



# European Scrutiny Committee

## Select Committee Announcement

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### ANNOUNCEMENT OF INQUIRY

#### POSSIBILITIES FOR REINFORCING THE EUROZONE FOLLOWING THE DECEMBER EUROPEAN COUNCIL

Following the European Council on 8-9 December and recent events in relation to the eurozone, the Committee has decided to take evidence in public on how the resolution of the eurozone crisis is developing and the possible consequences for the UK. We will examine what we see as the crux of the problem, that is, how to reconcile the necessary monetary and fiscal policies, based initially on the statement of 9 December by the Euro Heads of State or Government, with the legal and institutional constraints.

The Government's position on the monetary and fiscal possibilities within the potential confines of an intergovernmental agreement will be central to our inquiry. The Committee has therefore invited the Chancellor as well as the Foreign Secretary to give evidence. Evidence sessions from other witnesses will follow.

#### **Call for evidence:**

Interested groups or individuals are encouraged to submit written evidence to the inquiry. **Written evidence should be received by the Committee no later 13 January 2012.**

Guidance on submitting written evidence is provided below. Additional information can be found at: <http://www.parliament.uk/documents/upload/witnessguide.pdf>

#### **How to format submissions:**

Each submission should use:

- numbered paragraphs, and

- MS Word format with as little use of colour/ logos as possible.

**Submitting evidence:**

Submissions should be sent as an e-mail attachment to [escom@parliament.uk](mailto:escom@parliament.uk) and titled '*Possibilities for Reinforcing the Eurozone following the December European Council*'. Paper copies may be sent to European Scrutiny Committee, Room 270, 7 Millbank House of Commons, London, SW1P 3JA

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