



Appendices D to F

*Evaluation of the
Economic Research
Activities of DG
Economic & Financial
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In the sections below we present the detailed results from the survey of users of DG ECFIN's research. We start with the results from the survey of DG ECFIN's staff.

1. DG ECFIN staff detailed survey results

1.1 Below we list key economic research outputs and tools that are either developed by the Directorate A or other Directorates in DG ECFIN. Please indicate which ones do you use and how frequently. If you are not aware of some of the publications/services, please select N/A.

| Response Option | Regularly | Sometimes | Rarely | Never | N/A |
|--|-----------|-----------|--------|-------|-----|
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Macro models and econometric models | 21.4 | 28.6 | 28.6 | 21.4 | 0.0 |
| Databases (AMECO, TRIMECO, BACH) | 57.1 | 28.6 | 14.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Harmonised Business and Consumer Surveys Data | 32.1 | 17.9 | 21.4 | 28.6 | 0.0 |
| EU Economy Review | 35.7 | 32.1 | 28.6 | 3.6 | 0.0 |
| Public Finances in EMU | 21.4 | 17.9 | 35.7 | 21.4 | 3.6 |
| Economic Forecasts (Spring and Autumn) | 50.0 | 35.7 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 0.0 |
| Economic Papers, Enlargement Papers, Occasional Papers | 42.9 | 32.1 | 17.9 | 7.1 | 0.0 |
| Special Reports | 25.0 | 46.4 | 17.9 | 3.6 | 7.1 |
| Country Focus Series | 17.9 | 35.7 | 35.7 | 10.7 | 0.0 |
| Quarterly Report on the Euro Area | 21.4 | 32.1 | 35.7 | 10.7 | 0.0 |
| Price and Cost Competitiveness Report | 3.6 | 39.3 | 28.6 | 28.6 | 0.0 |
| Topics in Economic Research | 7.1 | 28.6 | 57.1 | 7.1 | 0.0 |

1.2 How effective are the publications and tools listed in the below table in helping you achieve the tasks that you undertake as part of your work?

| Response Option | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | N/A |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Macro models and econometric models | 28.6 | 10.7 | 14.3 | 14.3 | 21.4 | 10.7 |
| Databases (AMECO, TRIMECO, BACH) | 39.3 | 21.4 | 21.4 | 10.7 | 7.1 | 0.0 |
| Harmonised Business and Consumer Surveys Data | 25.0 | 7.1 | 17.9 | 17.9 | 21.4 | 10.7 |
| EU Economy Review | 14.3 | 10.7 | 39.3 | 25.0 | 7.1 | 3.6 |
| Public Finances in EMU | 14.3 | 3.6 | 10.7 | 25.0 | 28.6 | 17.9 |
| Economic Forecasts (Spring and Autumn) | 28.6 | 25.0 | 25.0 | 14.3 | 7.1 | 0.0 |
| Economic Papers, Enlargement Papers, Occasional Papers | 21.4 | 28.6 | 21.4 | 14.3 | 7.1 | 7.1 |
| Special Reports | 14.3 | 14.3 | 25.0 | 21.4 | 10.7 | 14.3 |
| Country Focus Series | 10.7 | 10.7 | 25.0 | 28.6 | 21.4 | 3.6 |

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| Quarterly Report on the Euro Area | 7.1 | 21.4 | 25.0 | 28.6 | 10.7 | 7.1 |
| Price and Cost Competitiveness Report | 3.6 | 3.6 | 35.7 | 7.1 | 32.1 | 17.9 |
| Topics in Economic Research | 3.6 | 7.1 | 25.0 | 35.7 | 25.0 | 3.6 |

1.3 How useful are the publications and tools listed below in helping you enhance your knowledge and skills in the area of economic research/relevant policy issues?

| Response Option | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | N/A |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Macro models and econometric models | 21.4 | 17.9 | 7.1 | 35.7 | 7.1 | 10.7 |
| Databases (AMECO, TRIMECO, BACH) | 28.6 | 14.3 | 25.0 | 21.4 | 10.7 | 0.0 |
| Harmonised Business and Consumer Surveys Data | 14.3 | 10.7 | 21.4 | 10.7 | 32.1 | 10.7 |
| EU Economy Review | 14.3 | 25.0 | 35.7 | 14.3 | 7.1 | 3.6 |
| Public Finances in EMU | 14.3 | 10.7 | 17.9 | 17.9 | 14.3 | 25.0 |
| Economic Forecasts (Spring and Autumn) | 17.9 | 14.3 | 39.3 | 17.9 | 7.1 | 3.6 |
| Economic Papers, Enlargement Papers, Occasional Papers | 25.0 | 39.3 | 14.3 | 10.7 | 3.6 | 7.1 |
| Special Reports | 14.3 | 25.0 | 17.9 | 17.9 | 10.7 | 14.3 |
| Country Focus Series | 10.7 | 21.4 | 25.0 | 25.0 | 10.7 | 7.1 |
| Quarterly Report on the Euro Area | 10.7 | 17.9 | 32.1 | 21.4 | 10.7 | 7.1 |
| Price and Cost Competitiveness Report | 3.6 | 7.1 | 21.4 | 14.3 | 28.6 | 25.0 |
| Topics in Economic Research | 14.3 | 14.3 | 17.9 | 21.4 | 21.4 | 10.7 |

1.4 Overall, how would you rate the quality and value added level of the tools and outputs listed in the above questions to you/your Directorate in comparison to tools and publications which are already available from the external sources (e.g. EUROSTAT, OECD, IMF, ECB, etc)?

| Response Option | % |
|-----------------|------|
| High | 21.4 |
| Medium-High | 39.3 |
| Medium | 21.4 |
| Low-Medium | 14.3 |
| Low | 3.6 |
| Don't know | 0.0 |

1.5 Overall, to what extent does the economic research produced by DG ECFIN stimulate economic and policy debates within your Directorate/across the DG?

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| Response Option | % |
|-----------------|------|
| Very much | 17.9 |
| Quite a lot | 21.4 |
| To some extent | 46.4 |
| Not much | 10.7 |
| Not at all | 0.0 |
| Don't know | 3.6 |

1.6 Overall, to what extent is the economic research produced by DG ECFIN relevant to your research and analytical needs/needs of your Unit/Directorate?

| Response Option | % |
|-------------------|------|
| Very relevant | 39.3 |
| Quite relevant | 25.0 |
| Somewhat relevant | 21.4 |
| Not very relevant | 10.7 |
| Don't know | 3.6 |

1.7 Is the economic research delivered in time to help you achieve your tasks?

| Response Option | % |
|--|------|
| Always | 0.0 |
| Mostly | 71.4 |
| Sometimes | 17.9 |
| Rarely | 3.6 |
| N/A – economic research is not important to my tasks | 7.1 |

1.8 Are there any gaps in economic research tools/publications produced that need to be addressed in order to better support the work of your Directorate?

| Response Option | % |
|-----------------|------|
| Yes | 25.0 |
| No | 28.6 |
| Don't know | 46.4 |

1.9 a) Have you ever participated in DG ECFIN's Summer School?

| | |
|-----|------|
| Yes | 32.1 |
|-----|------|

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If yes, please rate the overall quality of the Summer School

| Response Option | % |
|-----------------|------|
| High | 22.2 |
| Medium-High | 55.6 |
| Medium | 22.2 |

1.9 b) Any workshops organised under the Workshop Programme?

| | |
|-----|-------|
| Yes | 57.1% |
|-----|-------|

If yes, please rate the overall quality of the workshops

| Response Option | % |
|-----------------|------|
| High | 0.0 |
| Medium-High | 68.8 |
| Medium | 31.3 |

2.1 A number of economic studies is commissioned by DG ECFIN's Directorates and carried out by external bodies through the Economic Studies Programme (ESP) and European Forecasting Network (EFN) Are you aware of these studies?

| | | |
|-----|-----|------|
| EFN | Yes | 60.7 |
| ESP | Yes | 14.3 |

| Response Option (if yes to EFN) | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | Don't know |
|--|-----|------|------|------|------|------------|
| | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| How relevant are the EFN studies to the needs of your Directorate/DG ECFIN (e.g. providing insights into relevant economic and policy issues, helping you develop new skills or carry out your analyses, etc)? | 0.0 | 11.8 | 23.5 | 58.8 | 5.9 | 0.0 |
| What is the value added of EFN reports in comparison with the forecasts that are carried out within DG ECFIN/that is already available externally? | 0.0 | 11.8 | 11.8 | 52.9 | 17.6 | 5.9 |
| How useful are EFN reports in stimulating policy debate in your Directorate/across DG ECFIN? | 0.0 | 11.8 | 11.8 | 64.7 | 11.8 | 0.0 |

| Response Option (if yes to ESP) | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | Don't know |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|------------|
|---------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|------------|

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| | % | % | % | % | 25 | % |
|--|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|
| How relevant are the ESP studies to the needs of your Directorate/DG ECFIN (e.g. providing insights into relevant economic and policy issues, helping you develop new skills or carry out your analyses, etc)? | 0.0 | 25.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 |
| What is the value added of ESP studies in comparison with the research that is carried out within DG ECFIN/that is already available externally? | 0.0 | 25.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 |
| How useful are the ESP studies in stimulating policy debate in your Directorate/across DG ECFIN? | 0.0 | 25.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 |

