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The 2852nd session of the Council of the European Union - COMPETITIVENESS (Internal Market, Industry and Research) - will take place on 25 February 2008 (9:30) at the Justus Lipsius Building, in Brussels, under the Presidency of Mr Andrej Vizjak, Minister of Economy and Mojca Kucler Dolinar, Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology of Slovenia.

The following points will be discussed at this session:

COMPETITIVITÉ

- Lisbon Economic reform process
 Contribution to the Spring European Council ("Key Issues Paper"), based on:
 - (a) Commission Strategic Report on the implementation of the first Lisbon cycle
 - (b) Community Lisbon Programme 2008-2010
 - (c) Commission Proposal for Integrated Guidelines 2008-2010
 - (d) Country specific recommendations
 - Policy debate
 - Adoption of the Key Issues Paper
- Single Market Review
 - Council conclusions

RESEARCH

- Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions "A European Strategic Energy Technology Plan (Set-Plan) Towards a low-carbon future"
 - Exchange of views
- Proposal for a Council Regulation setting up the Fuel cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking ("JTI FCH")
 - General approach

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A press conference will be held by the President of the Council at the end of the session.

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