



OESTERREICHISCHE NATIONALBANK  
EUROSYSTEM

## PROGRAM

Conference on European  
Economic Integration (CEEI) 2018

How to finance cohesion in  
Europe?



November 26 and 27, 2018

How can financial flows help the EU fulfill its mandate to “promote economic, social and territorial cohesion, and solidarity among Member States”? After all, real per capita income convergence is both an objective and a condition of European integration. Against the background of Austria’s EU Presidency, join the CEEI 2018 for a discussion of

- how to best advance and fund the catching-up of economies in the euro area and in Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe (CESEE),
- whether and how to curb deindustrialization in CESEE and the euro area,
- how the EU’s regional policy can better meet persistent investment needs,
- which policies can incentivize investors to contribute to economic and social development without compromising profitability,
- what institutional and structural changes can raise countries’ capacity to absorb funds.

# Monday, November 26, 2018

- 11:30 a.m. Registration and light buffet lunch
- 1:00 p.m. **Opening remarks and chair**  
**Ewald Nowotny**  
Governor  
Oesterreichische Nationalbank
- 1:15 p.m. **Welcome address**  
**Hartwig Löger**  
Federal Minister  
Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance
- 1:30 p.m. **Keynote lecture**  
**Financing economic and social cohesion**  
**Benoît Cœuré**  
Member of the Executive Board  
European Central Bank
- 2:00 p.m. **Panel 1**  
**The role of monetary policy in catching-up**
- Anita Angelovska Bezhoska**  
Governor  
National Bank of the Republic of Macedonia
- Mugur Isărescu**  
Governor  
National Bank of Romania
- Dimitar Radev**  
Governor  
Bulgarian National Bank
- 3:00 p.m. Coffee break
- 3:30 p.m. **Session 1**  
**Cohesion within and between countries**
- Chair**  
**Peter Mooslechner**  
Executive Director  
Oesterreichische Nationalbank
- Athanasios Orphanides**  
Professor  
MIT Sloan School of Management
- Isabel Schnabel**  
Professor  
German Council of Economic Experts

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4:30 p.m. **Session 2**  
**The role of the EU budget**

**Chair**

**Doris Ritzberger-Grünwald**

Director

Oesterreichische Nationalbank

**Michael Erhart**

Head of Unit

European Commission

**Sándor Richter**

Economist

The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies

**Stéphane Saurel**

Senior Policy Adviser

Permanent Representation of the European Investment  
Bank in Brussels

**Margit Schratzenstaller-Altzinger**

Deputy Director

Austrian Institute of Economic Research

6:00 p.m. End of session

7:30 p.m. Dinner

**Dinner speech**

**Financing the transition to a low-carbon economy**

**Frank Elderson**

Executive Director

De Nederlandsche Bank

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

8:45 a.m. **Introductory remarks and chair**

**Kurt Pribil**  
Executive Director  
Oesterreichische Nationalbank

**Keynote lecture**  
**Strengthening economic convergence in Europe**

**Jeffrey D. Sachs**  
Professor  
Columbia University  
*video streaming*

9:30 a.m. **Session 3**  
**Industrial policy and investment**

**Ralph De Haas**  
Director of Research  
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

**Michael Peneder**  
Economist  
Austrian Institute of Economic Research

**Tomáš Slačik**  
Senior Economist  
Oesterreichische Nationalbank

10:30 a.m. Coffee break

11:00 a.m. **Session 4**  
**Improving host countries' investment environment**

**Chair**

**Helene Schuberth**  
Head of Division  
Oesterreichische Nationalbank

**Linda Van Gelder**  
Country Director for the Western Balkans Region  
The World Bank

**Irmfried Schwimann**  
Deputy Director-General  
European Commission

**Andrew Watt**  
Deputy Director  
Macroeconomic Policy Institute (IMK)

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

12:15 p.m. **Panel 2**  
**Corporate investment across EU borders**

**Chair**

**Andreas Ittner**

Vice Governor

Oesterreichische Nationalbank

**Andrea Diamanti**

Deputy Chairman of the Supervisory Board

UniCredit S.p.A.

**Franz Hiesinger**

Chief Financial Officer

Mayr-Melnhof Karton AG

**Birgit Reiter-Braunwieser**

Director

Austrian Business Agency

**Lukas Stühlinger**

Chief Financial Officer

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1:30 p.m. Buffet lunch

*This program is subject to change.*

*Speakers and panelists are listed in alphabetical order.*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **Conference chair**

Ewald Nowotny  
Governor  
Oesterreichische Nationalbank

### **Conference venue**

Vienna Marriott Hotel  
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