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The 3074th session of the Council of the European Union - **COMPETITIVENESS** (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space) - will take place in the Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels, on Wednesday 9 March (14.30) and Thursday 10 March (09.30) 2011, under the chair of Mr **Zoltán Cséfalvay**, Minister of State for Strategic Affairs of Hungary.

The following points will be discussed at this session:

WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH (14.30)

RESEARCH

Europe 2020 strategy - Annual Growth Survey; contribution to the European semester

- *Presentation by the Commission*
- *Exchange of views*

Public debate

Interim evaluation of the 7th Research Framework Programme including the Risk-Sharing Finance Facility (RSFF)

- *Adoption of Council conclusions*

European Innovation Union flagship initiative

Follow-up to the European Council of 4 February 2011

- *Information by the Presidency and the Commission*

Pilot Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing

- *Adoption of Council conclusions*

THURSDAY 10 MARCH (09.30)

INTERNAL MARKET AND INDUSTRY

Single Market Act

- *Information from the Commission on the results of the public consultation*
- *Exchange of views*

Services Directive:

Communication "Towards a better functioning Single Market for services – building on the results of the mutual evaluation process of the Services Directive"

- *Presentation by the Commission*
- *Adoption of Council conclusions*

Proposal for a Council Decision authorising enhanced cooperation in the area of the creation of unitary patent protection

- *Adoption of the Council decision*
- Public debate

Europe 2020 strategy - Annual Growth Survey; contribution to the European semester

- *Presentation by the Commission*
- *Exchange of views (industrial part)*

Public debate

Raw Materials Initiative

- *Adoption of Council conclusions*

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Press conferences:

On Wednesday 9 March: research items

On Thursday 10 March: internal market and industry items

Press conferences and public deliberations can be followed by video streaming:

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