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**Tuesday 7 September 2010**

## **Overview of the agenda of the ECOFIN Council**

The Council will hold an exchange of views on the possible introduction in the EU of a levy on banks, as well as a tax on financial transactions.

It will also take stock of changes in implementation of the stability and growth pact in order to allow for the establishment as from 2011 of a "European semester", during which the budgetary and structural policies of the member states would be monitored.

Events in the margins of the Council:

### Monday 6 September

- Task Force on economic governance, chaired by President Herman Van Rompuy (17.00)

### Tuesday 7 September

- Euro Group (14.30)

### **Further information**

- March and June European Council conclusions: *docs. EUCO 7/10 and EUCO 13/10*
- Commission communication: "Reinforcing economic policy coordination" (9433/10)
- Commission communication: "Bank Resolution Funds" (10394/10)

### **Event**

Economic and Financial Affairs Council - Justus Lipsius building, Brussels (9.00).

Press conferences at the end of the Council (before lunch) and after the Euro Group meeting.

Further information:

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**Friday 10 September 2010**

**Overview of the agenda of the Foreign Affairs Council (trade issues)**

Trade ministers, meeting within the Foreign Affairs Council, will take stock of the situation and way forward regarding economic partnership agreements with African, Caribbean and Pacific countries and regions

The Council is expected to approve the signature and provisional application of a free trade agreement with South Korea.

It will also discuss the EU's international investment policy, on the basis of a communication from the Commission.

**Event**

Foreign Affairs Council - Justus Lipsius building, Brussels (9.30).

Background briefing to be scheduled.

Press conference at the end of the meeting.

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**Monday 13 September 2010**

## **Overview of the agenda of the General Affairs Council**

The General Affairs Council will prepare the work of the European Council on 16 September (see separate page), on the basis of draft conclusions.

The Council will also take note of a draft annotated agenda for the European Council meeting scheduled for 28 and 29 October.

### **Further information**

- Council website: <http://consilium.europa.eu/>
- Belgian presidency website: <http://www.eutrio.be>

### **Event**

General Affairs Council - Justus Lipsius building, Brussels (11.00)

Background briefing to be scheduled.

Press conference at the end of the meeting.

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**Thursday 16 September 2010**

**European Council**

The European Council will discuss, in the presence of foreign ministers, the EU's relations with its strategic partners, in particular with emerging countries in Asia, in the context of bilateral summits that will be held in the autumn, as well as the forthcoming G20 summit in Seoul, in November. The European Council may adopt conclusions setting guidelines for future work in this field.

The President of the European Council will report on progress achieved in the Task Force on the strengthening of economic governance, set up at the request of the European Council in March.

**Event**

European Council - Justus Lipsius building, Brussels.

Press briefing in the morning of 15 September (time to be confirmed).

Press conference by the President of the European Council at the end of the meeting.

For further information on the meeting, including the media programme and media accreditation, see European Council section on: <http://www.consilium.europa.eu>

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## Other events

### **Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 September** (Brussels, Square meeting centre)

- Informal meeting of energy ministers

### **Thursday 9 September** (Brussels)

- High-level conference on women, peace and security, 10th anniversary of UN Security Council resolution 1325

### **Friday 10 and Saturday 11 September** (Brussels, Egmont conference centre)

- Informal meeting of foreign ministers

### **Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 September** (Antwerp)

- Informal meeting of transport ministers