

## Informal Meeting of EU Finance Ministers

### Programme

**Venue:** National Maritime Museum (Amsterdam)

**Friday, 22 April 2016**

**Eurogroup** **9.00 – 12.00**  
*Meeting Room: Pleyn*

**Eurogroup Press conference** **12.15 – 12.45**  
*Meeting Room: Rijnzaal (Europe Building)*

**Working Lunch Ministers** **13.15 – 14.45**  
*Meeting Room: HoD Lunch Room*

- **Debriefing from the Eurogroup President**
- **EU Budget**  
*Ministers will be invited to discuss challenges for the EU budget caused by unforeseen events and whether the Multiannual Financial Framework is adequately prepared to deal with these challenges. Vice-President Georgieva will provide an introduction.*

**Working Lunch Central Bank Governors** **13.15 – 14.45**  
*Meeting Room: Commandantswoning*

**Working Session** **15.00 – 18.00**  
*Meeting Room: Pleyn*

- **Strengthening the banking Union**  
*Ministers and Central Bank Governors will be invited to discuss the strengthening of the banking union with a particular focus on policy options for the regulatory treatment of sovereign exposures.*
- **Panama papers**  
*The European Commission will be invited to give a policy reaction, i.e. an overview of the initiatives on the fight against money laundering, tax evasion and tax avoidance. Ministers and Central Bank Governors will be invited to exchange views.*

- **Sustainable Finance**

*Governor Klaas Knot will chair this session on Sustainable Finance. Ministers and Central Bank Governors will be invited to discuss ways in which the transition to a sustainable economy can be financed, and ways in which transparency can be improved.*

**Press conference** **18.15 – 18.45**

*Meeting Room: Rijnzaal (Europe Building)*

**Departure to the Dinner Venue** **18.00 – 18.45**

*By ferry*

**Drinks and Dinner** **18.45 – 22.30**

*Westergasfabriek*

- **Keynote speech on financial inclusion by Her Majesty Queen Máxima**, UN Secretary General's Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development, and Honorary Chair of the Money Wise Platform.

**Departure to the hotels** **22.30**

*By bus*

## **Saturday, 23 April 2016**

**Working Session** **9.00 – 12.30**

*Meeting Room: Pleyn*

- **Stability and Growth Pact**

*Ministers will be invited to discuss ways to make the Stability and Growth Pact simpler and more transparent.*

- **VAT Fraud**

*Ministers will be invited to discuss ways to tackle VAT Fraud and steps that can improve co-operation between Member States' tax, customs and judicial authorities.*

**Press conference** **12.45 – 13.15**

*Meeting Room: Rijnzaal (Europe Building)*



As of 13 April

The working session on Saturday will be a restricted session for Ministers, the European Commission and the European Central Bank in a 1+1 format.  
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