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Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs  
The Chairwoman

To the Chairpersons of the concerned Committees

Dear Chairperson,

Dear colleague,

The Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee (ECON) of the European Parliament will discuss at its meeting of 17 September 2013 (15:00 - 18:30) the draft report on European Semester for economic policy coordination: implementation of 2012 priorities (Rapporteur: Ms. Elisa Ferreira).

At this occasion, the committee will debate on the assessment of the 2013 European Semester as well as on the priorities for the 2014 Annual Growth Survey, which will be the basis for next year's Semester. Furthermore, the Council of the Union will adopt in July Country-Specific Recommendations, which directly concern your country. With this in mind, and building on the success of last year's similar event, the ECON Committee would like to invite National Parliaments to attend ECON Committee meeting of 17 September 2013 at which a discussion on this topic will take place.

Both the European Parliament and national parliaments have complementary roles to play within the framework of the European Semester. The European Parliament needs to ensure the democratic dimension of the European Semester with regard to the European Institutions: the European Commission, the Council and the European Council. National parliaments have to ensure the democratic dimension towards their national governments. A dialogue between these two complementary actors (national parliaments - European Parliament) is useful and necessary so that they become aware of their complementarities and exchange information and ideas on the ongoing process. Both the European Parliament and national parliaments need to ensure that parliamentary control is appropriately exercised at all stages.

Due to the high importance of the subject matter, we would welcome your personal attendance to express your committee's views on the Country-Specific Recommendations that will be addressed to your country by the Council of the Union and to comment on the draft report on the European Semester. You will find attached some questions that could frame the discussion on Country-Specific Recommendations.

The draft agenda, supporting documents and online registration form will be forwarded to the Brussels representative of your Parliament Chamber in due course by the Directorate for relations with national Parliaments. For further information on the meeting itself, please contact Mr. Samuel de Lemos ([samuel.delemos@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:samuel.delemos@europarl.europa.eu)) of the ECON Committee Secretariat.

I hope that you will accept this invitation and look forward to welcoming you in the European Parliament.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sharon Bowles". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sharon Bowles



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**ECON Committee Exchange of Views with National Parliaments**

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*The 2013 cycle of the European Semester*

Tuesday, 17 September 15:00 - 16:30

**Suggested topics to frame the discussion**

- Have you established national best practises to be as closely as possible involved in the adoption of the recommendations and their implementation? How could the political ownership of these recommendations be increased at the national level?
- Following the adoption by the Council of the country-specific recommendations, do you expect your government to unveil new budgetary measures and / or new structural reforms in the new draft budget law?
- Do you consider that the country-specific recommendations provide the right economic orientations for your country and your main economic partners in the EU? Do you address potential spill-over effects in the currency union?