

## PROGRESS REPORT

### Legislative Dossier. COM (2010) 53 ("EDP")

<b>Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 479/2009 as regards the quality of statistical data in the context of the excessive deficit procedure</b>									
<b>Procedure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Legal Basis: TFEU 126-p14</li> <li>— Special Legislative Procedure: Qualified majority at the Council and consultation to the EP.</li> </ul>								
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#### Summary:

The Commission adopted the proposal on 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2010 and sent it to the Council and the European Parliament.

The Sub-committee on Statistics of the Economic and Financial Committee (SCS/EFC) submitted a written consultation to its members on 26<sup>th</sup> February in order to prepare the discussion at the EFC meeting of 4-5 March. On 4<sup>th</sup> March, the ECF delivered an Opinion on this proposal expressing its intention of taking up the issue again in May/June.

The Council asked for the opinion of the European Parliament and of the European Central Bank on 5<sup>th</sup> March. The 7<sup>th</sup> April the ECB submitted its opinion of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.

After an informal written consultation to the Member States this dossier was discussed at the meeting of the Council Working Party on Statistics (STATIS) on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

Taking into account the comments made by the Member States during the meeting, the Spanish Presidency prepared in close collaboration with the Commission (Eurostat) a Presidency compromise to be discussed at the STATIS WP meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

The Presidency met with the European Parliament on 28<sup>th</sup> April to inform on the outcomes at the Council WP meeting. The opinion of the EP on the proposal has not been delivered yet. The report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs is expected to be adopted on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010 in view of the final adoption of the opinion by the Plenary on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

This dossier was discussed again by the WP STATIS on 19<sup>th</sup> May. During this meeting, there was an agreement on the compromise text of the Spanish Presidency with the exception of three conflicting issues. Since more progress on these points was not possible, it was decided to send the proposal to COREPER as point II for discussion.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> June COREPER agreed with the proposal and on 8<sup>th</sup> June the ECOFIN Council agreed on a general approach on a draft regulation aimed at strengthening the rules on statistical data used under the EU's excessive deficit procedure. The Regulation will be formally adopted at a forthcoming Council meeting, once the European Parliament has submitted its opinion.

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