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6. **The European Semester / Annual Growth Survey 2016 and the contribution of the environment and climate to growth and jobs**

– Exchange of views

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Ministers had an exchange of views on the European Semester/Annual Growth Survey 2016 focussing in particular on the longer term vision, beyond the Europe 2020 strategy. To enable the new 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and low carbon and circular economy policies to be successful, integration of these goals should also be considered when designing national and macroeconomic policies. Ministers called for a new and comprehensive strategy covering all dimensions (economic, social, and environmental) beyond the 2020 timeframe.

The European Semester was seen as a successful monitoring tool by some Member States.