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- **Stability and Growth Pact: Council adopts recommendations on Spain and Portugal**

The European Commission welcomes today's Council decisions on Spain and Portugal in the context of the [Stability and Growth Pact](#). These decisions follow entirely the Commission's recommendations of [27 July](#). Following its decision on [12 July](#) that Spain and Portugal did not take effective action to correct their excessive deficits, the Council has now cancelled the fines for both countries and has set new fiscal paths to each of them, as recommended by the Commission. The full [press release](#) is online.

- **Commission appoints top scientists to the European Research Council's governing body**

The Commission has today appointed two accomplished scientists from Germany and Greece to the governing body of the European Research Council (ERC), the Scientific Council, for a four-year term of office. The two new members are Kurt Mehlhorn, Director of the Max Planck Institute for Informatics and Professor of Computer Science at Saarland University, and Nektarios Tavernarkis, Professor of Molecular Systems Biology at the Medical School of the University of Crete and Director of the Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, at the Foundation for Research and Technology in Heraklion, Greece. The ERC Scientific Council is an independent body that decides the strategy and distribution of ERC funding. All of its members are selected by an independent [Identification Committee](#). An [ERC press release](#) is available online.

- **Aides d'État: la Commission autorise le projet français d'octroi d'aides aux installations de cogénération de chaleur et d'électricité**

La Commission européenne a constaté que les aides que la France envisage d'accorder aux installations de cogénération de chaleur et d'électricité alimentées au gaz naturel sont conformes aux règles de l'UE en matière d'aides d'État. Le régime d'aides français concerne les installations de cogénération à haut rendement d'une puissance maximale de 1 mégawatt (MW). Il permettra à la France d'atteindre ses objectifs en matière de rendement énergétique et de réduction des émissions de CO₂ en soutenant le déploiement d'une capacité de production supplémentaire de quelque 7 MW. Ce régime permettra de réduire

les émissions de CO2 et d'améliorer le rendement énergétique, conformément aux objectifs de l'UE en matière de climat et d'énergie, sans pour autant fausser indûment la concurrence. Un communiqué de presse est disponible en [FR](#), [EN](#) et [DE](#).

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