3.1 How often do you use the following publications and services delivered by the Group of Advisers?

| Response Option | Regularly | Sometimes | Rarely | Never | N/A |
|--|-----------|-----------|--------|-------|-----|
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Advisers' contributions in EU Economy Review | 21.4 | 32.1 | 32.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 |
| Advisers' contributions in Economic Papers, Enlargement Papers, Occasional Papers or Special Reports | 17.9 | 35.7 | 32.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 |
| Publications by members of Visiting Fellows Programme | 7.1 | 46.4 | 28.6 | 10.7 | 7.1 |
| Seminars programme | 14.3 | 60.7 | 14.3 | 7.1 | 3.6 |

3.2 Please indicate to what extent the activities undertaken by the Group of Advisers are beneficial to your work/work of your Directorate in several areas listed below. Please rate on a scale 1-5, where 1 is 'very little benefit' and 5 'very significant benefit'

| Response Option | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | Don't know |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------------|
| | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Do the Advisers' activities provide sufficient insights into and access to the latest relevant economic research and new approaches in research? | 10.7 | 21.4 | 17.9 | 21.4 | 10.7 | 17.9 |
| To what extent does the Group of Advisers bring to your attention new issues relevant to economic policy? | 10.7 | 7.1 | 32.1 | 21.4 | 17.9 | 10.7 |
| Do the Advisers' activities such as Visiting Fellows Programme secure sufficient level of interaction with external researchers? | 10.7 | 7.1 | 21.4 | 42.9 | 0.0 | 17.9 |
| To what extent are the activities undertaken by the Advisers' relevant to your needs/needs of your Directorate? | 10.7 | 17.9 | 21.4 | 25.0 | 10.7 | 14.3 |

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|---|-----|------|------|------|------|------|
| To what extent do you think the Advisers' activities and publications stimulate policy debates within your Directorate/across the DG? | 3.6 | 17.9 | 25.0 | 25.0 | 10.7 | 17.9 |
| Overall, to what extent Advises' activities help to enhance the quality of your own/your Unit's analytical work? | 7.1 | 14.3 | 21.4 | 21.4 | 28.6 | 7.1 |
| How active is the Group of Advisers in identifying opportunities for your Unit/Directorate to publish your research? | 3.6 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 25.0 | 35.7 | 21.4 |

4.1 Have you undertaken any economic research activities, apart from the applied research that you undertake as part of your day-to-day work?

| | |
|-----|------|
| Yes | 71.4 |
|-----|------|

4.2 (if yes to 4.1) Do you usually carry out economic research by yourself/with colleagues from your Directorate or in co-operation with Directorate A/other Directorates?

| Response Option | % |
|--|------|
| Usually by myself/within our Directorate | 65.0 |
| Usually in equal amount of cooperation with Directorate A and other Directorates | 10.0 |
| Usually in co-operation with Directorate A | 20.0 |
| Usually in cooperation with other Directorates (excluding A) | 5.0 |

4.3 (if yes to 4.1) Do you think that the economic research carried out within your Unit/Directorate/in co-operation with the Directorate A is usually initiated from within your Unit/Directorate or by Directorate A?

| Response Option | % |
|---|------|
| More often by our Unit/Directorate | 45.0 |
| More often by Directorate A | 5.0 |
| Approximately equally by our Unit/Directorate and Directorate A | 25.0 |
| Don't know | 25.0 |

4.4 Overall, do you/your Unit/your Directorate have more interaction with individual Units from Directorate A or with the Group of Advisers on identifying research areas/undertaking joint research?

| Response Option | % |
|---|------|
| More interaction with individual Units | 21.4 |
| More interaction with Advisers | 21.4 |
| Equal amount of interaction with both | 21.4 |
| Little interaction with either – the research is identified and undertaken mainly only within our Directorate | 17.9 |
| Don't know | 17.9 |

4.5 Is there any need, do you think, for further cooperation on undertaking economic research between your Directorate and Directorate A?

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| Response Option | % |
|---|------|
| Much closer cooperation is required | 14.3 |
| Some closer cooperation is required | 28.6 |
| No, the existing level of cooperation is sufficient | 17.9 |
| Don't know | 39.3 |

4.6 Have you/your Unit received any technical assistance from any of the Directorate A's Units?

| Response Option | % |
|-----------------|------|
| Yes | 64.3 |
| No | 21.4 |
| Don't know | 14.3 |

If 'yes', how satisfied were you with their assistance?

| Response Option | % |
|------------------|------|
| Very satisfied | 38.9 |
| Satisfied | 55.6 |
| Fairly satisfied | 5.6 |
| Not satisfied | 0.0 |

4.7 Have any members of the Group of Advisers provided technical assistance to you/your Unit in your tasks/research activities?

| Response Option | % |
|-----------------|------|
| Yes | 35.7 |
| No | 46.4 |
| Don't know | 17.9 |

If 'yes', how satisfied were you with their work?

| Response Option | % |
|------------------|------|
| Very satisfied | 30.0 |
| Satisfied | 50.0 |
| Fairly satisfied | 20.0 |
| Not satisfied | 0.0 |

4.8 Would you/your Unit require more technical assistance from the Directorate A's Units/ Advisers?

| Response Option | % |
|-----------------|------|
| Yes | 28.6 |
| No | 21.4 |

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| Don't know | 50.0 |
|------------|------|

5.1 Overall, how aware are you of the research which is undertaken and activities organised by the Directorate A?

| Response Option | % |
|---|------|
| I have a good picture of all of Directorate A's activities | 17.9 |
| I am quite familiar with most of Directorate A's activities | 32.1 |
| I am aware of some of Directorate A's activities, but I am not certain about the full range of their activities | 42.9 |
| I am not very familiar with Directorate A's activities | 7.1 |

5.2 Do you know if your Unit/Directorate makes any suggestions on what the DG ECFIN's economic research priorities should be?

| Response Option | % |
|-----------------|------|
| Yes | 25.0 |
| No | 7.1 |
| Don't know | 67.9 |

5.3 Do you think that the Units/Directorates should contribute more towards setting research priorities in the future?

| Response Option | % |
|-----------------|------|
| Yes | 50.0 |
| No | 3.6 |
| Don't know | 46.4 |

5.4 Do you think that there are any overlaps in the research carried out by your Directorate and Directorate A?

| Response Option | % |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Yes, quite a lot | 3.6 |
| Yes, some | 3.6 |
| No, there are not any overlaps | 53.6 |
| Don't know | 39.3 |

5.5 Overall, how would you rate the quality of DG ECFIN's economic research activities?

| Response Option | % |
|-----------------|------|
| Excellent | 3.6 |
| Good | 71.4 |
| Poor | 7.1 |

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| Very poor | 3.6 |
| Don't know | 14.3 |

5.6 Do you think that any changes should be made to the way the research is currently organised to further improve the quality of the research outputs?

| Response Option | % |
|--|------|
| Yes, more research should be done by other Directorates | 39.3 |
| Yes, it should be further centralised in the Directorate A | 3.6 |
| Yes, more research should be outsourced | 7.1 |
| No, it should remain as it is | 14.3 |
| Don't know | 35.7 |

2. EPC/EFC Working Groups detailed survey results

1.1 Do you consult the Notes that DG ECFIN produces for your Working Group?

| Response options | No. | % |
|-----------------------------|-----|------|
| Yes | 39 | 95.1 |
| No | 0 | 0.0 |
| I am not aware of the Notes | 2 | 4.9 |

The rest of Section 1 refers only to those that answered 'Yes' to above.

1.2 Please let us know in which way do you use the Notes (please select as many options as applicable)

| Response options | No. | % |
|--|-----|------|
| To prepare for the meetings | 34 | 87.2 |
| For general information | 29 | 74.4 |
| As background information for your own analytical papers | 25 | 64.1 |
| Pass them onto policymakers | 11 | 28.2 |
| For presentations | 4 | 10.3 |

1.3 To what extent the Notes contribute to the work of your Working Group? Please rate them across several aspects on a scale 1-5, where 1 is 'not very much' and 5 is 'very much'

| Response options | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | Don't know |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|------------|
| | % | % | % | % | % | % |

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|--|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|
| Analyse relevant economic policy issues | 41.0 | 48.7 | 5.1 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 2.6 |
| Bring to your attention new issues relevant to your area of economic policy | 12.8 | 48.7 | 30.8 | 7.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Help stimulate policy debate in your working group/committee and beyond | 30.8 | 53.8 | 12.8 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Provide useful material for briefing policymakers | 25.6 | 33.3 | 25.6 | 10.3 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| Keep you up to date with the latest developments in relevant wider economic research | 12.8 | 41.0 | 33.3 | 12.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

1.4 Are the Notes delivered in time to support the work of your Working Group?

| Response Option | % |
|-----------------|------|
| Always | 2.6 |
| Mostly | 51.3 |
| Sometimes | 38.5 |
| Rarely | 7.7 |
| Never | 0.0 |

1.5 a) Overall, how relevant are the Notes to the needs of your Working Group?

| Response Option | % |
|-------------------|------|
| Very relevant | 51.3 |
| Quite relevant | 46.2 |
| Somewhat relevant | 2.6 |
| Not very relevant | 0.0 |

1.5 b) Are there any gaps in Notes that need to be addressed in order to better support the work of your Working Group?

| Response Option | % |
|-----------------|------|
| Yes | 20.5 |
| No | 35.9 |
| Don't know | 43.6 |

