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- Start of the Barroso II Commission
- Economic policy coordination is enhanced by the introduction of the European Semester
- Financial market supervision is enhanced with the creation of the European Systemic Risk Board
- The temporary European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF) is created
- New rules proposed to make derivatives markets safer
- New rules proposed on short-selling and credit default swaps
- New rules proposed for the funding of deposit guarantee schemes

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- The ‘six-pack’ economic governance rules enter into force, enhancing economic and fiscal policy coordination
- The Macroprudential Impediments Procedure is also introduced to prevent and address economic imbalances
- A new ‘single rule book’ for banks throughout the EU is proposed
- Financial supervision is further enhanced with the creation of the EU supervisory authorities
- Enhancements to the regulatory framework for securities markets and updated rules to prevent market abuse are proposed
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- Euro area agrees on the Fiscal Compact to strengthen policy coordination, fiscal rules and economic governance
- Publication of the Four Presidents’ report ‘Towards a Genuine Economic and Monetary Union’
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- Unemployment in the euro area hits 12%
- Ireland’s stability programme concludes
- Euro area countries pledge €9 billion and IMF €1 billion in stability programme for Cyprus

2013
- The ‘two-pack’ budgetary surveillance and economic governance rules enter into force
- Proposal on regulating financial instruments used to price financial instruments and contracts (entry into force: 2014)
- New rules to help prevent and manage the orderly recovery and restructuring of banks that are failing or at risk of failing are proposed

2014
- Review of the ‘six-pack’ and ‘two-pack’ rules
- The European Central Bank takes over supervision of the most important banks in the euro area
- Start of the Juncker Commission
- Launch of the Juncker Plan, or Investment Plan for Europe, to support the investment recovery

2015
- Flexibility within the rules of the Stability and Growth Pact to support recovery, reforms and investment
- The European Semester is streamlined to strengthen the partnership with Member States
- Publication of the Five Presidents’ Report ‘Completing Europe’s Economic and Monetary Union’
- New EU Agency, the Single Resolution Board, is tasked to work on simplifying the rules of fiscal surveillance
- Capital Markets Union is launched
- The European Deposit Insurance Scheme is proposed to further protect bank depositors
- National competitiveness boards and the advisory European Fiscal Board are introduced
- Banks have to publish a stringent sectoral country-by-country report
- Launch of Commission Action Plan for Fair and Effective Corporate Taxation
- The Commission establishes the Structural Reform Support Service, to help countries design and implement reform

2016
- Further improvements proposed to strengthen rules on bank capital requirements
- Further improvements to EU rules on preventing and managing failing banks are proposed
- New rules to prevent and manage the risk of failed securities clearing houses are proposed
- Extension and reinforcement of Juncker Plan EFSI 2.0 proposal
- Wide-ranging binding measures to clamp down on corporate tax avoidance are proposed

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- Publication of the Reflection paper on the Deepening of the Economic and Monetary Union
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- The European Pillar of Social Rights is proclaimed at the Social Summit in Gothenburg

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- Euro finance ministers welcome Bulgaria’s intention to work towards euro adoption
- Only one Member State remains under the Excessive Deficit Procedure
- Greece concludes its European Stability Mechanism Programme: €61.9 billion of EU support have been mobilised over 3 years
- The use of flexibility under the Stability and Growth Pact is estimated to have boosted EU GDP by 0.8% and resulted in around 1.5 million jobs over the past four years

2019
- Co-legislators agree InvestEU programme, set to trigger at least €650 billion in investment
- Agreement on more robust and effective supervision of central counterparties (CCPs)
- New rules agreed for stronger supervision of banks and financial markets in Europe, including measures on anti-money laundering
- 11 of the 13 proposals agreed to build a Capital Market Union in Europe to boost jobs and growth
- Communication of June 2019 taking stock of deepening of the Economic and Monetary Union
- The Commission’s Structural Reform Support Service has supported more than 750 reform projects in 26 Member States
- The independent European Fiscal Board is tasked to work on simplifying the rules of fiscal surveillance
- All the Excessive Deficit Procedures dating from the crisis closed
- 1.5 million jobs created in the EU (9.4 million in the euro area) since the beginning of the Juncker Commission. 1.66 million jobs created in the EU (10.8 million in the euro area) since the height of the crisis in 2013.
- Unemployment is at its lowest level EU-wide since the start of the century
- The ratio of non-performing loans in EU banks reduced by more than half since 2014
- As of May 2019, the Juncker Plan is set to trigger almost €400 billion investments and create 750,000 jobs