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Dear Mrs. Kaszasová,

The Public Expenditure Committee of the Dutch House of Representatives has established a working group to draft a vision for the House on the development of national parliamentary rights to (assess) the budget from a European perspective. This working group consists of the Members Mrs Aukje de Vries (also Chair), Mrs Yasemin Cegerek and Mr Eddy van Hijum.

The Committee on Public Expenditure wants to reflect on some important European developments that possibly interfere with the national parliamentary right to assess the budget. It selected three themes: the European Semester, accountability on EU-funds, and EU-funding programmes such as EFSF/ESM. The Committee also wants to look forward to the parliamentary dimension of the Dutch EU Presidency in the first semester of 2016. The abovementioned vision on parliamentary rights to the Budget could serve as a substantive preparation.

The Committee on Public Expenditure of the Dutch House of Representatives already visited the EFSF and ESM on 22 April 2013 and was welcomed in Luxembourg by Mr Kalin Anev. He explained the establishment of the EFSF and ESM, the governance structures and the workings of the various instruments and activities of the EFSF and ESM.


The working group would now like to meet with one or more representatives of the ESM Board of Audit. Purpose of the meeting would be for the Members of the working group to get a fair image of the competences, role and work of the audit board. The working group would also like to hear your ideas to strengthen the democratic control and accountability of the participation of Member States in these funds.



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Because of the proceedings of the working group, a meeting could ideally take place before July 2014. For practical reasons a meeting could efficiently be set up via videoconferencing. If you agree to a meeting with the working group, an appointment could be made via our respective secretariats.

With the highest esteem,



Aukje de Vries
Chair working group,
Public Expenditure Committee
House of Representatives of the States-General