Monday, August 31

8.30 a.m. - 9.00 a.m. Registration and Administrative Session
Mr. Alexander Prostimkin, Program Officer, Joint Vienna Institute (JVI)

9.00 a.m. - 9.30 a.m. Opening Session
Mr. Norbert Funke, Director, Joint Vienna Institute (JVI)

9:30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. Quiz

10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. L-1 Structural Reforms, Competitiveness, and Impact on Economic Growth
Mr. Funke
• Definition of structural reforms and competitiveness
• Transmission channels to growth
• Reform gaps and priorities

2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. L-2 Structural Reform Indicators
Ms. Asel Isakova, Junior Economist, JVI
• What do structural reform indicators measure?
• Examples of structural reform indicators
• Reform progress in CESEE, Caucasus and Central Asia

4.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. W-1 Indicators of Structural Reforms
Mr. Funke; Ms. Isakova; and Mr. Martin Schindler, Deputy Director, JVI

1 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 1

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| 9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. | L-3  | Methodologies for Assessing Competitiveness                                  | Mr. Konstantins Benkovskis, Advisor, Bank of Latvia                       | • Competitiveness issues and structural reforms  
• Trade and competitiveness  
• Shock transmission in a global context  
• Productivity and reallocation |
| 2.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.   | L-4  | Identifying Policy Priorities: The OECD’s Annual Structural Policy Surveillance | Mr. Alain de Serres, Head of Division, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) | • The main growth drivers and their link to policies  
• Framework to identify policy priorities  
• Benchmarking on performance and policies |

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| 9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. | W-2  | Workshop on Implementing the Framework: Going for Growth                      | Mr. de Serres; Mr. Funke; Ms. Isakova; and Mr. Schindler                  | • Matching indicators with performance  
• Application to CESEE countries  
• Selected country examples |
| 2.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.   | L-5  | Public Sector Reform: The Example of Austria                                  | Mr. Benedikt Gamillscheg, Advisor; Ms. Monika Geppl, Advisor; and Ms. Sandra Christina Kaiser, Advisor; all Federal Ministry of Finance, Austria | • Budget reform, design, stakeholders, medium-term expenditure framework  
• Cash vs. accruals budgeting and accounting  
• Performance budgeting (incl. gender budgeting)  
• Outlook, next steps, general discussion |
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| 9.00 p.m. - 12.30 p.m. | W-3  | Ranking Reform Priorities                                            | Mr. Funke; Ms. Isakova; and Mr. Schindler     | - Estimating reform gaps  
- Identifying priorities  
- Heat maps                                                                 |
| 2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.   | L-6  | Financial Sector Development and Reform                              | Ms. Isakova                                   | - Financial sector development and growth  
- Measuring financial sector reform development  
- Financial sector liberalization                                                     |
| 4.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. | L-7  | Capital Account Liberalization                                       | Mr. Schindler                                 | - Measuring capital account openness  
- Pros and cons of capital account liberalization  
- The IMF’s institutional view                                                               |

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| 9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. | L-8  | SME Financing                                                        | Mr. Aron Gereben, Economist, European Investment Bank (EIB) | - Challenges and opportunities  
- Bank lending survey  
- Credit guarantee schemes                                                      |
| 11.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. | L-9  | JVI Annual Lecture                                                   | Mr. Thomas Wieser, President of the Euro Working Group; Economic and Financial Committee, European Commission (EC) | Accelerating growth in Austria                                                                 |
| 12.30 p.m. - 2.00 p.m.  |      | Buffet Lunch                                                        |                                               |                                                                        |
| 2.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. | L-10 | The Role of Infrastructure and the Bottlenecks in Investment Finance | Mr. Atlanas Kolev, Economist, EIB             | - Structural reforms, infrastructure, and growth  
- Financing infrastructure                                                        |
Monday, September 7

9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.  L-11  Labor Market Policies
Mr. Schindler
- Labor markets developments in the region
- Labor market policies and reforms
- Equity vs. efficiency

11.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.  W-4  Workshop on Labor Markets
Mr. Funke; Ms. Isakova; and Mr. Schindler

1.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.  L-12  Youth Unemployment
Mr. 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

3.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.  L-13  Explaining Trade Results and Global Value Chains
Ms. Julia Woerz, Expert, Oesterreichische Nationalbank
- Global interconnectiveness
- Gross trade flows vs. value added
- Real effective exchange rates and trade balance—a new interpretation

Tuesday, September 8

9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.  PP-1  Preparation of participant presentations
Mr. Funke; Ms. Isakova; and Mr. Schindler
- Three groups: structural reforms in selected areas in Central Europe, Southeastern Europe, and Central Asia/Caucasus

11.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.  L-14  Trade Reform
Mr. Maarten Smeets, Head of the Technical Assistance Coordination Section; 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
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(cont.) Mr. Shohin Sufiev, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Tajikistan; Mr. Nafiz Baysal, Ministry of Development, Turkey; Mr. Vitalii Gryga, Institute of Economics and Forecasting, Ukraine  
- Tajikistan  
- Turkey  
- Ukraine

4.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. PP-1  **Participant Presentations: Group presentations**  
(cont.) Mr. Funke; Ms. Isakova; and Mr. Schindler

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**Friday, September 11**

9.00 a.m. - 10.30 p.m. L-18  **Europe 2020: Europe’s Growth Strategy**  
Mr. Karl Pichelmann, Senior Advisor, DG, ECFIN, European Commission (EC)  
- Objectives  
- National Targets  
- Country Actions

11.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.  Quiz

12.00 p.m. - 1.00 p.m.  Concluding Session