Basic information

2010/2710(RSP) RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	Procedure completed
Preparation for the European Council meeting (24-25 March 2011) See also 2010/2753(RSP) **Subject** 8.40.14 European Council	

Key players

Council of the European Union	

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	3079	2011-03-21
General Affairs	3068	2011-02-21
Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	3067	2011-02-14
Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	3074	2011-03-09

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
External Relations	ASHTON Catherine

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
14/02/2011	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		Summary
21/02/2011	Debate in Council		
09/03/2011	Debate in Council		
21/03/2011	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		Summary
23/03/2011	Debate in Parliament		Summary
23/03/2011	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2010/2710(RSP)
Procedure type	RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects
Procedure subtype	Resolution on statement
Amendments and repeals	See also 2010/2753(RSP)
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 136-p2

Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Preparation for the European Council meeting (24-25 March 2011)

2010/2710(RSP) - 21/03/2011

The Council examined draft conclusions for the European Council meeting to be held on 24 and 25 March 2011. The European Council is due to focus on the following:

Economic policy: adoption of a comprehensive package of measures to strengthen EU economic governance and ensure the stability of the euro area.

Developments in Libya and elsewhere in the EU's southern neighbourhood: follow-up to UN Security Council resolution 1973 and latest developments as regards Libya; implementation of measures agreed by the European Council on 11 March.

Crisis in Japan: assessment of the humanitarian aid effort, the situation in the energy sector and the broader economic implications.

As regards **economic policy**, the European Council will deal with:

- conclusion of the first phase of the European Semester (annual monitoring of budgetary policies and structural reforms);
- the strengthening of economic governance provisions;
- measures to restore the health of the banking sector;
- endorsement of the pact for the euro (economic policy coordination.

Preparation for the European Council meeting (24-25 March 2011)

2010/2710(RSP) - 14/02/2011

The Council prepared the European Council meeting in March 2011. The meeting shall focus on the following

- **economic policy**: (i) conclusion of the first phase of the European Semester (annual monitoring of budgetary policies and structural reforms); (ii) adoption of a decision amending the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union with regard to the future European Stability Mechanism (ESM); (iii) finalisation of work on the ESM and on the strengthening of the European Financial Stability Facility; (iv) finalisation of work by the Council on legislative proposals on economic governance, and (v) a decision on economic policy coordination in the euro area;
- **developments in the EU's southern neighbourhood** and follow-up to the 4 February European Council declaration on Egypt.