

EESC hearing on "The European Semester and Cohesion policy"

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Some caveats and context

There are **limitations** to:

- the role and impact of an **EU Growth Strategy**
- an **EU Structural Reforms** agenda (vs MSs vs LRAs...)
- The role which **Cohesion Policy** can (and should) play

BUT the **European Semester** depends on the effective functioning of these pillars → questionable ownership and added value

What could be **improved**?

- **A strengthened role for LRAs** in the European Semester
- Stronger **territorial dimension** – EU Growth Strategy and European Semester

*“Structural reform support
in the EU should promote
economic capability, **territorial balance**,
and social inclusiveness.”*

EPC Report, October 2018: Strengthening cohesion in the EU: How can structural reforms contribute?

European Semester: Revitalising purpose and relevance



Closing the gap through closer alignment

Thank you



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