1.6 Overall, what is the value added and quality of the Notes as a source of information in comparison to research that is already available from other sources (e.g. other Commission services, academia, international institutions, etc?)

| Response Option | % |
|-----------------|------|
| High | 28.2 |

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| Medium-High | 48.7 |
| Medium | 12.8 |
| Low-Medium | 0.0 |
| Low | 0.0 |
| Don't know | 10.3 |

2.1 Overall, how aware are you of other *economic research activities* undertaken by DG ECFIN?

| Response Option | % |
|--|------|
| I am aware of some of DG ECFIN's economic research activities, but I am not certain about the full range of their research | 58.5 |
| I am quite familiar with most of DG ECFIN's economic research activities | 34.1 |
| I am not very familiar with DG ECFIN's economic research | 7.3 |
| I have a good picture of all DG ECFIN's economic research activities | 0.0 |

2.2 Please let us know if you use any other research produced by DG ECFIN/events organised by DG ECFIN and how frequently. If you are not aware of any of the publications listed below, please select 'N/A'

| Response Option | Regularly | Sometimes | Rarely | Never | N/A |
|--|-----------|-----------|--------|-------|------|
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Macro models and econometric models | 17.1 | 31.7 | 12.2 | 24.4 | 14.6 |
| Databases (AMECO, BACH) | 41.5 | 19.5 | 4.9 | 17.1 | 17.1 |
| Harmonised Business and Consumer Surveys Data | 14.6 | 39.0 | 19.5 | 22.0 | 4.9 |
| EU Economy Review | 46.3 | 34.1 | 12.2 | 4.9 | 2.4 |
| Public Finances in EMU | 31.7 | 36.6 | 14.6 | 14.6 | 2.4 |
| Economic Forecasts (Spring and Autumn) | 73.2 | 19.5 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| European Forecasting Network Reports | 4.9 | 26.8 | 19.5 | 29.3 | 19.5 |
| Economic Papers, Enlargement Papers, Occasional Papers | 26.8 | 56.1 | 14.6 | 2.4 | 0.0 |
| Special Reports | 12.2 | 63.4 | 17.1 | 4.9 | 2.4 |
| Country Focus Series | 12.2 | 43.9 | 24.4 | 14.6 | 4.9 |
| Quarterly Report on the Euro Area | 24.4 | 31.7 | 26.8 | 14.6 | 2.4 |
| Price and Cost Competitiveness Report | 14.6 | 14.6 | 31.7 | 26.8 | 12.2 |
| Annual Economic Research Conference | 7.3 | 14.6 | 26.8 | 34.1 | 17.1 |
| Brussels Economic Forum | 12.2 | 24.4 | 22.0 | 31.7 | 9.8 |

2.3 For what purpose do you use DG ECFIN's wider economic research?

| Response Option | % |
|--|------|
| For general information | 65.9 |
| As background information for your own analytical papers | 58.5 |
| To prepare for the meetings | 56.1 |

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| For presentations | 19.5 |
| Pass them onto policymakers | 19.5 |

2.4 Please rate on a scale 1-5 (where 1 is 'not at all' and 5 is 'very much') the extent to which DG ECFIN's wider economic research achieves the following:

| Response Option | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | Don't know |
|---|------|------|------|-----|-----|------------|
| | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Addresses relevant economic policy issues | 22.0 | 39.0 | 14.6 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 22.0 |
| Brings to your attention new issues relevant to your area of economic policy | 7.3 | 26.8 | 39.0 | 4.9 | 0.0 | 22.0 |
| Keeps you up to date with the latest developments in relevant wider economic research | 14.6 | 22.0 | 31.7 | 9.8 | 0.0 | 22.0 |

2.5 Overall, how would you rate the quality of DG ECFIN's economic research activities?

| Response Option | % |
|-----------------|------|
| Excellent | 22.0 |
| Good | 53.7 |
| Poor | 2.4 |
| Very poor | 0.0 |
| Don't know | 22.0 |

2.6 Overall, what is the value added and the quality of the DG ECFIN's research in comparison with the research available from external sources (EUROSTAT, academia, international institutions, national bodies, etc)?

| Response Option | % |
|-----------------|------|
| High | 12.2 |
| Medium-high | 46.3 |
| Medium | 14.6 |
| Low-medium | 4.9 |
| Low | 0.0 |
| Don't know | 22.0 |

2.7 How do you usually access DG ECFIN's wider research?

| Response Option | % |
|------------------------|------|
| Via DG ECFIN's website | 65.9 |
| It is emailed to you | 58.5 |
| It is mailed to you | 17.1 |

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| Other | 7.3 |
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3.1 Please rate on a scale 1-5 the contribution of the DG ECFIN's representatives to the work of your Working Group, where 1 is 'weak contribution' and 5 is 'strong contribution'

| Response Option | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | Don't know |
|--|------|------|------|-----|-----|------------|
| | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Provide expertise on relevant economic policy issues | 51.2 | 36.6 | 7.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.9 |
| Bring to your attention new issues relevant to your area of economic policy | 9.8 | 51.2 | 31.7 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 4.9 |
| Help stimulate policy debate in your working group/committee and beyond | 31.7 | 46.3 | 14.6 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 4.9 |
| Help you identify and articulate the topics for future Notes | 22.0 | 34.1 | 31.7 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 9.8 |
| Help you identify and articulate areas where DG ECFIN can offer technical assistance | 26.8 | 39.0 | 17.1 | 7.3 | 0.0 | 9.8 |

3.2 Have you or your Working Group received any technical assistance from DG ECFIN's officials on specific issues relevant to your policy area?

| Response Option | % |
|-----------------|------|
| Yes | 41.5 |
| No | 9.8 |
| Don't know | 48.8 |

If yes, how satisfied were you with their assistance?

| Response Option | % |
|------------------|------|
| Very satisfied | 41.2 |
| Fairly satisfied | 5.9 |
| Satisfied | 52.9 |
| Not satisfied | 0.0 |

3.3 Does your Working Group require more technical assistance from the DG ECFIN?

| Response Option | % |
|-----------------|------|
| Yes | 19.5 |
| No | 22.0 |
| Don't know | 58.5 |

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3.4 Does your Working Group makes suggestions on the topics that are to be addressed in the Notes or is this primarily driven by the DG ECFIN's representatives?

| Response Option | % |
|--|------|
| Primarily driven by DG ECFIN's representatives | 17.1 |
| Primarily driven by the Working Group | 14.6 |
| Equally driven by the Working Group and the DG ECFIN's representatives | 56.1 |
| Don't know | 12.2 |

3.5 Does your Working Group make any suggestions on what the wider DG ECFIN's economic research priorities should be (beyond the suggestions for future Notes)?

| Response Option | % |
|-----------------|------|
| Yes | 43.9 |
| No | 34.1 |
| Don't know | 22.0 |

3.6 Do you think that your Working Group should further contribute towards economic research priorities of DG ECFIN?

| Response Option | % |
|-----------------|------|
| Yes | 26.8 |
| No | 14.6 |
| Don't know | 58.5 |

3. External Economic Researchers detailed survey results

1. Overall, how aware are you of *economic research activities* undertaken by DG ECFIN?

| Response options | % |
|--|------|
| I have a good picture of all DG ECFIN's economic research activities | 5.8 |
| I am quite familiar with most of DG ECFIN's economic research activities | 32.7 |
| I am aware of some of DG ECFIN's economic research activities, but I am not certain about the full range of their research | 48.1 |
| I am not very familiar with DG ECFIN's research | 13.5 |

2. Please let us know if you use any research produced by DG ECFIN/events organised by DG ECFIN and how frequently. If you are not aware of any of the publications listed below, please select 'N/A'

| Response Option | Regularly | Sometimes | Rarely | Never | N/A |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-------|-----|
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Macro models and econometric models | 9.6 | 34.6 | 19.2 | 26.9 | 9.6 |

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|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| Databases (AMECO, BACH) | 28.8 | 28.8 | 9.6 | 26.9 | 5.8 |
| Harmonised Business and Consumer Surveys Data | 28.8 | 19.2 | 15.4 | 28.8 | 7.7 |
| EU Economy Review | 44.2 | 25.0 | 9.6 | 15.4 | 5.8 |
| Public Finances in EMU | 38.5 | 25.0 | 9.6 | 23.1 | 3.8 |
| Economic Forecasts (Spring and Autumn) | 63.5 | 11.5 | 7.7 | 13.5 | 3.8 |
| European Forecasting Network reports | 19.2 | 26.9 | 23.1 | 23.1 | 7.7 |
| Economic Papers, Enlargement Papers, Occasional Papers | 48.1 | 32.7 | 5.8 | 9.6 | 3.8 |
| Special Reports | 25.0 | 48.1 | 11.5 | 9.6 | 5.8 |
| Country Focus Series | 13.5 | 32.7 | 32.7 | 17.3 | 3.8 |
| Quarterly Report on the Euro Area | 32.7 | 21.2 | 17.3 | 23.1 | 5.8 |
| Price and Cost Competitiveness Report | 19.2 | 28.8 | 17.3 | 28.8 | 5.8 |
| Annual Economic Research Conference | 7.7 | 25.0 | 23.1 | 30.8 | 13.5 |
| Brussels Economic Forum | 7.7 | 23.1 | 21.2 | 36.5 | 11.5 |

