

Draft Eurogroup annotated agenda¹

20 February 2017

Starting time 15h00, Brussels

1. Thematic discussion on growth and jobs – Ease of doing business

Ministers will hold a general discussion on the ease of doing business in the euro area also with a view to feed into the discussion on common principles on investment at the Eurogroup in April.

At its meeting of July 2016, the Eurogroup had exchanged views on investment in the euro area and had asked the Eurogroup Working Group (EWG) to work further on three key areas of relevance to investment: the efficiency of public administration, the business environment and sector-specific regulation bottlenecks. Today's discussion brings one of these key areas to the attention of the Eurogroup.

2. Economic situation in the euro area – Commission winter forecast

The Eurogroup will discuss the economic situation and outlook for the euro area, on the basis of the main findings of the Commission's winter forecast.

The Commission has published its winter forecast on 13 February. Regular discussions of the economic situation and economic policy challenges underpin the Eurogroup's efforts to effectively bolster economic growth and job creation.

3. Greece – State of play

The Eurogroup will take stock of the progress regarding the second review of the macroeconomic adjustment programme in Greece.

At its last meeting in January 2017, the Eurogroup invited the institutions and the Greek authorities to accelerate their discussions to solve the outstanding issues with a view to allow a return of the mission to Athens and reach a staff level agreement as soon as possible.

4. Miscellaneous

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