

PIIGS countries: Portugal, Ireland, Greece, Spain, Italy.

Dear

Please trace your group's macroeconomic situation in the area of convergence criteria. Does your group have the potential to force others to vote to increase funding for the euro area? How to convince other countries of the solidarity underlying European integration?

Countries have been urged to join the euro area- is solidarity only in force in the European Union during prosperity? Or is there now a real test for European identity?

Are these countries able to block decisions in the Council on their own? How many votes do they have?