
**Course on Structural Reforms
Joint Vienna Institute
in cooperation with JVI partners
Vienna September 15-26, 2014**

PROGRAM¹

Monday, September 15

8.30 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.		Registration and Administrative Session
9.00 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.		Opening Session Mr. Norbert Funke, Director, Joint Vienna Institute (JVI)
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	L-1	Structural Reforms, Competitiveness, and Impact on Economic Growth Mr. Norbert Funke; and Mr. Maksym Ivanyna, Economist, JVI <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Definition of structural reforms and competitiveness• Transmission channels to growth• Impact on productivity and ability to absorb shocks
2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	L-2	Methodologies for Assessing Transition Progress Ms. Elcin Akcura, Principal Power and Energy Economist, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Definition of transition• EBRD transition index• Transition challenges in Emerging Europe and Central Asia
4.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	L-3	Doing Business Mr. Ivan Nimac, Head, Vienna Office International Finance Corporation, Trade and Competitiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doing business indicators• International comparison• Reform examples

¹ Subject to change. Unless otherwise stated, coffee breaks are during 10.30 a.m.-11.00 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.-4.00 p.m. and lunch breaks during 12.30 p.m.-2.00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 16		
9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	W-1	<p>Indicators of Structural Reforms</p> <p>Mr. Luis Catao, Senior Economist, JVI; Mr. Maksym Ivanyna, Economist, JVI; Ms. Asel Isakova, Junior Economist, JVI</p>
11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	L-4	<p>Methodologies for Assessing Competitiveness</p> <p>Mr. Filippo di Mauro, Senior Advisor, Research Department, European Central Bank (ECB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design of methodologies • Competitiveness indicators – traditional and non-traditional, macro and firm-level indicators • Comparative analysis of key indicators and methodologies; competitiveness toolkit
2.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	L-5	<p>Identifying Policy Priorities: The OECD’s Annual Structural Policy Surveillance</p> <p>Mr. Alain de Serres, Division Chief, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicators used for assessment • Framework to identify policy priorities • Benchmarking on performance and policies
Wednesday, September 17		
9.00 a.m. – 12.30 a.m.	GD-1	<p>Implementing the Framework: Group Discussions on Going for Growth</p> <p>Mr. Alain de Serres</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching indicators with performance • Application to CESEE countries • Selected country examples
2.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	L-6	<p>Public Sector Reform: The Example of Austria</p> <p>Mr. Benedikt Gamillscheg, Advisor; Ms. Monika Gepl, Advisor; and Ms. Sandra Christina Kaiser, Interim Assistant to the Director General and Advisor; all Federal Ministry of Finance, Austria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget reform, design, stakeholders, medium-term expenditure framework • Cash vs. accruals budgeting and accounting, opening statement of financial position • Performance budgeting (incl. gender budgeting) • Outlook, next steps, general discussion

Thursday, September 18		
9.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	L-7	<p>The Policy Framework for Investment</p> <p>Mr. Andrea Goldstein, Head of Global Relations, OECD Investment Division</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key policy areas • Investment reform index • OECD investment policy reviews
2.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	GD-2	<p>Group Discussion /Case Study: Using the Toolkit Policy Framework for Investment: The Cases of [Mauritius, Ukraine...]</p> <p>Mr. Andrea Goldstein</p>
Friday, September 19		
9.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	L-8	<p>The Role of Infrastructure and the Bottlenecks in Investment Finance</p> <p>Mr. Atanas Kolev, Economist, European Investment Bank (EIB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structural reforms, infrastructure and growth • Financing infrastructure
2.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	L-9	<p>Europe 2020: Europe’s Growth Strategy</p> <p>Mr. Karl Pichelmann, Senior Advisor, DG ECFIN, European Commission (EC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objectives • National targets • Country actions
Monday, September 22		
9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	L-10	<p>Structural Reforms and Capital Flows</p> <p>Mr. Luis Catao and Ms. Asel Isakova</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reform sequencing • Pre-requisites for capital account liberalization • Managing cross-border capital
11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	L-11	<p>Banking Sector in CESEE and SME Financing</p> <p>Gunter Deuber, Director, Head of CEE Research, Raiffeisen Bank International; and Mr. Luca Gattini, Economist, EIB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of the banking sector in CESEE, the impact of the crisis and post crisis scenarios • EIB Bank Lending Survey