3. Please let us know in which way do you use DG ECFIN's research (please select as many options as applicable)

| Response options | % |
|---|------|
| As background information for own research work | 86.5 |
| For general information | 42.3 |
| For presentations | 28.8 |
| To prepare for the meetings | 25.0 |
| Other | 1.9 |

4. Please give us your opinion on the quality and relevance of DG ECFIN economic research/activities. Please rank each publication/activity and provide an overall judgment (last line in this question). If you are not aware of some of the outputs listed below, please select 'N/A'

| Response Option | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | Don't know |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|---|------------|
| | % | % | % | % | % | % |
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|--|------|------|------|------|-----|------|
| Helps you understand what issues are relevant to the European Commission's economic policy | 26.9 | 32.7 | 17.3 | 7.7 | 1.9 | 13.5 |
| Helps you understand the state of the European economy | 32.7 | 36.5 | 13.5 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 13.5 |
| Highlights the latest developments in wider economic research that are relevant to the European Commission's economic policy | 21.2 | 36.5 | 19.2 | 5.8 | 3.8 | 13.5 |
| Helps stimulate debates in academic circles | 9.6 | 17.3 | 30.8 | 11.5 | 5.8 | 25.0 |
| It is well regarded among academics in terms of academic quality (bearing in mind that the research is of applied nature and not purely academic). | 13.5 | 28.8 | 13.5 | 9.6 | 1.9 | 32.7 |

5. Is the DG ECFIN's research delivered in time to provide information on key issues related to the European Commission's economic policy?

| Response options | % |
|------------------|------|
| Always | 5.8 |
| Mostly | 57.7 |
| Sometimes | 13.5 |
| Rarely | 0.0 |
| Don't know | 23.1 |

6. Overall, how relevant is the DG ECFIN's research to your work/research needs of your organisation?

| Response options | % |
|-------------------|------|
| Very relevant | 30.8 |
| Quite relevant | 36.5 |
| Somewhat relevant | 17.3 |
| Not very relevant | 0.0 |
| Don't know | 15.4 |

7. Has DG ECFIN's research influenced your own research/research undertaken in your organisation in any way?

| Response options | % |
|------------------|------|
| Yes | 59.6 |
| No | 11.5 |
| Don't know | 28.8 |

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8. Overall, what is the value added and quality of the DG ECFIN's work as a source of information in comparison to research that is already available from other sources (e.g. other European Commission services, academia, OECD, IMF, World Bank, ECB and international institutions, etc)?

| Response options | % |
|------------------|------|
| High | 17.3 |
| Medium-High | 48.1 |
| Medium | 13.5 |
| Low-Medium | 3.8 |
| Low | 1.9 |
| Don't know | 15.4 |

9 a) Have you participated in any of the following activities organised by the DG ECFIN?

| Response options | % |
|----------------------------|------|
| Visiting Fellows Programme | 6.7 |
| Workshops programme | 11.1 |
| Summer School | 0.0 |
| Economic Studies Programme | 0.0 |
| None of these | 82.2 |

9 b) (if participated) How useful were these events in helping you understand the European Commissions economic policy priorities?

| Response options | % |
|------------------|------|
| Very useful | 37.5 |
| Useful | 50.0 |
| No response | 12.5 |

9 c) Has your participation in these events influenced your own research in any way?

| Response options | % |
|------------------|------|
| Yes | 50.0 |
| No | 37.5 |
| No response | 12.5 |

10. Overall, how would you rate the quality of DG ECFIN's economic research activities?

| Response options | % |
|------------------|------|
| Excellent | 23.1 |
| Good | 51.9 |
| Poor | 3.8 |
| Very poor | 0.0 |
| Don't know | 21.2 |

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4. Other External Users detailed survey results

1. Overall, how aware are you of economic research activities undertaken by DG ECFIN?

| Response options | % |
|--|------|
| I have a good picture of all DG ECFIN's economic research activities | 18.5 |
| I am quite familiar with most of DG ECFIN's economic research activities | 29.6 |
| I am aware of some of DG ECFIN's economic research activities, but I am not certain about the full range of their research | 44.4 |
| I am not very familiar with DG ECFIN's research | 7.4 |

2. Please let us know if you use any research produced by DG ECFIN/attend events organised by DG ECFIN and how frequently. If you are not aware of any of the publications listed below, please select 'N/A'

| Response Option | Regularly | Sometimes | Rarely | Never | N/A |
|--|-----------|-----------|--------|-------|-----|
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Macro models and econometric models | 11.1 | 55.6 | 7.4 | 22.2 | 3.7 |
| Databases (AMECO, BACH) | 51.9 | 7.4 | 11.1 | 22.2 | 7.4 |
| Harmonised Business and Consumer Surveys Data | 33.3 | 37.0 | 3.7 | 18.5 | 7.4 |
| EU Economy Review | 40.7 | 44.4 | 11.1 | 0.0 | 3.7 |
| Public Finances in EMU | 48.1 | 29.6 | 7.4 | 11.1 | 3.7 |
| Economic Forecasts (Spring and Autumn) | 66.7 | 22.2 | 0.0 | 7.4 | 3.7 |
| European Forecasting Network reports | 29.6 | 18.5 | 22.2 | 22.2 | 7.4 |
| Economic Papers, Enlargement Papers, Occasional Papers | 40.7 | 51.9 | 7.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Special Reports | 18.5 | 44.4 | 29.6 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| Country Focus Series | 18.5 | 51.9 | 22.2 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| Quarterly Report on the Euro Area | 48.1 | 22.2 | 14.8 | 11.1 | 3.7 |
| Price and Cost Competitiveness Report | 25.9 | 33.3 | 22.2 | 14.8 | 3.7 |
| Annual Economic Research Conference | 11.1 | 37.0 | 22.2 | 22.2 | 7.4 |
| Brussels Economic Forum | 14.8 | 22.2 | 25.9 | 33.3 | 3.7 |

3. Please give us your opinion on the quality and relevance of DG ECFIN economic research/activities

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| Response Option | Excellent | Good | Poor | Very poor | N/A |
|--|-----------|------|------|-----------|------|
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Macro models and econometric models | 25.9 | 29.6 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 40.7 |
| Databases (AMECO, BACH) | 11.1 | 55.6 | 7.4 | 0.0 | 25.9 |
| Harmonised Business and Consumer Surveys Data | 14.8 | 55.6 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 25.9 |
| EU Economy Review | 37.0 | 37.0 | 7.4 | 0.0 | 18.5 |
| Public Finances in EMU | 33.3 | 37.0 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 25.9 |
| Economic Forecasts (Spring and Autumn) | 37.0 | 44.4 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 14.8 |
| European Forecasting Network reports | 3.7 | 44.4 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 48.1 |
| Economic Papers, Enlargement Papers, Occasional Papers | 22.2 | 63.0 | 7.4 | 0.0 | 7.4 |
| Special Reports | 11.1 | 55.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 33.3 |
| Country Focus Series | 14.8 | 40.7 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 40.7 |
| Quarterly Report on the Euro Area | 22.2 | 33.3 | 11.1 | 0.0 | 33.3 |
| Price and Cost Competitiveness Report | 14.8 | 29.6 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 51.9 |
| Annual Economic Research Conference | 7.4 | 33.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 59.3 |
| Brussels Economic Forum | 3.7 | 33.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 63.0 |
| Overall quality and relevance of DG ECFIN's economic research activities | 18.5 | 66.7 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 11.1 |

4. Please let us know in which way do you use DG ECFIN's research (please select as many options as applicable)

| Response options | % |
|---|------|
| As background information for own research work | 70.4 |
| For general information | 66.7 |
| For presentations | 25.9 |
| To prepare for the meetings | 33.3 |
| Other | 11.1 |

5. Please rate on a scale 1-5 (where 1 is 'not at all' and 5 is 'very much') the extent to which DG ECFIN's economic research achieves the following:

| Response Option | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | Don't know |
|--|------|------|------|-----|-----|------------|
| | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Helps you understand what issues are relevant to the European Commission's economic policy | 7.4 | 48.1 | 14.8 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 22.2 |
| Helps you understand the state of the European economy | 29.6 | 40.7 | 11.1 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 11.1 |

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|--|------|------|------|------|-----|------|
| Highlights the latest developments in wider economic research that are relevant to the European Commission's economic policy | 22.2 | 33.3 | 14.8 | 14.8 | 3.7 | 11.1 |
|--|------|------|------|------|-----|------|

6. Is the DG ECFIN's research delivered in time to provide information on key issues related to the European Commission's economic policy?

| Response options | % |
|------------------|------|
| Always | 7.4 |
| Mostly | 55.6 |
| Sometimes | 14.8 |
| Rarely | 3.7 |
| Don't know | 18.5 |

7. Overall, how relevant is the DG ECFIN's research to your work/research needs of your organisation?

| Response options | % |
|-------------------|------|
| Very relevant | 37.0 |
| Quite relevant | 25.9 |
| Somewhat relevant | 29.6 |
| Not very relevant | 0.0 |
| Don't know | 7.4 |

8. Overall, what is the value added and quality of the DG ECFIN's work as a source of information in comparison to research that is already available from other sources (e.g. other European Commission services, academia, OECD, IMF, World Bank, ECB and international institutions, etc)?

| Response options | % |
|------------------|------|
| High | 44.4 |
| Medium-High | 14.8 |
| Medium | 11.1 |
| Low-Medium | 14.8 |
| Low | 0.0 |
| Don't know | 14.8 |

