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NOTE

From: Presidency
To: Delegations
Subject: Dutch Presidency's Work Programme for the Council (ECOFIN)

Delegations will find attached the Dutch Presidency's Work Programme for the ECOFIN Council and the draft provisional Council agendas for the first half of 2016.

In accordance with Article 2 (7) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, delegations will find attached the indicative provisional agendas¹ for Council meetings for the period from 1 January 2016 up to 30 June 2016. These have been drawn up by the Netherlands Presidency and the External Action Service as regards the Foreign Affairs Council (FAC).

In accordance with Article 3 (6) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, items for which approval by the Council is possible without discussion are entered as 'A' items. As a general rule, A items do not appear on the attached provisional Council agendas.

In accordance with Annex V, para 6 of the Council's Rules of Procedure, no item is placed on the Council agenda simply for presentation by the Commission or by a Council member, except where a debate on new major initiatives is planned.

¹ In accordance with the Treaty of Lisbon, on all agendas for the various Council configurations a distinction has to be made between legislative and non-legislative acts, in the case of both "A" items and "B" items.

The Netherlands Presidency - 1st semester 2016
Draft Work Programme for Council meetings
Prepared by COREPER (Part 2)

COUNCIL	DATE					
	January	February	March	April	May	June
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS	15	12	08		25	17

PROVISIONAL AGENDA
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 15 JANUARY 2016

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

Legislative deliberations

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

- Approval of the list of A items

Any other business

- Current legislative proposals
 - = Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- Presentation of the Presidency Work Programme ²
 - = Exchange of views
- Implementation of the Banking Union
 - = State of play

² Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure

- European Semester 2016
 - Council recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area
 - = Approval
 - Annual Growth Survey and Alert Mechanism report
 - = Draft Council conclusions

- Combatting VAT fraud in the EU: Use of the reverse charge mechanism
 - = Exchange of views

Any other business

- (poss.) Fight against the financing of terrorism
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Thursday 14 January 2016

10:30 Informal dialogue of representatives of the Council (ECOFIN) and of the European
Parliament
15:00 Eurogroup

Friday 15 January 2016

09:00 ECOFIN breakfast
10:00 Council (ECOFIN)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 12 FEBRUARY 2016

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

Legislative deliberations

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- (poss.) Anti-BEPS Directive
 - = Presentation by the Commission

Any other business

- Current legislative proposals
 - = Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- (poss.) Implementation of the Banking Union
 - = State of play
- Preparation of the G20 Meeting of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors on 25-27 February 2016 in Shanghai
 - = Terms of reference
- Discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the budget for 2014
 - = Council recommendation
- Budget guidelines for 2017
 - = Council conclusions
- (poss.) High Level Group on Own Resources
 - = Information on the state of play by the Chair of the High Level Group

Any other business

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Thursday 11 February 2016

10:30 Macro-economic Dialogue

15:00 Eurogroup

Friday 12 February 2016

09:00 ECOFIN breakfast

10:00 Council (ECOFIN)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 8 MARCH 2016

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

Legislative deliberations

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- (poss.) Money Market Funds
 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Money Market Funds (First reading)
Interinstitutional file: 2013/0306 (COD)
= State of play
- (poss.) Completion of the Banking Union
 - Proposal for a European Deposit Guarantee Insurance Scheme (EDIS)
= State of play

Any other business

- Current legislative proposals
 - = Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- (poss.) Future of the Code of Conduct (Business Taxation)
 - = Conclusions
- (poss.) Follow-up to the Five Presidents' Report
 - = State of play

- Follow-up to the G20 Meeting of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors on 25-27 February 2016 and preparation of the G20 Meeting of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors on 14 April 2016 and of the IMF and World Bank Spring meetings on 15-17 April 2016 in Washington
 - = G20 terms of reference
 - = Statement to the IMFC

- European Semester 2016: Implementation of Country Specific Recommendations drawing on the country reports and in-depth reviews
 - = Exchange of views

- (poss.) Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact
 - = Draft Council Decision / Recommendation

Any other business

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Monday 7 March 2016

15:00 Eurogroup

Tuesday 8 March 2016

09:00 ECOFIN breakfast

10:00 Council (ECOFIN)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 25 MAY 2016

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

Legislative deliberations

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- (poss.) Draft general budget for 2017
 - = Presentation by the Commission
- (poss.) Banking Structural Reform
 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on structural measures improving the resilience of EU credit institutions (First reading)
Interinstitutional file: 2014/0020 (COD)
 - = Political agreement
- (poss.) Taxation applicable to Interest and Royalty Payments
 - Proposal for a Council Directive on a common system of Taxation applicable to Interest and Royalty Payments made between associated companies of different Member States
Interinstitutional file: 2011/0314 (CNS)
 - = Political agreement / Policy debate
- (poss.) Anti-BEPS Directive
 - = Political agreement / Policy debate
- (poss.) Financial Transaction Tax
 - Proposal for a Council Directive implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of financial transaction tax
Interinstitutional file: 2013/0045 (CNS)
 - = Policy debate

Any other business

- Current legislative proposals
 - = Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- European Semester 2016
 - Macroeconomic Imbalances Procedure (MIP) - In depth-reviews
 - = Council conclusions
- (poss.) Customs Governance
 - = Policy debate / Council conclusions

Any other business

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Tuesday 24 May 2016

15:00 Eurogroup

Wednesday 25 May 2016

08:30 Annual EIB Governors meeting

09:30 ECOFIN breakfast

10:00 Council (ECOFIN)

13:00 Economic and Financial dialogue between the EU and the Western Balkans and Turkey

PROVISIONAL AGENDA
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 17 JUNE 2016

- Adoption of the provisional agenda

Legislative deliberations

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- (poss.) Draft general budget for 2017
 - = Presentation by the Commission
- (poss.) Completion of the Banking Union / EDIS
 - = Council conclusions - roadmap
- (poss.) Prospectus Regulation
 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the prospectus to be published when securities are offered to the public of admitted to trading
 - = General approach

Any other business

- Current legislative proposals
 - = Information from the Presidency

Non-legislative activities

- (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
- (poss.) ECOFIN Report to the European Council on tax issues
 - = Endorsement
- (poss.) Report by Finance Ministers on tax issues in the framework of the Euro Plus Pact
 - = Endorsement

- (poss.) Code of Conduct (Business Taxation)
 - Report to the Council
 - Draft Council conclusions
 - = Endorsement

- Contribution to the **European Council** meeting on 25-26 June 2016 - European Semester 2016
 - Draft Council Recommendations on the National Reform Programmes 2016 to each Member State and draft Council Opinions on the updated Stability or Convergence Programmes
 - = Approval

- (poss.) Implementation of the Macroeconomic Imbalances Procedure
 - = Draft Council Recommendation

- (poss.) Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact
 - = Draft Council Decision / Recommendation

- Anti-VAT fraud strategy
 - (poss.) VAT Action Plan including anti-VAT fraud strategy
 - (poss.) Special Report by the European Court of Auditors on the anti-VAT Strategy
 - = Council conclusions

- (poss.) Convergence Reports from the Commission and the European Central Bank
 - = Exchange of views

Any other business

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Thursday 16 June 2016

15:00 **Eurogroup**

Friday 17 June 2016

09:00 ECOFIN breakfast

10:00 Council (ECOFIN)