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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 14 MARCH 2006**

- **Preparation of the European Council on 23-24 March**
 - a) Key Issues Paper - Contribution to the Spring European Council
= Adoption
 - b) Report on the EIB Contribution to promoting Growth and Employment
= Adoption
 - c) Better Regulation
= Progress Report
= Administrative Costs of EU Programmes (Presidency Paper)
 - d) Joint Report on Social Protection and Social Inclusion (OMC)

- **Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact**
 - a) Stability Programmes: Third series of Member States
= Adoption of Council Opinions
 - b) Convergence Programmes: Third series of Member States
= Adoption of Council Opinions
 - c) Implementation of the excessive deficit procedure

- **General Budget of the European Union**
 - a) Discharge procedure in respect of the implementation of the 2004 Budget
= Council recommendation
 - b) Council priorities for the 2007 budget
= Council conclusions

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on Monday 13 March 2006

- 14h30 **Macroeconomic dialogue**
- 16h00 **Troika meeting with the EP on BEPG's update (video-conference)**
- 19h00 **Eurogroup**

on Tuesday 14 March 2006

- 09h00 **Working Breakfast (Discussion with BRUEGEL on Economic Policy Challenges of the Lisbon Process)**
- 10h00 **ECOFIN Council meeting**