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The 2844th session of the Council of the European Union - **ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** - will take place on 22 January 2007 (10.00), in the Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels, under the Presidency of **Mr Andrej BAJUK**, Minister for Finance of Slovenia.

The following items will be discussed at this session :

- Presidency work programme  
= Presentation
- Introduction of the euro in Cyprus and Malta  
= Exchange of views
- Preparation of the European Council (13-14 March 2008)
  - The next three-year cycle: Strategic report, Broad Economic Policy Guidelines 2008-2010/2011, and Country-Specific Integrated Recommendations  
= Orientation debate
  - Single Market Review  
= Council conclusions
  - Contribution to the Spring European Council conclusions: Key Issues Paper  
= Orientation debate
- Financial services
  - Single European Payments Area  
= Council conclusions

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*In the margins of the Council:*

Monday 21 January  
17h00 Eurogroup

Tuesday 22 January  
09h30 Breakfast on the economic situation

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The Presidency will hold a press conference at the end of the session.

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