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to the Commission
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Subject: Technical support during the formulation of financial proposals to ensure compliance with the existing fiscal discipline framework

Every Member State in the euro area has a duty to respect basic obligations of budgetary discipline when conducting its economic policy, in accordance with the existing institutional framework. Compliance with this framework is achieved with technical support from various national bodies, such as the budget offices and the courts of auditors.

At the same time, however, the drawing up of the budget is a leading expression of national sovereignty and democratic debate. Hence, opposition parties are also involved in the process of voting national budgets.

However, so far there is no institutional framework in place to give them access to technical support when drawing up their own policy proposals. The resulting risk is the expression of opinions which deviate from the existing budgetary discipline framework, and the spread of unsubstantiated and dangerous opinions in European societies.

In the light of this uneven access to technical support during the process of formulating economic policies, can the Commission say:

1. Is it prepared to introduce an obligation for Member States to provide technical support to political parties outside government in order to draft political proposals that comply with the existing budgetary discipline framework?
2. Is it prepared to introduce mechanisms for providing independent information to citizens on the content of the budgets voted on by the Member States?

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