

Press release

Re: Complaint against PEPP pending before the German Constitutional Court

The procedure of complaint against PEPP organised by *Europolis*, a group of academics and businessmen led by *Professor von Stein*, has seen a significant development. A new writ has been addressed to the Karlsruhe court. It throws light on the growing contradiction between the formerly invoked inflation targets of around 2% allegedly justifying the massive purchase of securities under PEPP, whilst an inflation rate of almost 5% has been achieved in Germany.

The attorney of the group, Professor Kerber, points out:

"In view of an inflation rate in Germany nearing 5%, the PEPP must no longer be implemented. If however the ECB pursues the programm, it will be trapped.

The ECB is no longer entitled to justify the "Pandemic Emergency Purchase Programme" (PEPP) by referring to an allegedly insufficient inflation rate after having purchased securities by March next year for about 1.85 trillion Euro. If however the ECB pursues the PEPP in one form or another, this can only be explained by the fiscal consideration of easing the placement of bonds from countries with an extreme burden of debt to keep interest rates on a market-inadequate level.

This is a palpable violation of Art. 123 TFEU (Prohibition of monetary financing) as already more than 1/3 of Eurozone public debt is in the balance sheet of the Eurosystem.

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