

Maria João Rodrigues wants a euro zone "generating convergence"

On October 14th, the eve of the European Council, MEPs debated with Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, and Luxembourg Minister in charge of the presidency, Nicolas Schmit, the main issues on the agenda of state and government leaders. The refugee crisis and the discussions around the economic and monetary union (EMU) were the featured topics.

Maria João Rodrigues, Socialist vice-president, intervened in the debate and recognized the urgency of finding a solution to the refugee crisis, but argued that "the debate on EMU reform must remain high on the European agenda because it is also a Solutions to better cope with external pressures. " The MP stressed that "EMU now generates imbalances and divergences rather than generating convergence, and that all EU countries will benefit from the problems of its design are corrected."

"The eurozone problems cannot be summarized to the lack of budgetary discipline. We have no real coordination between the Member States to sustain demand, there are no commitments to ensure that basic standards, including social, are respected, and are up facing a situation where countries compete with each other to degrade, "he clarified the deputy.

The MP called for "budgetary capacity to make up for what the United States may no longer make their national budgets, in particular as regards the increased investment and job creation, because they are under a common discipline having different constraints and barriers ".