

Competitiveness, growth and crisis

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Monday, 10.03.2014 Competitiveness, growth and crisis

- 08:30 - 09:00 Registration and administrative briefing, *Alexander PROSTIMKIN, JVI*
- 09:00 – 10:30 Introduction and Overview (Robert Stehrer, wiiw)
- 11:00 – 13:00 Investment and Finance in Europe (Wilhelm Molterer and Deborah Revoltella)
Discussants: Doris Ritzberger-Grünwald (OeNB) and Michael Landesmann (wiiw)
- 02:00 – 03:30 Competitiveness rankings (Elena Bobeica, ECB CompNet)
- 04:00 – 05:30 Competitiveness and imbalances: an overview about indicators and issues – Case study of Spain (Maria Silgoner, OeNB)
- 06:00 **Welcome Reception, JVI Residence**

Tuesday, 11.03.2014 Competitiveness indicators

- 09:00 – 10:00 Unit labour cost developments (Peter Havlik, wiiw)
- 10:00 – 11:00 Competitiveness indicators in the Western Balkans (Mario Holzner, wiiw)
- 11:30 – 12:30 Trade related indicators (Robert Stehrer wiiw)
- 12:30 Group Photo
- 02:00 – 03:00 wiiw Database (Johannes Pöschl und Monika Schwarzhappel, wiiw)
- 03.30 – 05:00 Training session on competitiveness indicators (Alexandra Bykova, wiiw)

Wednesday, 12.03.2014 Productivity and non-price competitiveness

- 09:00 – 10:30 OECD Compendium on productivity measures (Anita Wölfl, OECD)
- 11:00 – 12:30 Non-price competitiveness (Konstantins Benkovskis, BoL and ECB CompNet)
- 02:00 – 03:00 Barometer of competitiveness pressures (Konstantins Benkovskis, BoL and ECB CompNet, Julia Wörz, OeNB)
- 03:30 – 05:00 *Spahiu, Eda (ALB): Competitiveness profile including competitiveness indicators. Discussion about productivity analysis at the firm and industry level and also about indicators measuring a countries external competitiveness*
Markovic, Slavica (BiH): State of play: Access to finance, political instability, tax rates and inflation

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Thursday, 13.03.2014 Industry and global value chains

- 09:00 – 10:30 Inter-country and inter-industry linkages (Robert Stehrer, wiiw)
- 11:00 – 12:30 *Miletic, Mirjana (SERB): Presentation on assessment of external competitiveness of Serbia*
Lazarovska (MAC): Current competitiveness policy reforms and challenges
- 02:00 – 03:30 Competitive Industrial Performance Report 2012/2013 (Amado Boly, UNIDO)
- 04:00 – 04:45 *Morina, Qendrese (KOS): Competitiveness profile and policy implications: what is competitiveness, competitiveness in Kosovo, Competition Policy, Competition in region*
- 06:30 **Farewell Dinner, Restaurant “Glacis Beisl”**

Friday, 14.03.2014 Institutions and policies

- 09:00 – 10:00 EU industrial policies (Michael Peneder, WIFO)
- 10:00 – 10:45 *Rendic-Miocevic (CRO): Competitiveness challenges of Croatia; Clusters*
- 11:00 – 12:00 Institutional competitiveness (Beatrice Scheubel, ECB CompNet)
- 12:00 – 13:00 Closing session (R. Stehrer, wiiw)
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