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The 2715th session of the Council of the European Union (**COMPETITIVENESS - Internal market, Industry and Research**) will take place on 13 March 2006 (9.30), in the Justus Lipsius building, Brussels, under the Presidency of **Mr Martin Bartenstein**, Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Labour and **Ms Elisabeth Gehrler**, Federal Minister for Education, Science and Culture of Austria

The following points will be discussed at this session :

- The Lisbon process - Preparation of the Spring European Council
 - (a) Commission 2006 Annual Progress Report
 - (b) Key issues paper - Contribution of the Competitiveness Council to the Spring European Council of 23-24 March 2006
 - = *Exchange of views and adoption of the key issues paper*

- Small and medium-sized enterprises
 - (a) Commission communication: "Implementing the Community Lisbon Programme - Modern SME Policy for Growth and Employment"
 - (b) Commission communication: "Implementing the Community Lisbon Programme - Fostering entrepreneurial mindsets through education and learning"
 - = *Exchange of views and adoption of Council conclusions*
Public debate

- Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP) 2007 - 2013
 - = *Partial general approach*

- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on services in the Internal Market
 - = *Information from the Presidency*
Public deliberation

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the Community Customs Code (Modernized Customs Code)
 - = *Presentation by the Commission*

- Specific Programmes implementing the 7th Framework Programme of the European Community and Euratom:
 - (a) Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the Specific Programme "Cooperation" implementing the 7th Framework Programme (2007-2013) of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities

 - (b) Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the Specific Programme "Ideas" implementing the 7th Framework Programme (2007-2013) of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities

 - (c) Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the Specific Programme to be carried out by means of direct actions by the Joint Research Centre under the 7th Framework Programme (2007-2013) of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities

 - (d) Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the Specific Programme to be carried out by means of direct actions by the Joint Research Centre implementing the 7th Framework Programme (2007-2011) of the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) for nuclear research and training activities

 - (e) Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the specific Programme implementing the 7th Framework Programme (2007-2011) of the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) for nuclear research and training activities
 - = *Progress report/Exchange of views*

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities in actions under the 7th Framework Programme and for the dissemination of research results (2007-2013)
 - = *Progress report/Exchange of views*

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A press conference will be held by the President of the Council at the end of the session.

To listen to the press conference on our website (MP3 format) go to:

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