



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Brussels, 21 November 2003

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

meeting : 2546th meeting of the COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(Economic and Financial Affairs)

Brussels, Tuesday 25 November 2003

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Approval of the list of "A" items
doc. 15140/03 PTS A 61
3. Financial Services
 - Directive on transparency obligations for securities issuers
 - = General approach
 - docs 15121/03 EF 62 ECOFIN 362 DRS 103 CODEC 1646
 - 14921/1/03 REV 1 EF 61 ECOFIN 342 DRS 101 CODEC 1626
 - Risk Capital action plan
 - = Presentation and draft Council conclusions
 - docs 14357/03 ECOFIN 327 MI 271 SOC 439
 - 14954/03 ECOFIN 347 MI 288 SOC 478
4. Taxation
 - a) Code of Conduct
 - = Report of the Code of Conduct Group
 - doc. 14361/03 FISC 173
 - b) VAT
 - Reduced rates
 - doc. 15004/03 FISC 189

5. Structural Indicators

doc. 15001/03 ECOFIN 350 ENV 622 AGRI 358 ECO 239 EDUC 183
PECHE 286 RECH 215 SOC 479 TRANS 299
+ COR 1

6. Preparation of the Brussels European Council

a) European Action for Growth

- Report to the European Council

= Adoption

docs 14893/03 ECOFIN 340 FIN 498 ECO 237 TRANS 294
ENER 308 RECH 212 SOC 473

+ COR 1

15008/03 ECOFIN 352 FIN 521 TRANS 301 ECO 241

ENER 313 RECH 217 SOC 482 TELECOM 155

15037/03 ECOFIN 355 FIN 522 TRANS 303 ECO 243 ENER 315
RECH 218 TELECOM 156 SOC 484

- TEN financial regulation (**public deliberation**)

= Political agreement¹

docs 13297/03 ECOFIN 288 TRANS 243 ECO 190 ENER 273 CODEC 1317
15136/03 ECOFIN 365 TRANS 313 ECO 247 ENER 321 CODEC 1648

b) EIB mandates and Wider Europe

- External mandate and guarantee Fund: mid-term review

= Political agreement

docs 13753/03 ECOFIN 302 RELEX 391

13754/03 ECOFIN 303 FIN 440 RELEX 392

15014/03 ECOFIN 353 FIN 519 RELEX 437

- Review of the Mediterranean EIB Investment Facility

= Political agreement

docs 13769/03 ECOFIN 304 FIN 441 MED 36

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15018/03, ECOFIN 354 FIN 520 MED 45

15041/03 ECOFIN 358 FIN 523 MED 46

15085/03 EOFFIN 360 FIN 527 MED 47 RELEX 439

¹ Subject to a possible opinion of the European Parliament

7. Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact (**restricted session**)

- = Excessive deficit procedure for France * ¹
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| docs | 13467/03 ECOFIN 295 UEM 134 | EU-RESTRICTED |
| | 14082/03 ECOFIN 315 UEM 138 | EU-RESTRICTED |
- = Excessive deficit procedure for Germany * ²
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| docs | 15039/03 ECOFIN 356 UEM 144 | EU-RESTRICTED |
| | 15040/03 ECOFIN 357 UEM 145 | EU-RESTRICTED |

8. A.O.B.

- Company taxation (requested by the Commission)
- Request by Germany concerning the Code of Conduct (Business taxation)
doc. 14683/03 FISC 181
+ COR 1

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24 November 2003

- 16h00 Macroeconomic Dialogue at political level
17h30 Troika with European Parliament
19h00 Eurogroup

25 November 2003

- 09h00 Breakfast on IGC (Ministers only)

¹* Item on which a vote may be requested: legal basis: art. 104(8) and 104(9) of the TEC and Council Regulation 1467/97

²* Item on which a vote may be requested: legal basis: art. 104(8) and 104(9) of the TEC and Council Regulation 1467/97