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**COMMUNICATION TO THE COMMISSION ON DG ECFIN'S ANNUAL WORK  
PROGRAMME 2012, INCLUDING PROCUREMENT AND GRANTS, IN THE FIELD  
OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS, AND SERVING AS A FINANCING  
DECISION**

The proposed Commission decision constitutes the 2012 work programme in the field of economic and financial affairs. It details all 2012 EMU-related budgetary expenditure (under the EMU line and under the PRINCE line), and furthermore describes expenditure under the 'International Economic and Financial Affairs' heading (budget lines 010301 'Participation in the capital of international financial institutions' and 010302 'Macroeconomic assistance') and the 'Financial Operations and Instruments' heading (budget lines 010401 'European Union guarantees for lending operations' and 010410 "Nuclear safety"). It has been prepared in accordance with the Financial Regulation.

Under the activity "*Economic and Monetary Union (EMU)*" of Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs, the proposal covers the following actions:

- (1) Coordination and surveillance of EMU through conferences, workshops, seminars, surveys, studies, technical assistance, rating services, general publications, internal and external data bases, specialised software and IT developments, actions in joint management with international organisations;
- (2) PRINCE – communication on EMU including the euro through grants extended to pre-in Member States and through procurements for conferences, events, seminars, meetings with directors of communication, exhibitions, competitions, public stands, website, studies, surveys, publications and newsletters, audio-visual and promotional material, specialised speakers, technical assistance, information activities in third countries and twinning programmes.

Under the activity "*International Economic and Financial Affairs*" of Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs, the proposal covers the following actions:

- evaluations of macroeconomic operations and operational assessments of financial circuits and controls of beneficiary countries of macroeconomic assistance<sup>1</sup>.

Under the activity "*Financial Operations and Instruments*" of Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs, the proposal covers the following actions:

- (1) The provisioning of the Guarantee Fund for external actions;
- (2) The CIP programme – entrepreneurship and innovation (p.m.)<sup>2</sup>;
- (3) The funding of external technical and legal assistance in the framework of the provision of Euratom loans.

In view of the above, the Commission is invited:

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<sup>1</sup> The present financing decision only covers MFA expenditure related to procurement. All other measures, representing some €94.690 million, will be subject to *ad hoc* financing decisions.

<sup>2</sup> The 010404 "CIP programme – entrepreneurship and innovation" budget line also forms part of the "Financial Operations and Instruments" heading, but will be covered by CIP work programme prepared by DG ENTR which should be issued under a Commission Decision serving both as an award decision and as a financing decision. Hence these expenditures do not need to form part of DG ECFIN Financing Decision.

- To approve the annexed decision on adopting a 2012 work programme in the field of economic and financial affairs;

To authorise the publication of the 2012 work programme on the Commission's website.