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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (part 2)/Council
Subject:	European Semester 2023: Council Recommendations on the 2023 National Reform Programmes and delivering Council opinions on the updated Stability or Convergence Programmes

Country-specific Recommendations (CSRs)

Under the European Semester, the Commission submitted on 24 May 2023 to the Council 27 Recommendations for Council Recommendations on the 2023 National Reform Programmes and delivering Council Opinions on the 2023 Stability or Convergence Programmes.

These recommendations combine economic and employment recommendations, based on Articles 121(2) and 148(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), with Council opinions on stability and convergence programmes, based on Articles 5(2) and 9(2) of Regulation 1466/97, and, in certain cases, with recommendations on the preventive part of the macroeconomic imbalances procedure under Article 6(1) of Regulation 1176/2011.

Bearing in mind that recommendations falling within the scope of Article 148(4) TFEU form an integral part of the country specific recommendations and that their content is inextricably linked to that corresponding to the Stability and Growth pact, the procedure under Article 121(2) TFEU should apply to both parts of the recommendations.

Following the preparatory process at the Committee and Council levels, the Council proceeds to the formal adoption of the final texts after the European Council has discussed them, in accordance with Article 121(2) TFEU.

Council Recommendations on the 2023 National Reform Programmes and delivering Council Opinions on the 2023 Stability or Convergence Programmes, as discussed by the European Council on 29–30 June 2023 and revised by legal-linguistic experts, are set out in the documents listed in the annex of this note.

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