

Draft Eurogroup annotated agenda¹ **13 September 2019**

Starting time 8h30, Helsinki

1. Thematic discussion on growth and jobs – Quality of public finances – expenditure reviews and investment

As part of the thematic discussions on growth and jobs, the Eurogroup will continue exchanging views on the quality of public finances in the euro area, focusing more specifically on public investment. The discussion will aim to foster the sharing of good practices on conducting spending reviews and managing public assets to boost the efficiency of public investment. The discussion of Ministers will be supported by a technical note by the Commission and an oral presentation by Dag Detter, expert in management of public assets.

At its meeting of September 2016, the Eurogroup adopted a statement spelling out four common principles for spending reviews, which should serve as guidance to improve the quality of public finances. The Eurogroup also mandated its preparatory committees and the Commission to develop a workstream on the exchange of best practices.

2. Review of the Eurogroup Transparency Initiative

Ministers will look at the current transparency framework of the Eurogroup and will exchange views on options to further enhance it.

During recent years, the Eurogroup has made significant progress with regard to transparency, substantially increasing its communication with the public. The review of the transparency regime of the Eurogroup was launched by President Centeno in Vienna last September.

3. Ireland – Eleventh post-programme surveillance mission

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The Eurogroup will be orally debriefed by the European Commission and the ECB on the main findings of the eleventh post-programme surveillance mission to Ireland carried out between 21-24 May. The ESM will also debrief the Eurogroup on its early warning system. The IMF conducted its Article IV mission in parallel.

Post-programme surveillance (PPS) starts automatically after the end of financial assistance programmes and continues until at least 75% of the financial assistance received has been repaid. PPS is biannual in terms of reporting and missions.

4. Debrief of the G7 meeting, including an exchange of views on the macroeconomic situation

The Eurogroup will be orally debriefed on the G7 finance ministers' meeting in Chantilly and will exchange views on the economic outlook in the Euro area.

5. Miscellaneous

a. Launch of the nomination process of a new ECB Executive Board member

The Eurogroup President will call for candidates to the upcoming ECB vacancy and detail the underlying process to the Eurogroup.

b. Presentation of policy priorities of the Greek and Italian governments

As customary, Minister Staikouras and Minister Gualtieri will be invited to present the policy priorities of their respective new governments.