
Course on Structural Reforms
Joint Vienna Institute
In Cooperation with JVI Partners
Vienna, August 29 - September 9, 2016

PROGRAM¹

Monday, August 29

8.30 a.m. - 9.00 a.m.		Registration and Administrative Session Ms. Tania Bredniakova, Program Officer, Joint Vienna Institute (JVI)
9.00 a.m. - 9.30 a.m.		Opening Session Mr. Martin Schindler, Deputy Director, 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. Maksym Ivanyna, Economist, JVI <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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, Economist, JVI <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. Ivanyna; Mr. Alexei Miksjuk, Junior Economist, JVI; and Mr. Schindler

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, August 30

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| 9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. | L-3 | Methodologies for Assessing Competitiveness
Ms. Julia Wörz, Head of Unit, Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trade and competitiveness• Global interconnectiveness• Real effective exchange rates |
| 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) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The main growth drivers and their link to policies• Framework to identify policy priorities• Benchmarking on performance and policies |

Wednesday, August 31

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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. Miksjuk; and Mr. Schindler <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-5 | Public Sector Reform: The Example of Austria
Mr. Benedikt Gamillscheg, Advisor; Ms. Monika Geppl, Advisor, (both) Federal Ministry of Finance of Austria <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget reform, design, stakeholders, medium-term expenditure framework• Cash vs. accruals budgeting and accounting• Performance budgeting (incl. gender budgeting)• Outlook, next steps, general discussion |

Thursday, September 1

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| 9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. | W-3 | Ranking Reform Priorities
Mr. Ivanyina; Mr. Miksjuk; and Mr. Schindler <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Estimating reform gaps• Identifying priorities• Heat maps |
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2.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	L-6	Financial Sector Development and Reform Mr. Bojan Markovic, Deputy Director, Economics, Policy, and Governance, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial sector development and growth • Measuring financial sector reform development • Financial sector liberalization
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Friday, September 2

9.00 a.m. - 10.30 p.m.	L-7	Capital Account Liberalization Mr. Schindler <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measuring capital account openness • Pros and cons of capital account liberalization • The IMF's institutional view
11.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	L-8	SME Financing Mr. Aron Gereben, Economist, European Investment Bank (EIB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenges and opportunities • Bank lending survey • Credit guarantee schemes
2.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	L-9	The Role of Infrastructure and the Bottlenecks in Investment Finance Mr. Atanas Kolev, Economist, EIB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structural reforms, infrastructure, and growth • Financing infrastructure

Monday, September 5

9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.	L-10	Labor Market Policies Mr. Schindler <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor markets developments in the region • Labor market policies and reforms • Equity vs. efficiency
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11.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	L-11	<p>Youth Unemployment</p> <p>Mr. Johannes Koettl, Senior Economist, Social Protection and Labor; and Ms. Gallina A. Vincelette, Lead Economist and Program Leader for the Western Balkans; both World Bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent development • Policy measures • Reform progress and challenges
2.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	W-4	<p>Workshop on Labor Markets</p> <p>Mr. Miksjuk and Mr. Schindler</p>

Tuesday, September 6

9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.	PP-1	<p>Preparation of Participant Presentations</p> <p>Mr. Miksjuk and Mr. Schindler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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-12	<p>Trade Reform</p> <p>Mr. Maarten Smeets; Head, Technical Assistance Coordination, Partnerships and Internship Programmes Section; and Mr. Mustapha Sadni Jallab, Coordinator of the WTO Chairs Program; both Institute for Training and Technical Co-operation (ITTC), World Trade Organization (WTO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	C-1	<p>Morning session to be continued until about 3.00 p.m.</p> <p>Case Study on Trade Liberalization in a CEE Country</p> <p>Mr. Smeets and Mr. Sadni Jallab</p>

Wednesday, September 7

9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.	L-13	Guest Lecture: Implementing Structural Reforms—The Experience of Georgia Mr. Alex Aleksishvili, Chairman of Policy and Management Consulting Group (PMCG), former Minister of Economic Development and Minister of Finance, Georgia <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial situation• Reform priorities• Implementation challenges <i>[Joint lecture with IMF Course on Macroeconomic Management in Resource-Rich Countries.]</i>
11.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	PP-2	Selected Country Case Studies: Participant Presentations Three participants <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bulgaria• Iran• Ukraine
2.00 p.m. - 5.30 pm.	PP-3	Preparation of Participant Group Presentations Mr. Miksjuk and Mr. Schindler <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three groups on structural reforms in selected areas in Central Europe, Southeastern Europe, and Central Asia/Caucasus

Thursday, September 8

9.00 p.m. - 10.30 a.m.	PP-4	Participant Group Presentations Mr. Miksjuk and Mr. Schindler
11.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	L-14	Key Challenges in the Energy and Utility Sector Ms. Elcin Akcura, Principal Power and Energy Economist, EBRD <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sector restructuring, unbundling, privatization• Key elements of a functioning energy market• Re-balancing the energy mix• Case studies and discussion
2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.	L-15	The Role of Corruption and How to Overcome It Mr. Ivanyina <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Measuring corruption• Impact on growth• Overcoming corruption

4.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	L-16	Pension Reform Mr. Markus Knell, Economics Department, OeNB <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demographic trends in the transition countries• Options for reforming existing pension systems• Recent developments in funded schemes
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Friday, September 9

9.00 a.m. - 10.30 p.m.	L-17	Europe 2020: Europe's Growth Strategy Mr. Gaetano D'Adamo, DG, ECFIN, European Commission (EC) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Objectives• National Targets• Country Actions
11.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.		Quiz
12.00 p.m. - 1.00 p.m.		Concluding Session

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