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PROGRAM

Conference on European Economic Integration (CEEI) 2017

A modern take on structural
reforms – past and future challenges
for CESEE and Europe at large



November 20 and 21, 2017

CONFERENCE ASPECTS

Amid today's formidable challenges, well-designed and effective structural reforms are key to shaping Europe's future and facilitating its return to balanced growth and convergence. The CEEI 2017 will revisit the profound market reforms carried out in Central, Eastern and Southeastern European (CESEE) countries, shedding light on individual privatization strategies as well as gradual versus shock transformation. In line with a modern understanding of structural reforms that goes beyond liberalization and deregulation, speakers will also highlight social aspects and distributional effects of such reforms. Given the quickening pace of technological change, the conference will moreover serve to assess the implications of future challenges arising from digitalization, deindustrialization and the emerging protectionist threat to Europe. Taking a forward-looking perspective, experts from academia and politics will discuss which reform steps are necessary to provide for prosperous labor, product and capital markets.

Monday, November 20, 2017

11:00 a.m. Registration and light buffet lunch

12:45 p.m. **Opening remarks and chair**
Ewald Nowotny
Governor
Oesterreichische Nationalbank

1:00 p.m. **Keynote lecture**
The reform agenda of a European Social Union
Georg Fischer
Former Director
DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
European Commission

1:30 p.m. **Panel 1**
Past and current reform strategies in Europe

Boštjan Jazbec
Governor
Banka Slovenije

Jozef Makúch
Governor
Národná banka Slovenska

Barnabás Virág
Executive Director
Magyar Nemzeti Bank

Jiří Rusnok
Governor
Česká národní banka

Paweł Szałamacha
Member of the Management Board
Narodowy Bank Polski

2:45 p.m. Coffee break

3:15 p.m. **Chair**
Kurt Pribil
Executive Director
Oesterreichische Nationalbank

Session 1
Best practices – which reforms are sustainable?

Alina Mungiu-Pippidi
Professor
Hertie School of Governance

Paweł Strzelecki
Economist
Narodowy Bank Polski

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4:15 p.m. **Presentation of the Olga Radzyner and Franz Weninger Awards**
Ewald Nowotny
Governor
Oesterreichische Nationalbank

4:30 p.m. **Chair**
Andreas Ittner
Vice Governor
Oesterreichische Nationalbank

Panel 2
Financing technological change and innovation – heterogeneous growth opportunities across Europe

Claudia Höller
Board Member,
Chief Financial Officer/ Chief Risk Officer
Erste Bank der oesterreichischen Sparkassen AG

Helena Schweiger
Associate Director, Senior Economist
The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Johann Strobl
Chief Executive Officer
Raiffeisen Bank International AG

Tanja Tanayama
Advisor
European Investment Bank

5:45 p.m. End of session

7:30 p.m. Dinner

Dinner speech
The EU perspective: learning from past reforms to address future challenges
Sonja Puntscher Riekmann
Jean Monnet Professor and Director
Salzburg Centre of European Union Studies

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

8:45 a.m. **Chair**
Doris Ritzberger-Grünwald
Director
Oesterreichische Nationalbank

Keynote lecture
Revisiting transition reform
Sergei Guriev
Chief Economist
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

9:30 a.m. **Session 2**
The winner takes it all?
Distributional effects of reforms

Orsetta Causa
Senior Economist
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and
Development

Paul Ramskogler
Principal Economist
Oesterreichische Nationalbank

10:30 a.m. Coffee break

11:00 a.m. **Chair**
Helene Schuberth
Head of Division
Oesterreichische Nationalbank

Session 3
**How can structural reforms serve integrated
production networks and mitigate protectionist
threats?**

Raphael Auer
Senior Economist
Bank for International Settlements

Robert Stehrer
Scientific Director
The Vienna Institute for International Economic
Studies

Daria Taglioni
Lead Economist
World Bank

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

12:15 p.m. **Chair**
Peter Mooslechner
Executive Director
Oesterreichische Nationalbank

Panel 3
Reforming EU frameworks or EU countries?

Introduction
Klaus Masuch
Principal Advisor
European Central Bank

Panelists
László Csaba
Professor
Central European University and Corvinus University

Hubert Gabrisch
Member
Wiesbaden Institute for Law and Economics

Lúcio Vinhas de Souza
Leader of Economics Team
European Political Strategy Centre

1:30 p.m. Buffet lunch

*This program is subject to change.
Speakers and panelists are listed in alphabetical order.*

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Ewald Nowotny
Governor
Oesterreichische Nationalbank

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