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Questionnaire – DG ECFIN STAFF

| 1. Use of DG ECFIN’s internal economic research outputs and services | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1.1 Below we list key economic research outputs and tools that are either developed by the Directorate A or other Directorates in DG ECFIN. Please indicate <u>which ones do you use and how frequently</u> . If you are not aware of some of the publications/services, please select N/A. | | | | | | |
| | Regularly | Sometimes | Rarely | Never | N/A | |
| Macro models and econometric models | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Databases (AMECO, TRIMECO, BACH) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Harmonised Business and Consumer Surveys Data | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| EU Economy Review | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Public Finances in EMU | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Economic Forecasts (Spring and Autumn) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Economic Papers, Enlargement Papers, Occasional Papers | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Special Reports | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Country Focus Series | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Quarterly Report on the Euro Area | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Price and Cost Competitiveness Report | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Topics in Economic Research | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Other – please specify what: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 1.2 How effective are the publications and tools listed in the below table in <u>helping you achieve the tasks</u> that you undertake as part of your work? Please rate on a scale 1-5, where 1 is ‘not important’ and 5 is ‘very important’. Please select ‘N/A’ in case of products for which you selected ‘N/A’ or ‘Never’ in the question 1.1. | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| Macro models and econometric models | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Databases (AMECO, TRIMECO, BACH) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Harmonised Business and Consumer Surveys Data | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| EU Economy Review | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public Finances in EMU | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Economic Forecasts (Spring and Autumn) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Economic Papers, Enlargement Papers, Occasional Papers | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Special Reports | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Country Focus Series | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Quarterly Report on the Euro Area | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Price and Cost Competitiveness Report | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Topics in Economic Research | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other – please specify what: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Please let us know if any of the above outputs need to be adjusted in any way to provide better support in your work: | | | | | | |

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1.3 How useful are the publications and tools listed below in helping you enhance your knowledge and skills in the area of economic research/relevant policy issues? Please rate on a scale 1-5, where 1 is 'not important' and 5 is 'very important'. Please select 'N/A' in case of products for which you selected 'N/A' or 'Never' in the question 1.1.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Macro models and econometric models | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Databases (AMECO, TRIMECO, BACH) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Harmonised Business and Consumer Surveys Data | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| EU Economy Review | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public Finances in EMU | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Economic Forecasts (Spring and Autumn) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Economic Papers, Enlargement Papers, Occasional Papers | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Special Reports | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Country Focus Series | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Quarterly Report on the Euro Area | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Price and Cost Competitiveness Report | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Topics in Economic Research | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other – please specify what: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please let us know if any of the above outputs need to be adjusted in any way to help you enhance your knowledge and skills:

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1.4 Overall, how would you rate the quality and value added level of the tools and outputs listed in the above questions to you/your Directorate in comparison to tools and publications which are already available from the external sources (e.g. EUROSTAT, OECD, IMF, ECB, etc)?

Low Low-Medium Medium Medium-High High Don't know

Please specify if there are any tools/publications, that overlap with already existing tools/publications that can be easily obtained from other sources:

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1.5 Overall, to what extent does the economic research produced by DG ECFIN stimulate economic and policy debates within your Directorate/across the DG?

Not at all Not much To some extent Quite a lot Very much Don't know

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| <p>1.6 Overall, to what extent is the economic research produced by DG ECFIN relevant to your research and analytical needs/needs of your Unit/Directorate?</p> <p>Not very relevant <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat relevant <input type="checkbox"/> Quite relevant <input type="checkbox"/> Very relevant <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>1.7 Is the economic research delivered in time to help you achieve your tasks?</p> <p>Rarely <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly <input type="checkbox"/> Always <input type="checkbox"/> N/A – economic research is not important to my tasks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please specify if the timing of any research outputs needs to be changed (and how):</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> |
| <p>1.8 Are there any gaps in economic research tools/publications produced that need to be addressed in order to better support the work of your Directorate? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If you selected 'yes', please elaborate further:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> |
| <p>Have you ever participated in the following:</p> <p>a) DG ECFIN's Summer School Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please rate the overall quality of the Summer School:</p> <p>Low <input type="checkbox"/> Low-Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Medium-High <input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>b) Any workshops organised under the Workshop Programme Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please rate the overall quality of the workshops:</p> <p>Low <input type="checkbox"/> Low-Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Medium-High <input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please let us know if there is anything that think should be done to improve the quality of the Summer School and/or the Workshop Programme:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> |
| 2. Economic research commissioned to external contractors |
| <p>2.1 A number of economic studies is commissioned by DG ECFIN's Directorates and carried out by external bodies through the Economic Studies Programme (ESP) and European Forecasting Network (EFN).</p> <p>Are you aware of these studies? EFN: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>, ESP: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>If you selected 'yes' for either type of studies, please answer the next questions within section 2. If you selected 'no' for</i></p> |

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both types of studies, please move onto the section 3.

2.2 Please tell us what you think about the relevance, quality added value and impact of the external studies within the DG ECFIN, where 1 is ‘low relevance/quality/ impact/low added value’ and 5 is ‘high relevance/quality/added value/impact’:

If you selected ‘no’ for one type of studies and ‘yes’ for another in the previous question, select ‘N/A’ for the questions related to the type of studies for which you selected ‘no’.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A | Don't know |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| How relevant are the ESP studies to the needs of your Directorate/DG ECFIN (e.g. providing insights into relevant economic and policy issues, helping you develop new skills or carry out your analyses, etc) ? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| How relevant are the EFN studies to the needs of your Directorate/DG ECFIN (e.g. providing insights into relevant economic and policy issues, helping you develop new skills or carry out your analyses, etc) ? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| What is the value added of ESP studies in comparison with the research that is carried out within DG ECFIN/that is already available externally? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| What is the value added of EFN reports in comparison with the forecasts that are carried out within DG ECFIN/that is already available externally? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| How useful are the ESP studies in stimulating policy debate in your Directorate/across DG ECFIN? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| How useful are EFN reports in stimulating policy debate in your Directorate/across DG ECFIN? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2.3 Please let us know if you think that EFN/ESP programmes should be modified in any way to make them more relevant to the needs of DG ECFIN staff or external audiences:

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3. Activities and research undertaken by the Group of Advisers and external researchers in Visiting Fellows programme

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Group of Advisers from Directorate A both undertakes economic research and organises seminars/workshops that are aimed at DG ECFIN staff. They also manage Visiting Fellows Programme, in which external researchers are invited for short-term visits to DG ECFIN.

3.1 How often do you use the following publications and services delivered by the Group of Advisers? If you are not aware of some below outputs/Advisers' contributions to them, please select N/A.

| | Regularly | Sometimes | Rarely | Never | N/A |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Advisers' contributions in EU Economy Review | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advisers' contributions in Economic Papers, Enlargement Papers, Occasional Papers or Special Reports | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications by members of Visiting Fellows Programme | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Seminars programme | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other – please specify what: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3.2 Please indicate to what extent the activities undertaken by the Group of Advisers are beneficial to your work/work of your Directorate in several areas listed below. Please rate on a scale 1-5, where 1 is 'very little benefit' and 5 'very significant benefit'.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Don't know |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Do the Advisers' activities provide sufficient insights into and access to the latest relevant economic research and new approaches in research? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| To what extent does the Group of Advisers bring to your attention new issues relevant to economic policy? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do the Advisers' activities such as Visiting Fellows Programme secure sufficient level of interaction with external researchers? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| To what extent are the activities undertaken by the Advisers' relevant to your needs/needs of your Directorate? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| To what extent do you think the Advisers' activities and publications stimulate policy debates within your Directorate/across the DG? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Overall, to what extent Advisers' activities help to enhance the quality of your own/your Unit's analytical work? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| How active is the Group of Advisers in identifying opportunities for your Unit/Directorate to publish your research? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please explain below if you think that there are any areas in which the activities of the Group of Advisers need to be particularly strengthened:

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4. Economic research activities undertaken by your Directorate and research co-operation with the Directorate A

4.1 Have you undertaken any economic research activities, apart from the applied research that you undertake as part of your day-to-day work? Yes No

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| <p><i>If you selected 'yes', please move onto the next questions, otherwise go straight to the question 4.4</i></p> |
| <p>4.2 Do you usually carry out economic research by yourself/with colleagues from your Directorate or in co-operation with Directorate A/other Directorates?</p> <p>Usually by myself/within our Directorate <input type="checkbox"/> Usually in co-operation with Directorate A <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Usually in cooperation with other Directorates (excluding A) <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>4.3 Do you think that the economic research carried out within your Unit/Directorate/in co-operation with the Directorate A is usually initiated from within your Unit/Directorate or by Directorate A?</p> <p>More often by our Unit/Directorate <input type="checkbox"/> More often by Directorate A <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Approximately equally by our Unit/Directorate and Directorate A <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>4.4 Overall, do you/your Unit/your Directorate have more interaction with individual Units from Directorate A or with the Group of Advisers on identifying research areas/undertaking joint research?</p> <p>Equal amount of interaction with both <input type="checkbox"/> More interaction with Advisers <input type="checkbox"/> More interaction with individual Units Little interaction with either – the research is identified and undertaken mainly only within our Directorate <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>4.5 Is there any need, do you think, for further cooperation on undertaking economic research between your Directorate and Directorate A?</p> <p>No, the existing level of cooperation is sufficient <input type="checkbox"/> Some closer cooperation is required <input type="checkbox"/> Much closer cooperation is required <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If you selected either 'some closer operation' or 'much closer cooperation', please explain briefly why would this be required:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> |
| <p>4.6 Have you/your Unit received any technical assistance from any of the Directorate A's Units?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'yes', how satisfied were you with their assistance?</p> <p>Not satisfied <input type="checkbox"/> Fairly satisfied <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfied <input type="checkbox"/> Very satisfied <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>4.7 a) Have any members of the Group of Advisers provided technical assistance to you/your Unit in your tasks/research activities?</p> |

