

Informal Meeting of EU Finance Ministers

Programme

Venue: National Maritime Museum (Amsterdam)

Friday, 22 April 2016

Eurogroup **9.00 – 12.00**
Meeting Room: Pleyn

Eurogroup Press conference **12.15 – 12.45**
Meeting Room: Rijnzaal (Europe Building)

Working Lunch Ministers **13.15 – 14.45**
Meeting Room: HoD Lunch Room

- **Debriefing from the Eurogroup President**
- **EU Budget**
Ministers will be invited to discuss challenges for the EU budget caused by unforeseen events and whether the Multiannual Financial Framework is adequately prepared to deal with these challenges. Vice-President Georgieva will provide an introduction.

Working Lunch Central Bank Governors **13.15 – 14.45**
Meeting Room: Commandantswoning

Working Session **15.00 – 18.00**
Meeting Room: Pleyn

- **Strengthening the banking Union**
Ministers and Central Bank Governors will be invited to discuss the strengthening of the banking union with a particular focus on policy options for the regulatory treatment of sovereign exposures.
- **Panama papers**
The European Commission will be invited to give a policy reaction, i.e. an overview of the initiatives on the fight against money laundering, tax evasion and tax avoidance. Ministers and Central Bank Governors will be invited to exchange views.

- **Sustainable Finance**

Governor Klaas Knot will chair this session on Sustainable Finance. Ministers and Central Bank Governors will be invited to discuss ways in which the transition to a sustainable economy can be financed, and ways in which transparency can be improved.

Press conference **18.15 – 18.45**

Meeting Room: Rijnzaal (Europe Building)

Departure to the Dinner Venue **18.00 – 18.45**

By ferry

Drinks and Dinner **18.45 – 22.30**

Westergasfabriek

- **Keynote speech on financial inclusion by Her Majesty Queen Máxima**, UN Secretary General's Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development, and Honorary Chair of the Money Wise Platform.

Departure to the hotels **22.30**

By bus

Saturday, 23 April 2016

Working Session **9.00 – 12.30**

Meeting Room: Pleyn

- **Stability and Growth Pact**

Ministers will be invited to discuss ways to make the Stability and Growth Pact simpler and more transparent.

- **VAT Fraud**

Ministers will be invited to discuss ways to tackle VAT Fraud and steps that can improve co-operation between Member States' tax, customs and judicial authorities.

Press conference **12.45 – 13.15**

Meeting Room: Rijnzaal (Europe Building)



As of 13 April

The working session on Saturday will be a restricted session for Ministers, the European Commission and the European Central Bank in a 1+1 format.
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