

To the Presidency of the Council of the European Union
Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

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The Council of the European Union
The European Commission

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**Regarding informal meeting of Ministers for Employment
and Social Affairs of the euro area**

Dear colleague,

We understand that the presidency of the Council has convened an informal meeting for ministers representing the 19 euro-zone countries prior to the Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council on 5 October 2015 with the aim of institutionalising such preparatory meetings.

While we fully understand the need for euro-zone countries to make the Economic and Monetary Union a solid and resilient factor of stability and growth, it is essential to ensure the integrity of the single market and openness towards non-euro EU countries. Whenever matters of common interest are concerned they should be discussed by Ministers of all 28 Member States.

Against this background, we would like to express our deep concern regarding the initiative. It runs counter to our efforts to ensure the coherence of EU28 and should not become a recurrent event.

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