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| <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>b) If 'yes', how satisfied were you with their work: Not satisfied <input type="checkbox"/> Fairly satisfied <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfied <input type="checkbox"/> Very satisfied <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>4.8 Would you/your Unit require more technical assistance from the Directorate A's Units/ Advisers? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please let us know if you have any ideas on how the technical assistance from Directorate A could be further improved: </p> |
| <p>5. Organisation of research function in DG ECFIN – <i>in this section, we would like to find out what you think of the current model of organising economic research activities, where the research is largely centralised through Directorate A, partly outsourced through EFN and ESP and to some extent carried out in across other Directorates.</i></p> |
| <p>5.1 Overall, how aware are you of the research which is undertaken and activities organised by the Directorate A? Please select a statement that best describes it:</p> <p>I am not very familiar with Directorate A's activities <input type="checkbox"/> I am aware of some of Directorate A's activities, but I am not certain about the full range of their activities <input type="checkbox"/> I am quite familiar with most of Directorate A's activities <input type="checkbox"/> I have a good picture of all of Directorate A's activities <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please specify here if you have any suggestions on the areas of Directorate A's work that need to be better promoted across DG ECFIN or the ways in which their work should be better disseminated: </p> |
| <p>5.2 Do you know if your Unit/Directorate makes any suggestions on what the DG ECFIN's economic research priorities should be? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'yes' please describe briefly how is this done (e.g. through informal suggestions to the Directorate A/at DG level or at any formal meetings): </p> |
| <p>5.3 Do you think that the Units/Directorates should contribute more towards setting research priorities in the future? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'yes', please tell us what would be the benefits of greater involvement by the Directorates:</p> |

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5.4 Do you think that there are any overlaps in the research carried out by your Directorate and Directorate A?
 Yes, quite a lot Yes, some No, there are not any overlaps Don't know

If you selected 'yes' options, please let us know where do the overlaps occur:

5.5 Overall, how would you rate the quality of DG ECFIN's economic research activities?
 Very poor Poor Good Excellent Don't know

5.6 Do you think that any changes should be made to the way the research is currently organised to further improve the quality of the research outputs?
 No, it should remain as it is Yes, it should be further centralised in the Directorate A Yes, more research should be done by other Directorates Yes, more research should be outsourced

If you selected any 'yes' options, please briefly explain further:

Questionnaire – EPC/EFC Working Groups

1. Use of DG ECFIN's Notes *(the Notes are produced by DG ECFIN specifically for EPC/EFC working groups and they provide an analysis of economic issues relevant to the working groups. The content of the Notes is drawn up on the basis of work programmes of the EPC and EFC committees/working groups)*

1.1 Do you consult the Notes that DG ECFIN produces for your Working Group:

Yes No I am not aware of the Notes

If you selected 'No' or 'I am not aware of the Notes', please move onto the Section 2.

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1.2 Please let us know in which way do you use the Notes (please select as many options as applicable):

For general information To prepare for the meetings For presentations As background information for your own analytical papers Pass them onto policymakers (if yes, please specify who:)

1.3 To what extent the Notes contribute to the work of your Working Group? Please rate them across several aspects on a scale 1-5, where 1 is 'not very much' and 5 is 'very much':

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Don't know |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Analyse relevant economic policy issues | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bring to your attention new issues relevant to your area of economic policy | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Help stimulate policy debate in your working group/committee and beyond | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Provide useful material for briefing policymakers | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Keep you up to date with the latest developments in relevant wider economic research | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please specify if the Notes need to fulfil any other purposes apart from the ones listed above:

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1.4 Are the Notes delivered in time to support the work of your Working Group:

Rarely Sometimes Mostly Always

Please specify if the timing of the Notes needs to be changed in any way:

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1.5 a) Overall, how relevant are the Notes to the needs of your Working Group:

Not very relevant Somewhat relevant Quite relevant Very relevant

b) Are there any gaps in Notes that need to be addressed in order to better support the work of your Working Group?

Yes No Don't know

Please specify if Notes need to be changed in any way to make them more relevant to your work:

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1.6 Overall, what is the value added and quality of the Notes as a source of information in comparison to research that is already available from other sources (e.g. other Commission services, academia, international institutions, etc):

Low Low-Medium Medium Medium-High High Don't know

2. Use of other DG ECFIN's economic research services and publications

2.1 Overall, how aware are you of other *economic research activities* undertaken by DG ECFIN:

I am not very familiar with DG ECFIN's economic research

I am aware of some of DG ECFIN's economic research activities, but I am not certain about the full range of their research

I am quite familiar with most of DG ECFIN's economic research activities

I have a good picture of all DG ECFIN's economic research activities

Please specify if there are any particular areas of DG ECFIN's economic research that you are unclear about/would like to find out more about:

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2.2 Please let us know if you use any other research produced by DG ECFIN/events organised by DG ECFIN and how frequently. If you are not aware of any of the publications listed below, please select 'N/A'.

| | Regularly | Sometimes | Rarely | Never | N/A |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Macro models and econometric models | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Databases (AMECO, BACH) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Harmonised Business and Consumer Surveys Data | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| EU Economy Review | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public Finances in EMU | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Economic Forecasts (Spring and Autumn) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| European Forecasting Network Reports | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| Economic Papers, Enlargement Papers, Occasional Papers | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Special Reports | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Country Focus Series | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Quarterly Report on the Euro Area | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Price and Cost Competitiveness Report | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Annual Economic Research Conference | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Brussels Economic Forum | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other – please specify what: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please let us know if you are aware of any other Commission’s bodies and international or national institutions which use DG ECFIN’s research:

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If you indicated that in the above question that you use some of the above research outputs, please answer also the questions below. Otherwise, please proceed to the Section 3.

2.3 For what purpose do you use DG ECFIN’s wider economic research:

For general information To prepare for the meetings For presentations As background information for your own analytical papers Pass them onto policymakers , please specify who:

2.4 Please rate on a scale 1-5 (where 1 is ‘not at all’ and 5 is ‘very much’) the extent to which DG ECFIN’s wider economic research achieves the following:

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Don’t know |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Addresses relevant economic policy issues | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Brings to your attention new issues relevant to your area of economic policy | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Keeps you up to date with the latest developments in relevant wider economic research | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2.5 Overall, how would you rate the quality of DG ECFIN's economic research activities?

Very poor Poor Good Excellent Don’t know

2.6 Overall, what is the value added and the quality of the DG ECFIN’s research in comparison with the research available from external sources (EUROSTAT, academia, international institutions, national bodies, etc.):

Low Low-Medium Medium Medium-High High Don’t know

Please let us know if there are any areas where DG ECFIN’s research overlaps with the research undertaken by other organisations:

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2.7 How do you usually access DG ECFIN’s wider research:
it is mailed to you it is emailed to you via DG ECFIN’s website Other , please specify what:

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3. DG ECFIN’s technical assistance and your interaction with their representatives – DG ECFIN’s representatives sit on your Working Group. We are interested to find out about their contribution or contribution of their colleagues to your work.

3.1 Please rate on a scale 1-5 the contribution of the DG ECFIN’s representatives to the work of your Working Group, where 1 is ‘weak contribution’ and 5 is ‘strong contribution’:

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Don’t know |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Provide expertise on relevant economic policy issues | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bring to your attention new issues relevant to your area of economic policy | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Help stimulate policy debate in your working group/committee and beyond | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Help you identify and articulate the topics for future Notes | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Help you identify and articulate areas where DG ECFIN can offer technical assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3.2 a) Have you or your Working Group received any technical assistance from DG ECFIN’s officials on specific issues relevant to your policy area?
No Yes Don’t know
If ‘yes’, please provide a brief description of the nature of the assistance:

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b) How satisfied were you with their assistance? Not satisfied Fairly satisfied Satisfied Very satisfied Don’t know

Please let us know if you have any ideas on how DG ECFIN’s technical assistance could be further improved:
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| <p>3.3 Does your Working Group require more technical assistance from the DG ECFIN? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'yes', please describe in which aspects of your work would you require more assistance: </p> |
| <p>3.4 Does your Working Group makes suggestions on the topics that are to be addressed in the Notes or is this primarily driven by the DG ECFIN's representatives?</p> <p>Primarily driven by the Working Group <input type="checkbox"/> Primarily driven by DG ECFIN's representatives <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please let us know if this should be changed in any way: </p> |
| <p>3.5 Does your Working Group make any suggestions on what the wider DG ECFIN's economic research priorities should be (beyond the suggestions for future Notes)?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>3.6 Do you think that your Working Group should further contribute towards economic research priorities of DG ECFIN? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If you selected 'yes', please let us know what would be the benefits of your greater involvement: </p> |

