

89th East Jour Fixe of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB)

CESEE countries in (e-)motion: trends in the automotive industry and individual mobility

March 28, 2022

9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. (CEST)

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in cooperation with the European Investment Bank (EIB) and The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw)

Hybrid workshop (in person and online)

After 120 years of producing and developing petrol and diesel engines, the automotive industry is racing to switch to all-electric cars – at least across Europe. Having ramped up their efforts to go green, car manufacturers in Central, Eastern and Southeastern European (CESEE) countries are keeping the pace of electrification. The region is even expected to benefit from it – also thanks to Germany, the nucleus for the shift to electric mobility/greener vehicles. At the same time, CESEE has little room for maneuver, with its automotive industry remaining highly dependent on decisions taken by Western headquarters. Moreover, there are numerous challenges, starting with the human and political tragedy in Ukraine, which creates immediate risks for the sector. Yet, there are also structural issues, such as the localization of battery production, deployment of charging infrastructures, future of combustion engines in emerging markets as well as innovation and future mobility trends.

Preliminary program

- 8:30 a.m. **Registration**
- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome remarks**
Robert Holzmann
Governor
Oesterreichische Nationalbank
- 9:10 a.m. **Keynote address**
The future of automotive mobility
Klaus Schmitz
Partner
Arthur D. Little

9:40 a.m. **Session 1**
The electric car revolution in Europe: are CESEE countries ready?

Chair: Birgit Niessner

Director of the Economic Analysis and Research Department

Oesterreichische Nationalbank

Kick-off presentation of joint EIB-OeNB-wiiw research (part 1)

Recharging the batteries: the effects for CESEE countries of the electric revolution in the automotive sector

Matteo Ferrazzi

Senior Economist

European Investment Bank

Doris Hanzl-Weiss

Senior Economist

Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw)

10:10 a.m. **Panel discussion**

Chair: Robert Stehrer

Scientific Director

Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw)

Michal Hrubý

Research Fellow

EUROPEUM

Soňa Muzikářová

Chief Economist

GLOBSEC

Klaus Schmitz

Partner

Arthur D. Little

11:00 a.m. **Coffee break**

11:30 a.m. **Session 2**

Risks, challenges and opportunities for a sector in transition: a bumpy road ahead for CESEE countries?

Chair: Debora Revoltella

Director

European Investment Bank

Kick-off presentation of joint EIB-OeNB-wiiw research (part 2)

Tomáš Slačák

Senior Economist

Oesterreichische Nationalbank

11:50 a.m. **Panel Discussion**

Chair: Debora Revoltella

European Investment Bank

Petr Pavlínek

Professor

University of Nebraska Omaha, Charles University

Nils Poel (*online*)

Trade and Market Affairs Manager

European Association of Automotive Suppliers (CLEPA)

Georg Zaccaria

Analyst Editor

Raiffeisen Bank International

12:45 p.m. End of event

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