

## **Questions for Pierre Moscovici (3 Questions)**

### **1. The functioning of the current economic governance framework**

The 6-pack and the 2-pack have largely rewritten the economic governance framework, strengthening fiscal rules and providing new rules on macroeconomic imbalances. How will the Commission implement these existing rules to deal with countries with excessive deficits and debt and macro-economic imbalances who fail to meet their annual targets? Do you confirm that you will make no difference between Member States? How will the Commission intend to achieve a growth-friendly fiscal consolidation and address macroeconomic imbalances, bearing in mind the flexibility built in the economic governance framework?

### **2. The EMU and the way ahead**

At the end of 2012 the President of the European Council, in close cooperation with the President of the Commission, the President of the Eurogroup and the President of the ECB, presented an agenda for a deep and genuine EMU, aiming at ensuring stability and integrity of the EMU. What should be in your view the necessary reforms for a genuine EMU? How would you reinforce the European Semester for economic policy coordination, in order to ensure effectiveness and quality of the Country-Specific Recommendations and their implementation by Member States? How would you improve the democratic accountability of the decisions taken within this framework, not least with a better involvement of the European Parliament? How do you plan to address the investment gap in Europe?

### **3. Tax Policy**

As the Commissioner in charge of the EU's tax policy, what further measures do you envisage to enforce and effectively implement the Action Plan to strengthen the fight against tax fraud, evasion and money laundering, as well as the recommendations on aggressive tax planning and on tax havens? Concerning the automatic exchange of information in the field of taxation (AEOI), Member States have now expressed a clear wish to go beyond current levels of cooperation, in order to avoid the fragmentation of the internal market. How will the Commission ensure a consistent EU-wide approach and coordinate actions between Member States? What are your views on the need for convergence of tax systems in the EU?