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The 3003rd session of the Council of the European Union - **ECONOMIC and FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** - will take place on 16 March 2010 (10.00), in the Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels, under the Presidency of **Ms Elena SALGADO**, Second Vice-President of the government and Minister for Economic Affairs and Finance of Spain.

The following items will be discussed at this session:

Legislative deliberations

- Financial services: Directive on alternative investment fund managers  
*General approach - Public deliberation*
- Taxation : VAT - Directive on invoicing  
*General approach - Public deliberation*

Non-legislative activities

- Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact
- Preparations for the European Council
  - = EU 2020  
*Council conclusions*
  - = Exit strategies  
*Council conclusions*
  - = Financing climate change  
*Council conclusions*
- Budget guidelines for 2011  
*Council conclusions*

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*In the margins of the Council:*

Monday 15 March 2010

14.00 Troika meeting with the European Parliament  
17.00 Euro Group

Tuesday 16 March 2010

09.00 Ministerial breakfast meeting

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***Press conferences:***

- after the Euro Group meeting (*Monday evening*)
- at the end of the Council (*Tuesday, before lunch*)

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