

Draft Eurogroup annotated agenda¹ 24 May 2018

Starting time 15h00, Brussels

1. Greece – State of play

The Eurogroup will take stock of the progress with the fourth review of the ESM stability support programme on the basis of a debrief from the mission of the institutions to Athens. The Eurogroup will also continue its discussions on the debt strategy.

At the last meeting the Eurogroup, the institutions announced a return of the mission teams to Athens on 14 May in view to reaching a staff level agreement ahead of the May Eurogroup. The Eurogroup also held an exchange of views on some key elements to support the successful exit of Greece from the programme. On the basis of a successful review, the Eurogroup will decide in June on all the elements to ensure a successful exit of Greece from the program by August.

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

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

The Commission published its spring forecast on 3 May. Regular discussions of the economic situation and economic policy challenges underpin the Eurogroup's efforts to effectively bolster economic growth and job creation.

3. Thematic discussion on growth and jobs – spending reviews

As part of the thematic discussions on growth and jobs, the Eurogroup will continue discussions on the quality of public finances in the euro area, focussing more specifically on the challenge of ensuring ownership when conducting spending reviews.

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The Eurogroup is fully committed to supporting economic growth and jobs and holds regular thematic discussions to explore and define common policy ambitions to this end. At its meeting of September 2016, the Eurogroup adopted a statement spelling out four common principles for spending reviews. The Eurogroup also mandated its preparatory committees and the Commission to develop a workstream on the exchange of best practices in this field.

4. Miscellaneous