<u>Commission will not propose to weaken</u> <u>the deficit criteria of the Stability</u> and Growth Pact

The story run by some German media that the European Commission would propose to weaken the deficit criteria of the Stability and Growth Pact is purely invented. These rumours have nothing to do with the reality. It was never considered within the Commission and has nothing to do with the proposals the Commission is currently working on to deepening Europe's Economic and Monetary Union.