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1. Based on proposals of the Commission, the position of independent fiscal institutions in each Member State was significantly strengthened in the 2024 review of European economic governance¹. The independent fiscal institutions bring clarity and improve transparency in the national debate on public finances. For example, one of their tasks, according to Article 8a(5) of Council Directive 2011/85/EU², is to participate in hearings of national parliaments. Member States had until the end of 2025 to transpose the corresponding amendments into national law and the Commission is currently assessing the transposition. The Commission shall publish a review of the effectiveness of this Directive by 31 December 2030 and, at the same time, shall also report on the capacity and tasks of independent fiscal institutions.

2. Providing independent information on the content of budgets to the general public is one of the core activities of the independent fiscal institutions in Member States whose institutional role was codified and strengthened by Directive 2011/85/EU on requirements for budgetary frameworks of the Member States.

¹ https://economy-finance.ec.europa.eu/economic-governance-framework/what-economic-governance-framework/evolution-eu-economic-governance/new-economic-governance-framework_en.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2011/85/oj/eng>.