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France, a founding country of the European Union, should be under the protection of the ECB, while risking facing a new problem, which is the strangulation of the French economy, whose growth is already in decline in France, with growth in decline and few means to reduce its deficits and pay since in addition to 79 billion in 30 years of taxes to pay and which is gradually becoming poorer.

According to INSEE (National Institute of Economic Statistics), growth in France, Over the whole of 2024, growth was expected to reach +1.1%, as in 2023, with a momentum for 2025 that would be weak: the growth acquired at the end of 2024 would amount to +0.2% in 2024. However, according to the latest projections adjusted to reality, show growth at 0.8%, compared to 0.9% in the previous forecasts. (Source: INSEE, March 2024)

## PIERRE MOSCOVICI PRESIDENT OF HIGH AUDIT COUNCIL OF PUBLIC FINANCE WARNS ABOUT THE VOTE OF BUDGET 2025 NOT READY YET

As for Pierre Moscovici, the President of the High Council of Public Finances deplores that Matignon has not yet transmitted its 2025 budget project.

"We have not received the project. (...) A priori it will not be for today and I do not know when it will be", explained Mr. Moscovici, who is also First President of the Court of Auditors, on France info Friday.

Even if he says he understands that "the priority is there to form the government", Pierre Moscovici asks for "a little transparency" from Michel Barnier on the draft finance law for 2025. Source France Info

The objective of reducing the deficit to 5.1% is unattainable in 2024. This is not a subject of the right or the left, an over-indebted State is a paralyzed State. As declared Pierre Moscovici the President of the Court of Auditors (Socialist, former Minister of European Affairs).

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