

86th East Jour Fixe of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank

All about COVID-19? Geopolitical, economic and macrofinancial perspectives for the Western Balkans

September 28, 2020
2:00 p.m – 5:30 p.m. (CEST)
Online workshop

Against the background of the current COVID-19 crisis, the OeNB's 86th East Jour Fixe will discuss the macroeconomic situation in the Western Balkans as well as related macrofinancial stability issues. Renowned speakers will share their views on current stability challenges in the region. In particular, the workshop will address the European integration process, euroization and local currency strategies, developments in nonperforming loans as well as macrofinancial risks arising from the crisis.

Program

- 2:00 p.m. [Welcome remarks](#)
Robert Holzmann
Governor
Oesterreichische Nationalbank
- 2:15 p.m. [Session 1](#)
[What's next? Policy options and challenges ahead](#)
Chair: **Doris Ritzberger-Grünwald**
Director, Economic Analysis and Research Department
Oesterreichische Nationalbank
- [Keynote speech](#)
Wolfgang Petritsch
President
Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation
- [Discussion](#)
Marcus How
Head of Research and Analysis
ViennEast
- Othon Anastasakis**
Director
South-East European Studies at Oxford (SEESOX)
- 3:30 p.m. [Virtual networking break](#)

4:00 p.m. [Session 2](#)
[Is the COVID-19 crisis a threat to macrofinancial stability?](#)

Chair: **Helene Schuberth**
Head, Foreign Research Division
Oesterreichische Nationalbank

[Kick-off presentation](#)

Antje Hildebrandt
Senior Economist, Foreign Research Division
Oesterreichische Nationalbank

Aleksandra Riedl

Senior Economist, Foreign Research Division
Oesterreichische Nationalbank

[Discussion](#)

Stephanie Eble

Regional Resident Representative, Regional Office for the Western Balkans
International Monetary Fund

Sokol Havolli

Deputy Governor
Central Bank of the Republic of Kosovo

Ana Mitreska

Vice Governor
National Bank of the Republic of North Macedonia

5:30 p.m. [End of event](#)

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