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**NOTE**

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In accordance with Article 3(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the European Council, the President of the European Council, in close cooperation with the member of the European Council representing the Member State holding the six-monthly Presidency of the Council and with the President of the Commission, shall submit an annotated draft agenda to the General Affairs Council.

Delegations will find attached the annotated draft agenda submitted by the President of the European Council, setting out the main items the European Council is expected to address on 22 May 2013.

In the light of the final discussion to be held by the General Affairs Council within the five days preceding the European Council meeting, the President of the European Council shall draw up the provisional agenda.

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## **I. ECONOMIC POLICY**

The European Council will discuss energy in the context of the EU's efforts to promote growth, jobs and competitiveness. It is expected to focus its attention on the following three issues: (i) the priority to be given to the completion of the Internal Energy Market and to interconnections; (ii) the need to boost investment in modern energy infrastructure; and (iii) the challenge of high energy prices.

The European Council will also discuss tax policy, with a particular focus on how to improve the efficiency of tax collection and best tackle tax evasion and fraud with the aim of strengthening Member States' fiscal stance and deepening the internal market.

## **II. OTHER ITEMS**

The European Council will take stock of work on the deepening of EMU. It is not expected to adopt conclusions on this topic.

The European Council may also address specific external relations issues in the light of developments on the international scene.

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