

Questionnaire to Chairs of Competent Committees of National Parliaments - European Semester

The following indicates a limited number of questions to guide the debate into the format of a structured dialogue.

The overall objective is to help the National Parliaments and the European Parliament to find the appropriate level of engagement and need for coordination in the framework of the European Semester, in order to achieve proper democratic accountability on the one hand, and to guarantee sufficient democratic ownership of the EU economic governance system on the other.

In your brief (maximum 7-8 minutes) contribution, please answer to the following indicative questions:

1. What has been the role and relevance of EU level commitments in your national budgetary process so far, for instance as regards the Stability and Convergence Programmes (SCP) or the National Reform Programmes (NRP)? Have such EU level commitments been discussed and/or approved in your national Parliament?
2. How has your national parliament prepared for the budgetary procedure within the new European Semester? Has it foreseen or already implemented any changes to the applicable procedures?
3. How do you see the role of the national parliaments and the European Parliament in the European Semester? How could the European Parliament and National Parliaments work together in this field? Is there a need to formalise certain procedures, and if yes, in what format and in which stage of the Semester procedure?