## Freezing and confiscation of instrumentalities and proceeds of crime in the EU

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The Council welcomed the proposal of the Commission for a directive on the freezing and confiscation of proceeds of crime in the EU, presented in March 2012.

The Danish presidency wants to push forward negotiations and will start in May detailed discussions in the preparatory bodies. Some Member States emphasised the need to go further on the provisions on nonconviction based confiscation while others stressed the need to make the instrument compatible with national instruments.