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NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject: European Semester: integrated country-specific recommendations
- Approval and report to the European Council

Under the European Semester, the Commission submitted on 23 May 2018 to the Council 27 Recommendations for a Council Recommendation on the National Reform Programmes of 2018, and delivering a Council Opinion on the updated 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.

These texts were examined by the Council, meeting in its EPSCO configuration on 21 June and its ECOFIN configuration on 22 June 2018. The texts as they result from these deliberations are set out in the documents listed in the annex to this note.

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.

The **General Affairs Council** of 26 June 2018 is invited to approve the Integrated country-specific recommendations and transmit them to the **European Council** in accordance with Article 121(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU). The Council will proceed to the formal adoption of the texts set out in the annex after the **European Council** has discussed a conclusion on them, in accordance with Article 121(2) TFEU.

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