



Brussels, 28 February 2008
PRE 014/08 (Presse)

The 2857th session of the Council of the European Union - **ECONOMIC and FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** - will take place on 4 March 2008 (10.00), in the Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels, under the Presidency of **Mr Andrej BAJUK**, Minister for Finance of Slovenia..

The following points will be discussed at this session :

- Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact
 - Stability and Convergence Programmes: Second series of Member States
= Adoption of Council Opinions
- Preparation of the European Council (13/14 March 2008)
 - Broad Economic Policy Guidelines 2008-2010/2011 and Country-Specific Integrated Recommendations
= Adoption of Council Report to European Council
 - Interim report on financial stability issues
= Adoption of Council Report to European Council
 - Sovereign wealth funds
= Exchange of views
- General Budget of the European Union
 - Council priorities for the 2009 budget
= *Council conclusions*
- Taxation
 - Fight against tax fraud
= Orientation debate
 - Taxation of savings
= State of play

*
* *

Internet: <http://consilium.europa.eu/Newsroom>
E-mail: press.office@consilium.europa.eu

In the margins of the Council:

Monday, 3 March:

17.00 : Eurogroup

Tuesday, 4 March:

09.30 : Breakfast on the economic situation

*
* *
*

Press conferences:

- after the eurogroup meeting (*Monday, as from 20.00*);
- at the end of the Council, before lunch (*Tuesday, as from 13.00*).

Public events that can be followed by video streaming:

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/videostreaming>