliament/Chamber consider that any aspect of the subsequent Annual Growth Surveys should be changed? If so, which aspect(s) and why?

- 2.4 Does your Parliament/Chamber have an input into the governmental activities concerning the European Semester? If so, please specify what input and in what way.
- 2.5 Do you plan to implement any special procedure in your Parliament/Chamber related to the European Semester? If so, please elaborate.
- 2.6 Has your Parliament/Chamber identified any weaknesses of the European Semester initiative? If so, which would be the main modifications that your Parliament/Chamber would recommend introducing for its successful implementation in the future?
- 2.7 Does your Parliament/Chamber consider that all national Parliaments and the European Parliament need to be involved in the running of the European Semester? If so, please indicate the possible format (e.g. annual parliamentary conference on budget).

### **3. Economic governance and financial regulation in general**

- 3.1 Does your Parliament/Chamber consider that the financial supervision package and the package of proposals to strengthen the tools of economic governance, presented by the Commission on 29 September 2010<sup>1</sup>, are adequate and sufficient for a healthy recovery of the European economy? Should there be a parliamentary debate on the subject? If so, please give detailed answers.
- 3.2 Does your Parliament/Chamber consider that the legal justification for the three-folded control under the economic governance package should be further complemented?
- 3.3 Do you have any recommendations regarding the gradual application of the sanctions and incentives of the enforcement mechanisms, which were designed to ensure the functioning of the economic surveillance framework?
- 3.4 In your opinion, what would be the optimal way for national Parliaments and the European Parliament to follow current political developments in the area of economic and fiscal coordination? Do you consider that Parliaments have the right tools at their disposal to respond rapidly to these developments? Do you have any suggestions on how to improve this aspect of parliamentary work?

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<sup>1</sup> COM(2010) 522, COM(2010) 523, COM(2010) 524, COM(2010) 525, COM(2010) 526, COM(2010) 527  
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#### **4. European Commission Work Programme for 2012**

- 4.1 Has any debate taken place or has been foreseen in your Parliament/Chamber with the objective to give parliamentary input into the Commission Work Programme for 2012 before its publication by the European Commission? If so, please specify the method and the results.
- 4.2 Do you have any suggestions for a future coordinated ex-ante debate in COSAC on Commission Work Programmes in order to use the possibility to influence the EU strategic planning process at the earliest stage possible?