



Eurogroup

ANNOTATED AGENDA
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Starting time 15:00, videoconference

1. Macroeconomic developments and policy prospects in the Euro area

The Eurogroup will exchange views on macroeconomic developments and policy prospects in the Euro area on the basis of the Commission Winter Forecast and the latest information on health developments to be provided by representatives of the World Health Organisation. Against this backdrop, and taking into account developments in support measures, Members could have an exchange of views on the implications and challenges for economic and fiscal policy.

The Commission publishes its Winter Forecast on 11 February. Regular discussions of the economic situation and economic policy challenges underpin the Eurogroup's response to the health and economic crisis and its efforts to foster an inclusive and sustainable recovery.

2. International role of the euro

Ministers will discuss ongoing initiatives to underpin the international role of the euro, following the guidance of the December 2020 Euro Summit and the publication of the Commission Communication of 19 January 2021 on the European economic and financial system: fostering openness, strength and resilience.

¹ As a draft agenda this document is provisional and subject to change until adopted.

The international role of the euro is one element of Europe's open, strategic autonomy. The Eurogroup has discussed the issue several times in recent years, notably since the December 2018 Euro Summit called for work to be taken forward.

3. Solvency of the corporate sector – state of play

Ministers will discuss the recent developments in the solvency of the corporate sector based on a note prepared by the Commission. The Covid-19 pandemic has had a strong impact on the corporate sector, leading governments to extend unprecedented public support measures to the economy. There is therefore a need to monitor the situation in the corporate sector and to exchange views on how to best target such support.

A thematic discussion on insolvency frameworks will follow in April.

4. Miscellaneous

a. Updated draft budgetary plan of Lithuania

The Eurogroup will discuss the updated draft budgetary plan of Lithuania for 2021, on the basis of the Commission Opinion issued on 21 January 2021.

b. Policy priorities of the new government of Estonia

Minister Keit Pentus-Rosimannus will be invited to present the policy priorities of the new Estonian government. This is standard practice in the Eurogroup when new governments come into office.