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## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION LAUNCHES AN EVALUATION AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

### **ON THE USE OF 1 & 2 CENT COINS**

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