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Article 1

1. The European Technical and Scientific Centre (ETSC) is established within DG ECFIN in Brussels.

2. For the application of this Decision, the Director-General of DG ECFIN is empowered to take the necessary actions and to conclude administrative arrangements with authorities of third countries and private entities enabling the ETSC to carry out its tasks. Those administrative arrangements may concern, in particular, the transmission and exchange of technical information.

Article 2

The ETSC shall perform the following tasks:

(a) analyse and classify every new type of counterfeit euro coin in accordance with Article 5(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1338/2001;

(b) contribute to the fulfilment of the objectives of the Pericles 2020 programme pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 331/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([1]);

(c) carry out the tasks under Articles 4, 5, 7 and 12 of Regulation (EU) No 1210/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([2]) and under Articles 2, 4, 5 and 6 of Council Regulation (EC) No 2182/2004 ([3]);

(d) assist the Coin National Analysis Centres (CNAC) and the law-enforcement authorities and collaborates with the relevant authorities in the analysis of counterfeit euro coins and the strengthening of protection.

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Article 3

The principles on which the organisation of the ETSC will be based are the following:

— The Commission may second members of its personnel to the French Mint in order to use its facilities for the analysis of coins.

([1]) Regulation (EU) No 331/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting (the 'Pericles 2020' programme) and repealing Council Decisions 2001/923/EC, 2001/924/EC, 2006/75/EC, 2006/76/EC, 2006/849/EC and 2006/850/EC (OJ L 103, 5.4.2014, p. 1).

([2]) Regulation (EU) No 1210/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 2010 concerning authentication of euro coins and handling of euro coins unfit for circulation (OJ L 339, 22.12.2010, p. 1).

([3]) Council Regulation (EC) No 2182/2004 of 6 December 2004 concerning medals and tokens similar to euro coins (OJ L 373, 21.12.2004, p. 1)

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— In accomplishing its functions, the ETSC will be able to use the personnel and equipment of the French Coin National Analysis Centre and the laboratory of the French Mint in Pessac. The French authorities will place the appropriate personnel and equipment at the disposal of the ETSC as a priority.

— Under the applicable financial regulations, the part of the expenses attributable to the work carried out by the ETSC will be charged to the general budget of the European Communities. Since France will provide the abovementioned personnel, premises and equipment and will be responsible for their maintenance, the Community budget will meet the salaries of the personnel recruited by the Commission, travelling expenses and sundry minor current expenditure.

►**M1** DG ECFIN ◄ shall define, in cooperation with the French Mint, the rules and administrative modalities applicable to the ETSC.

Article 4

The Commission shall coordinate the necessary actions to protect euro coins against counterfeiting through periodic meetings of counterfeit coin experts.

The Economic and Financial Committee, the European Central Bank, Europol and the competent national authorities shall be kept regularly informed of the ETSC's activities and of the situation as regards coin counterfeiting.