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Delegations will find hereafter the agenda for the informal teleconference of the EU Finance Ministers on 23 March 2020 at 15.00.

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Informal teleconference of the EU Finance Ministers

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Agenda

1. Economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis and policy response

Ministers will be invited to exchange views about the economic impact of the COVID -19 crisis and the appropriate policy response, including questions related to state aid rules. This will also include a Commission presentation of their latest assessment and a presentation by the ECB of the recent programme which has been announced.

2. Applying the flexibility of the Stability and Growth Pact in light of the COVID-19 crisis

Ministers will be invited to discuss the SGP -related elements of the recent Commission communication of 13 March on the co-ordinated policy response, in particular the general escape clause.

3. Impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the European Semester 2020

Ministers will be invited to exchange views about the way forward in the coming months.