Questionnaire – External Economic Researchers

DG ECFIN's economic research

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1 Overall, how aware are you of *economic research activities* undertaken by DG ECFIN:

I am not very familiar with DG ECFIN’s economic research

I am aware of some of DG ECFIN’s economic research activities, but I am not certain about the full range of their research

I am quite familiar with most of DG ECFIN’s economic research activities

I have a good picture of all DG ECFIN’s economic research activities

2 a) Please let us know if you use any research produced by DG ECFIN/attend events organised by DG ECFIN and how frequently. If you are not aware of any of the publications listed below, please select ‘N/A’.

| | Regularly | Sometimes | Rarely | Never | N/A |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Macro models and econometric models | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Databases (BACH, AMECO) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Harmonised Business and Consumer Surveys Data | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| EU Economy Review | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Economic Forecasts (Spring and Autumn) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| European Forecasting Network reports | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public Finances in EMU report | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Price and Cost Competitiveness report | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Economic Papers, Enlargement Papers, Occasional Papers | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Special Reports | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Country Focus Series | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Quarterly Report on the Euro Area | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Annual Economic Research Conference | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Brussels Economic Forum | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other – please specify what: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please specify if there are any particular areas of DG ECFIN’s economic research that you are unclear about/would like to find out more about:

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If all of your answers in the above table were ‘never’ or ‘N/A’, you can stop completing the questionnaire here. Otherwise, please proceed with the answering the questions below.

b) If you indicated that you use the Business and Consumer Surveys Data, do you use them for research purposes within your organisation: Yes No

Please briefly explain how you use them (e.g. combine it with your own data, use the datasets in your papers, etc):

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c) If you indicated that you have attended Annual Economic Research Conference and Brussels Economic Forum, please tell us whether they are considered as important economic research events among academic community:
No, not very important Somewhat important Quite Important Very important

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3 Please let us know in which way do you use DG ECFIN’s research (please select as many options as applicable):

For general information To prepare for the meetings For presentations
 As background information for your own research work Other , please specify

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4 Please rate on a scale 1-5 (where 1 is ‘not at all’ and 5 is ‘very much’) the extent to which DG ECFIN’s economic research outputs achieve the following:

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Don’t know |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Helps you understand what issues are relevant to the European Commission’s economic policy | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Helps you understand the state of the European economy | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Highlights the latest developments in wider economic research that are relevant to the European Commission’s economic policy | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Helps stimulate debates in academic circles | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| It is well regarded among academics in terms of academic quality (bearing in mind that the research is of applied nature and not purely academic). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

5 Is the DG ECFIN’s research delivered in time to provide information on key issues related to the European Commission’s economic policy:

Rarely Sometimes Mostly Always Don’t know

Please specify if the timing of DG ECFIN’s outputs needs to be changed in any way:

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6 Overall, how relevant is the DG ECFIN’s research to your work/research needs of your organisation:

Not very relevant Somewhat relevant Quite relevant Very relevant Don’t know

Please specify if DG ECFIN’s research need to be changed in any way to make it more relevant to your work:

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7 Has DG ECFIN’s research influenced your own research/research undertaken in your organisation in any way?

Yes No Don’t know

If ‘yes’, please briefly explain how:

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| <p>.....</p> <p>8 Overall, what is the value added and quality of the DG ECFIN’s work as a source of information in comparison to research that is already available from other sources (e.g. other European Commission services, academia, OECD, IMF, World Bank, ECB and international institutions, etc):</p> <p>Low <input type="checkbox"/> Low-Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Medium-High <input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Don’t know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please specify any areas where you think DG ECFIN’s research duplicates research carried out elsewhere:</p> <p>.....</p> |
| <p>9 a) Have you participated in any of the following activities organised by the DG ECFIN: Visiting Fellows Programme <input type="checkbox"/> Summer School <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Studies Programme <input type="checkbox"/> Workshops programme <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>b) How useful were these events in helping you understand the European Commissions economic policy priorities? Not very useful <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat useful <input type="checkbox"/> Useful <input type="checkbox"/> Very useful <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>c) Has your participation in these events influenced your own research in any way? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don’t know <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please briefly explain how: </p> <p>.....</p> |
| <p>10 Overall, how would you rate the quality of DG ECFIN’s economic research activities? Very poor <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Don’t know <input type="checkbox"/></p> |

Questionnaire – Other External Users

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| DG ECFIN’s economic research |
| <p>1 Overall, how aware are you of <i>economic research activities</i> undertaken by DG ECFIN:</p> <p>I am not very familiar with DG ECFIN’s economic research <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I am aware of some of DG ECFIN’s economic research activities, but I am not certain about the full range of their research <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I am quite familiar with most of DG ECFIN’s economic research activities <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I have a good picture of all DG ECFIN’s economic research activities <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>2 a) Please let us know if you use any research produced by DG ECFIN/events organised by DG ECFIN and how frequently. If you are not aware of any of the publications listed below, please select ‘N/A’.</p> |

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| | Regularly | Sometimes | Rarely | Never | N/A |
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| Macro models and econometric models | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Databases (AMECO, BACH) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Harmonised Business and Consumer Surveys Data | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| EU Economy Review | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public Finances in EMU | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Economic Forecasts (Spring and Autumn) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| European Forecasting Network reports | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Economic Papers, Enlargement Papers, Occasional Papers | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Special Reports | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Country Focus Series | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Quarterly Report on the Euro Area | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Price and Cost Competitiveness Report | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Annual Economic Research Conference | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Brussels Economic Forum | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other – please specify what: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please specify if there are any particular areas of DG ECFIN’s economic research that you are unclear about/would like to find out more about:

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If all of your answers in the above table were ‘never’ or ‘N/A’, you can stop completing the questionnaire here. Otherwise, please proceed with the answering the questions below.

b) If you indicated that you use the Business and Consumer Surveys Data, do you use them for research purposes within your organisation: Yes No

Please briefly explain how you use them (e.g. combine it with your own data, use the datasets in your papers, etc):

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3. Please give us your opinion on the quality and relevance of DG ECFIN economic research/activities. Please rank each publication/activity and provide an overall judgment (last line in this question). If you are not aware of some of the outputs listed below, please select 'N/A':

| | Very poor | Poor | Good | Excellent | N/A |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Macro models and econometric models | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Databases (AMECO, BACH) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Harmonised Business and Consumer Surveys Data | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| EU Economy Review | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public Finances in EMU | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Economic Forecasts (Spring and Autumn) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| European Forecasting Network reports | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Economic Papers, Enlargement Papers, Occasional Papers | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Special Reports | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Country Focus Series | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Quarterly Report on the Euro Area | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Brussels Economic Forum | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other – please specify what: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Overall quality and relevance of DG ECFIN’s economic research activities | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

4 Please let us know in which way do you use DG ECFIN’s research (please select as many options as applicable):

For general information To prepare for the meetings For presentations
 As background information for your own analytical work Other , please specify

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5 Please rate on a scale 1-5 (where 1 is ‘not at all’ and 5 is ‘very much’) the extent to which DG ECFIN’s economic research achieves the following:

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Don’t know |
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| Helps you understand what issues are relevant to the European Commission’s economic policy | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Helps you understand the state of the European economy | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Highlights the latest developments in wider economic research that are relevant to the European Commission’s economic policy | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| <p>6 Is the DG ECFIN’s research delivered in time to provide information on key issues related to the European Commission’s economic policy:</p> <p>Rarely <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly <input type="checkbox"/> Always <input type="checkbox"/> Don’t know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please specify if the timing of DG ECFIN’s outputs needs to be changed in any way: </p> |
| <p>7 Overall, how relevant is the DG ECFIN’s research to your work/research needs of your organisation:</p> <p>Not very relevant <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat relevant <input type="checkbox"/> Quite relevant <input type="checkbox"/> Very relevant <input type="checkbox"/> Don’t know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please specify if DG ECFIN’s research need to be changed in any way to make it more relevant to your work: </p> |
| <p>8 Overall, what is the value added and quality of the DG ECFIN’s work as a source of information in comparison to research that is already available from other sources (e.g. other European Commission services, academia, OECD, IMF, World Bank, ECB and international institutions, etc):</p> <p>Low <input type="checkbox"/> Low-Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Medium-High <input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Don’t know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please specify any areas where you think DG ECFIN’s research duplicates research carried out elsewhere: </p> |

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Interview Guide – Other DG's

- 1 Do you carry out research in your DG? How strong are the synergies between the DG ECFIN's economic research and the research carried out in your DG? Are there any areas of overlap?
- 2 Who uses DG ECFIN's economic research within your DG – is it primarily your own research services or the policymakers (e.g. Commissioner's cabinets, Director General, etc)? How is DG ECFIN's economic research used by your DG (e.g. for information only, as background to your own reports, etc.)?
- 3 How well does the research carried out by DG ECFIN respond to the needs of your DG? Have you had any informal/formal discussions with the DG ECFIN on this? Does DG ECFIN deliver its work in sufficient time to meet your needs?
- 4 To what extent does DG ECFIN address relevant economic issues and draw attention to new issues?
- 5 To what extent is DG ECFIN's research adding value to the research that is already done elsewhere in the Commission, ECB, international institution, academia, etc?
- 6 Have you approached DG ECFIN regarding technical assistance and what was your experience?
- 7 Have you/your colleagues participated in any events organized by DG ECFIN and what effects have they had on broadening the knowledge/skills/awareness in your DG?
- 8 Overall, have you noticed any changes in the quality of DG ECFIN's research outputs over the past few years?
- 9 How is the research function organized in your DG (e.g. is it centralized/decentralized, do you outsource any activities, how do you maintain links with external research community, etc)?

