
YEPP Resolution: In Support of a Stable and Unified Eurozone: The Irish Referendum on the Fiscal Compact

Adopted at the YEPP Council Meeting in Lisbon, May 2012.

Recognizing:

- The Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union (Fiscal Compact) was signed by 25 EU member states, with the aim of remedying the weaknesses of the single currency.
- The Fiscal Compact was signed by both Eurozone countries and Member States outside the Eurozone, in recognition of the good practices and rules within it.
- The Fiscal Compact aims to restore stability and order to Eurozone countries and improve coordination and governance in the Eurozone. Restoring stability and confidence will encourage much needed investment, creating employment and economic growth.
- The Irish Attorney General advised the Irish Government that the treaty must be ratified in Ireland through a constitutional referendum. It will be put to the Irish people in vote on the 31st of May 2012.

Acknowledging:

- There has been overwhelming support in Ireland in favor of the Fiscal Compact, from civil society, the business world and across the political spectrum. As a small and open economy, commitment to the euro is a vital element of Ireland's economic strategy.
- The Irish referendum presents an important opportunity to the Irish Government to ensure that Irish citizens are aware of European Union policy and of the importance of the European Union and the Euro to Ireland's economic recovery. This should serve as a reminder to all Member States that we must strive to combat the increasing feeling of disconnect between politicians and the people of Europe.
- Commitment to the terms contained in the Fiscal Compact is a necessary step for improved fiscal responsibility in the Eurozone countries.

- A commitment to responsible budgeting will be a condition of accessing funding from the European Stability Mechanism in the future.
- The Fiscal Compact will come into force following ratification by at least twelve euro-area countries, however if even one Eurozone country does not ratify it, this could have detrimental effects for the entire currency zone.

YEPP:

- Calls on all signatories of the Fiscal Compact to ensure that it is swiftly ratified.
- Fully supports the Irish Government and Young Fine Gael in their campaign for a Yes vote in the Irish referendum on the Fiscal Compact Treaty.
- Welcomes the European Commission's commitment to incorporate the Fiscal Compact into EU law as soon as possible.
- Calls on the European Union Member States and Institutions to ensure that the Fiscal Compact is the first step towards comprehensive reform of the Eurozone, to ensure that the financial devastation of the past few years can never be repeated.