2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	L-12	<p>Pension Reform</p> <p>Mr. Alexander Lehmann, Lead Economist, EBRD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographic trends in the transition countries • Options for reforming existing pension systems • Recent developments in funded schemes
4.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	L-13	<p>Lessons from Experience: Reform Strategies and Sequencing of Reforms</p> <p>Mr. Alexander Lehmann</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful examples • Sequencing, coherence, and pace of reforms • Political economy of reforms and creating institutions

Tuesday, September 23

9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	L-14	<p>Labor Market Reform, Jobs, and Growth</p> <p>Mr. Martin Schindler, Deputy Director, JVI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor market developments • Government policies in labor markets • Reform progress, challenges, and future agenda
11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	L-15	<p>Labor Markets and Economic Inclusion</p> <p>Ms. Barbara Rambousek, Senior Inclusion Expert, EBRD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of inclusion in labor markets • Measuring inclusion in labor markets • Policies to improve inclusion
2.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	PP-1	<p>Preparation of Participant Presentations</p> <p>Mr. Luis Catao; Mr. Maksym Ivanyna; Ms. Asel Isakova</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three groups: Structural Reforms in Central Europe, Southeastern Europe, and Central Asia/Caucasus

Wednesday, September 24

9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	L-16	<p>Explaining Trade Results and Global Value Chains</p> <p>Ms. Julia Woerz, Expert, Oesterreichische Nationalbank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global interconnectiveness • Gross trade flows versus value added • Real effective exchange rates and trade balance – a new interpretation
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11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. L-17 **Trade Reform**
Mr. Alexander Keck, Counsellor, Economic Research and Statistics Division; and Mr. Mustapha Sadni Jallab, Coordinator of the WTO Chairs Program – ITTC, World Trade Organization (WTO)

- Tariffs and non-tariff barriers to international trade
- Key areas of reform and expected benefits
- The role of trade agreements

2.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. GD-3 Morning session to be continued until about 3 p.m.
Case Study on Trade Liberalization in one of the CEE Countries
Mr. Alexander Keck and Mr. Mustapha Sadni Jallab

Thursday, September 25

9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. L-18 **Promoting Innovations**
Ms. Tanja Tanayama, Senior Economist, EIB

- The role of the state in promoting innovations (publicly funded research, R&D subsidies)
- The role of financial support (private equity, state funding, etc.)
- Intellectual property right protection

11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. L-19 **Key Challenges in the Energy and Utility Sector**
Mr. Tony Doherty, Lead Economist for Energy, EBRD

- Sector restructuring, unbundling and privatization
- Re-balancing the energy mix: supply side versus demand side measures, including support to renewables and energy efficiency
- Energy security
- Case studies from EBRD countries of operations

2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. L-20 **Youth Unemployment**
Johannes Koettl, Senior Economist, Social Protection and Labor; and Ms. Gallina A. Vincelette, Lead Economist and Program Leader for the Western Balkans, World Bank

- Recent development
- Policy measures
- Reform progress and challenges

4.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	PP-1 (cont.)	Preparation of Participant Presentations Mr. Luis Catao; Mr. Maksym Ivanyna; Ms. Asel Isakova <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three groups: Structural Reforms in Central Europe, Southeastern Europe, and Central Asia/Caucasus
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Friday, September 26

9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	PP-1 (cont.)	Participant Presentations Mr. Luis Catao; Mr. Maksym Ivanyna; Ms. Asel Isakova <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three groups: Structural Reforms in Central Europe, Southeastern Europe, and Central Asia/Caucasus
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11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	L-21	JVI Annual Lecture The Use of the Exchange Rate as a Monetary Policy Instrument: Czech National Bank Experience Miroslav Singer, Governor, Czech National Bank
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12.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.		Buffet lunch
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2.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.		Concluding Session
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