Interview Guide - EPC/EFC Working Groups

Use of policy Notes produce by DG ECFIN in your working group:

- 10 How do you/members of your working group use the policy Notes produced by the DG ECFIN?
- 11 To what extent are the Notes relevant to the needs of your working group (e.g. are the topics adequate, are they delivered in time, etc)?
- 12 What effect do the Notes have in your working group/how are they used? Can they be improved in any way?

Use of DG ECFIN' wider economic research:

- 13 How familiar do you think is your working group with wider economic research done by DG ECFIN? Which DG ECFIN's key economic research outputs are used by you/your working group?
- 14 How is DG ECFIN's economic research used by your working group (e.g. for information only, as background to your own work, etc.)?

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- 15 How well does the economic research carried out by DG ECFIN respond to the needs of your DG? Have you had any informal/formal discussions with the DG ECFIN on this?
- 16 To what extent is DG ECFIN's research adding value to the research that is already done elsewhere in the Commission, ECB, international institution, academia, etc?
- 17 Has your working group approached DG ECFIN regarding technical assistance and what was your experience?
- 18 Have you/your colleagues participated in any events organized by DG ECFIN and what effects have they had on broadening the knowledge and skills?
- 19 Overall, have you noticed any changes in the quality of DG ECFIN's research outputs over the past few years?

Interview Guide – Researchers

- 1 What was the nature of your previous involvement with DG ECFIN (e.g. Visiting Fellows Programme, Summer School, Economic Research Conference, Economic Studies Programme, etc)?
- 2 To what extent did your involvement with DG ECFIN help you to gain a better understanding of the economic issues relevant to the Commission and of Commission's policy priorities? Has this influenced your own research in any way?
- 3 To what extent do the events such as Economic Research Conference and Brussels Economic Forum help raise profile of the DG ECFIN and the Commission among economic research community? How well regarded are these events among the researchers?
- 4 If DG ECFIN were to launch its own economic journal, what would the likely added value of this journal be among wider research community?
- 5 How familiar are you with the economic research produced by DG ECFIN? How easy is it to access the research tools and studies that are produced by DG ECFIN/find out about the events that they organise?
- 6 Do you use the data from Business and Consumer Surveys in your research and how/for any particular reports?
- 7 How familiar is the wider research community with DG ECFIN's research work? How is DG ECFIN's economic research used by your organisation/wider research community (e.g. for information only, as background information to your own research, etc.)?
- 8 What influence do the DG ECFIN's research and events have in wider research community? To what extent do they stimulate debates in academic circles?
- 9 DG ECFIN's research is aimed at policymakers and is therefore of applied nature. Nevertheless, how robust do you think it is in terms of the quality of research? To what extent does it follow the latest development in economic research?
- 10 To what extent is the DG ECFIN's research adding value to the research that is already done elsewhere in the Commission, ECB, international institutions, academia, etc?

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- 11 Overall, have you noticed any changes in the quality of DG ECFIN's research outputs over the past few years?

Interview Guide – Comparators

Research function within your organisation

- 1 Please tell us how many employees there are in your organisation and in your research department. What kind of support is available for researchers (e.g. junior staff to support senior researchers, access to appropriate software, etc.)?
- 2 How is the research function organized in your organisation (i.e. centralized/decentralized, in-house/outsourced, etc.)? How do you secure access to specialist knowledge – i.e. do you have permanent academic experts on your team or is this outsourced in some way?
- 3 How do you maintain links with wider economic research community? How do you ensure that your research reflects the latest trends in wider economic research?
- 4 What role does your research play in policymaking in your organisation/outside your organisation? What steps do you take to ensure the links between research and policymaking functions?
- 5 What kind of outputs/research tools do you provide and which ones are most useful to the policymakers?
- 6 How do you go about defining your research priorities? How do you identify your key audiences and their needs?
- 7 What kind of research related events do you undertake in addition to research work and which ones are particularly useful to your staff/external audiences?
- 8 What kinds of research/events are most effective in raising your profile among other institutions, wider research community and wider public?
- 9 Which dissemination methods do you use and which ones are particularly effective?

Interview Guide – External Users

- 10 How familiar are you with the economic research produced by DG ECFIN and the events that they organize?
- 11 How easy is it to access the research tools and studies that are produced by DG ECFIN/find out about the events that they organise?
- 12 Do you use DG ECFIN's research in your organisation and how? Have you attended any events organized by DG ECFIN and what have you got out of them?
- 13 To what extent do the DG ECFIN's research activities help you to gain a better understanding of the economic issues relevant to the European Commission and of Commission's policy priorities? To what extent does DG ECFIN draw your attention to new issues?
- 14 Has DG ECFIN's research influenced your own research in any way?

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- 15 To what extent do the DG ECFIN's research and events stimulate debates in your organisation/with other organisations?
- 16 Overall, to what extent is DG ECFIN's research relevant to the needs of your organisation? Are there any gaps in DG ECFIN's research that need to be addressed?
- 17 To what extent is the DG ECFIN's research adding value to the research that is already done elsewhere in the Commission, international institution, academia, etc? Are there any overlaps?
- 18 Are you aware of any other organisations that use DG ECFIN's research?
- 19 Overall, have you noticed any changes in the quality of DG ECFIN's research outputs over the past few years?

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| CARRE Hervé | Deputy Director General | | Face-to-face |
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Directorate A

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| KRÖGER Jürgen | Economic Studies and Research | | Face-to-face |
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Directorate A – Group of Advisors

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| OKSANEN Heikki | Ageing, Pensions | | Face-to-face |
| PICHELMANN Karl | Globalisation, Labour markets | | Face-to-face |
| JONUNG Lars | Monetary issues | | Face-to-face |
| WATSON Max | Financial stability | | Face-to-face |
| MCCARTHY Mary/ PICHELMANN Carl | EU Economy Review | | Face-to-face |

GANGL Robert

Face-to-face

JANSEN Heinz

Face-to-face

Directorate A – Operational units

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| RÖGER Werner | Modelling + Policy-orientated research | A1 | Face-to-face |
| MC MORROW Kieran | Modelling + Policy-orientated research | A1 | Face-to-face |
| SCHOENBORN Frank | Databases | A2 | Face-to-face |
| WEISS Peter | Business and Consumer Surveys | A3 | Face-to-face |

Other Directorates in DG ECFIN

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| LARCH Martin | Economic Surveillance of Member States | B6 | Face-to-face |
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| TURRINI A. | Public finances in Euro area and EMU | C2 | Face-to-face |
| DIECKMANN Oliver | Monetary and exchange rate policy | C3 | Face-to-face |
| ILZKOVITZ Fabienne | Structural reforms | E1 | Face-to-face |

Other DGs/Commission bodies

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| CABALLERO SANZ Francisco | MARKT | | Face-to-face |
| VEUGELERS Reinhilde | BEPA | | Face-to-face |
| MAHOVSKY Madeleine | REGIO | | Face-to-face |
| FISCHER Georg | EMPL | | Face-to-face |
| MAGUILI Carola | TAXUD | | Face-to-face |
| DELANGHE Henri | RTD | | Face-to-face |
| BUCHER Anne | INFSO | | Telephone |
| BRANDSMA Andries | JRC | | Telephone |
| BENSTED-SMITH John | DG Agricult | | Telephone |
| PUENTE Miguel | European Parliament, Economics Committee | | Face-to-face |

Working Groups

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| BOGAERT Henri/ ENGLERT Michel | Working group on the implications of ageing populations | | Face-to-face |
| BANELIENE Ruta | Ageing populations working group | | Face-to-face |
| McCARTHY John | Output gaps sub-group member | | Telephone |
| KASTROP Christian | Eurogroup Chairman | | Telephone |
| SCHNEIDER Jean-Luc | Globalisation working group member | | Telephone |
| NAESS-SCHMIDT Helge Sigurd | Globalisation working group, Chairman | | Face-to-face |

Academics

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| BARRELL Ray | NIESR | | Face-to-face |
| ERKEL-ROUSSE Helene | INSEE | | Face-to-face |

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| WYPLOSZ Charles | International Economics at the Graduate Institute of International Studies | | Telephone |
| FITZGERALD John/ BARRETT Alan | ESRI | | Face-to-face |
| MATHIEU Catherine | OFCE | | Face-to-face |
| CALMFORS Lars | Institute for International Economic Studies | | Telephone |

Comparators

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|-------------------|------------------------|--|--------------|
| HOELLER Peter | IMF | | Face-to-face |
| SCHUKNECHT Ludger | ECB | | Face-to-face |
| HARTMANN Philipp | ECB | | Face-to-face |
| GNAN Ernest | Austrian National Bank | | Telephone |

External Users

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| KWIECINSKI Christopher | Crédit Agricole S.A | | Face-to-face |
| LUNDGREEN Peter | Danske Bank | | Face-to-face |
| ZANNI Giovanni | Credit Suisse First Boston | | Face-to-face |
| BARSCH Elga | Morgan Stanley | | Telephone |
| ENRIQUE MARTÍNEZ Galán | Portuguese Ministry of Finance | | Telephone |
| GERHARD Fritz | Municipal public transport authority - Innsbruck | | Telephone |