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Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs  
The Chairwoman

**To the attention of the competent Committee Chairpersons in the National Parliaments**

Dear Chairperson, Dear Colleague,

The Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee (ECON) of the European Parliament will discuss at its meeting of 26 September 2012 (15.00 - 18.30) the draft report on *European Semester for economic policy coordination: implementation of 2012 priorities (2012/2150(INI))* (Rapporteur: Mr. Jean-Paul Gauzès).

At this occasion, the committee will debate on the assessment of the 2012 European Semester as well as on the priorities for the 2013 Annual Growth Survey, which will be the basis for next year's Semester. Furthermore, the Council of the Union adopted on 10 July 2012 Country Specific Recommendations, which directly concern your country. With this in mind, the ECON Committee would like to invite National Parliaments to attend this meeting.

As the institutional setup of the European Union gradually improves to tackle the economic and financial crisis, it is essential that, at the same time, we develop tools to ensure an appropriate democratic accountability and transparency of decisions at all levels. The European Semester is an essential element of the new architecture of economic governance in the Union; we must 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 addressed to your country by the Council of the Union on 10 July 2012 and to comment on the draft report on the European Semester. In case you would not be able to attend, we would welcome one of your substitutes.

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

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

With best regards,

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