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The 2801st session of the Council of the European Union - **COMPETITIVENESS (Internal Market, Industry and Research)** - will take place on 21 and 22 May 2007 (9.30) in the Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels.

On Monday, **Mr Michael GLOS, Federal Minister of Economics and Technology** of Germany and **Ms. Brigitte ZYPRIES, Federal Minister of Justice** of Germany will chair the Council meeting. On Tuesday, the Council meeting will take place under the presidency of **Ms. Annette SCHAVAN, Federal Minister of Education and Research** of Germany and **Mr. Peter Hintze, State Secretary Ministry of Economy and Technology** of Germany.

The following points will be discussed at this session :

**Monday 21 May**

- Better Regulation / Reduction of administrative burdens
  - *Progress report*
  
- Free movement of goods
  - draft regulation laying down procedures relating to the application of certain technical rules to products lawfully marketed in another Member State
    - *Report of the Presidency*
    - (Public debate)**
  
  - draft regulation setting out the requirements for accreditation and market surveillance relating to the marketing of products, and draft decision on a common framework for the marketing of products
    - *Progress report*
    - (Public debate)**

- Industrial policy
  - CARS 21
  - Biotechnology
  - Shipbuilding
  - ICT
    - *Policy debate*
    - *Adoption of Council conclusions*
- EU Consumer Policy Strategy
  - *Information from the Presidency*
  - *Exchange of views*
- Modified proposal for a Directive on credit agreements for consumers
  - *Political agreement*
  - (Public deliberation)**
- European Space Policy - European Space Programme
  - = *Preparation of the meeting of the Space Council*

## **Tuesday 22 May**

### **Space Council**

- ***European Space Policy - European Space Programme***
  - *Exchange of views*
  - *Adoption of a Resolution*
  - = *Adoption of a Council Resolution (following the Space Council)*
- Commission proposal for European Institute of Technology
  - *Information from the Presidency*
  - *Exchange of views*
- Proposal for a Regulation of the Council on the establishment of the ARTEMIS joint undertaking to implement a joint technology initiative in embedded computer systems
  - *Presentation by the Commission*
- Proposal for a Regulation of the Council setting up the Innovative medicines initiatives joint undertaking
  - *Presentation by the Commission*
- Green Paper from the Commission on "The European Research Area: New Perspectives"
  - *Exchange of views*

- Research Infrastructures in the European Research Area (ESFRI)
  - *Exchange of views*
  - *Adoption of Council conclusions*

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**Press conferences:**

- on Monday, around 15.00 and at the end of the session;
- on Tuesday, following the Space Council (around 11h15) and at the end of the session

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