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The ESN Group relays the anger of the Bulgarian people over the lack of transparency in the Euro accession process

The ESN parliamentary group expresses deep concern over Bulgaria's euro adoption process, raising serious transparency and democratic legitimacy issues.

The dismissal of a legally convened referendum backed by nearly 9% of the population, inflation figures that have sparked public scepticism, and the refusal to allow their verification even by Bulgarian MPs have fuelled widespread distrust and disappointment.

As inflation is a crucial Maastricht convergence criterion, any distortion affects not only Bulgaria's Eurozone entry but also the broader credibility of the Eurozone itself. The silence of EU institutions undermines their authority in Bulgarian society, casting a shadow over democracy.

ESN stands for transparency and defends the sovereign right of European citizens to express their opinion. We call for an urgent joint EC/ECB/Eurostat mission to ensure accountability in Bulgaria's fiscal and inflation data. The voice of Europeans must be respected and heard.

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