



TAIEX MultiCountry - Workshop on Applied European Union Economic Policy related to the Economic and Monetary Union

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Venue : Joint Vienna Institute

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Beneficiary :

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Kosovo*, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, the
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

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Neighbourhood and
Enlargement
Negotiations

Aim of the meeting :

The aim of the seminar is to acquaint the participants with European Union economic policies under Economic and Monetary Union.

Participants: senior officials selected from the Ministries of Finance and Central Banks, and possibly from other institutions responsible for macroeconomic policy-making, max 5 participants per Beneficiary.

Day 1 : Monday 27 November 2017

08:45 – 09:00	0. BRIEFING ON PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS BY THE JVI STAFF, WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION Mr Alexander PROSTIMKIN (Program Officer, JVI)
09:00 – 09:20	1. ORGANISATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE SEMINAR Mr Francesco CONTESSO (Adviser, EU Commission, DG ECFIN/R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of participants and practical arrangements • Structure of the seminar; methods of work; background material and preparation for the workshop
09:20 – 10:40	2. EU ENLARGEMENT POLICY REVIEW Mr Andreas PAPADOPOULOS (Adviser, EU Commission, DG NEAR/A) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General background on the enlargement strategy and policy • Main requirements before joining the EU • Progress in the enlargement process • State of play on the EU accession negotiations
10:40 – 11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:00 – 12:20	3. FULFILLING THE ECONOMIC CRITERIA AND ACCEDING THE EURO AREA: EXPERIENCE OF A NEW MEMBER STATE Mrs Martina KOBILICOVA (Slovak Finance Ministry, Director General of International Relations) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slovakia's experience fulfilling the economic criteria and aligning to Chapter 17 acquis • Slovakia's economy after joining the European Union – main facts • Effects of the euro area membership. • Euro area policies from the prospective of a new member state – state of play and ways forward
12:20 – 13:30	4. OVERVIEW OF EMU ACQUIS (CHAPTER 17) Mr Karl CROONENBORGHES (Legal Officer, EU Commission, DG ECFIN/L/6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What constitutes the <i>Acquis communautaire</i>? • Key elements of Chapter 17: Central Bank related issues, coordination of economic policies and Stability and Growth Pact • Outlook: commitment to adopt the Euro
13:30 – 15:00	LUNCH BREAK

15:00 – 16:20	<p>5. ACCESSION TO THE EURO AREA AND STATE OF CONVERGENCE</p> <p><u>Mr Anton JEVCAK</u> (Senior Economic Analyst, EU Commission, DG ECFIN/C/3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background: first EU membership then euro adoption • Convergence and euro adoption – institutional framework, euro adoption in practice • State of convergence progress, Convergence Report 2016 • Policy conclusions and challenges ahead
16:20 – 16:40	COFFEE BREAK
16:40 – 18:00	<p>6. THE ECB, THE EUROSISTEM AND THE EU CANDIDATE COUNTRIES AND POTENTIAL CANDIDATES</p> <p><u>Mr Michael STURM</u> (Adviser, European Central Bank, DG International & European Relations)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECB/Eurosistem/ESCB: central banking in the euro area/EU • ECB relations with central banks of EU candidate countries and potential candidate. • ECB analysis of macro-financial developments in EU candidate countries and potential candidate: a snapshot.

Day 2 : Tuesday 28 November 2017

08:30 – 09:10	7. BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO EMU LEGISLATION AND DECISION-MAKING Mr Francesco Contesso (Adviser, EU Commission, DG ECFIN/R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMU in the Lisbon Treaty • EMU secondary legislation • EMU institutions and decision-making
09:10 – 10:30	8. THE EUROPEAN SEMESTER: PROCEDURES, ACTORS AND INSTRUMENTS Mr Marc FAEHNDRICH (European Semester Officer, EU Commission Representation Office in Vienna) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political and legal framework • the European surveillance cycle.
10:30 – 10:50	COFFEE BREAK
10:50 – 12:10	9. MACROECONOMIC IMBALANCE PROCEDURE Mr Alessandro TURRINI (Head of Unit, EU Commission, DG ECFIN/B/1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macroeconomic imbalances in the euro area • The crisis response.
12:10 – 13:30	10. THE STABILITY AND GROWTH PACT Ms Roberta TORRE (Economist, EU Commission, DG ECFIN/C/1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Origins of the SGP • Successive reforms (2005, 2011...) and current working • Going further: coordination of national fiscal policies, flexibility in the SGP, challenges looking ahead
13:30 – 15:00	LUNCH BREAK
15:00 – 16:20	11. NATIONAL FISCAL FRAMEWORKS IN THE EU Ms Monika SHERWOOD (Economist, EU Commission, DG ECFIN/C/4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rationale of strengthening national fiscal frameworks in the EU. • Building blocks of national fiscal frameworks, including relevant <i>Acquis</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transparency; ○ Forecasting; ○ Numerical Fiscal Rules; ○ Medium-Term Budgetary Frameworks; ○ Independent Fiscal Institutions.

16:20 – 16:40	COFFEE BREAK
16:40 – 18:00	12. DEEPENING OF THE ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION <u>Ms Martina KROBATH</u> (Economist, EU Commission, DG ECFIN/A/2) Next steps in further deepening the EMU

Day 3 : Wednesday 29 November 2017

09:00 – 10:20	<p>13. MANAGING EU MEMBERSHIP IN A FINANCE MINISTRY</p> <p><u>Mr Harald WAIGLEIN</u> (Director-General for Economic Policy and Financial Markets at the Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisation and tasks of the Austrian Ministry of Finance • Challenges of EU-Membership • Preconditions for success • Particularities of the accession process.
10:20 – 10:40	COFFEE BREAK
10:40 – 12:00	<p>14. THE ESTONIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE ECOFIN COUNCIL – ISSUES AND EXPERIENCES</p> <p><u>Mr Tanel STEINBERG</u> (Deputy Head of Fiscal Policy Department at the Estonian Finance Ministry)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tasks for the ECOFIN Presidency • Challenges of the Presidency for a Member State – Estonian perspective • Preparations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – choosing the model of Presidency – programming – logistics • Running the Presidency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – ECOFIN Council and its preparatory bodies – cooperation with the European institutions – external aspects of the Presidency – inter-links with other Council formations.
12:00 – 13:30	LUNCH BREAK
13:30 – 15.30	<p>15. ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF EU ENLARGEMENT</p> <p><u>Mr Uwe STAMM</u> (Head of Unit, EU Commission, DG ECFIN/D/1), <u>Mr Andras TARI</u> (Deputy Head of Unit, EU Commission, ECFIN/D/1) <u>Mr Bernhard BOEHM</u> (Economist, EU Commission, DG ECFIN/D/1),</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance with economic accession criteria: The Commission's assessment • Convergence trends and economic outlook in the enlargement countries

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Accession macroeconomic and fiscal surveillance: the Economic Reform Programmes and the Commission's assessments • Preparation of working groups 2-4, Q & A session
15.30-15.50	COFFEE BREAK
15.50-17.20	<p>15. ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF EU ENLARGEMENT (CTD.)</p> <p><u>Mr Andrea PAPADOPOULOS</u> (Advisor, EU Commission, DG NEAR/A)</p> <p><u>Mr Oliver KLABUNDE</u> (Economist, EU Commission, DG NEAR/A/3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Accession surveillance of structural policies: the Economic Reform Programmes (structural policy sections) and the Commission's assessments • EU policy towards enlargement partners in the areas of economic cooperation and integration: Berlin Process, connectivity agenda, regional economic area, etc. • Preparation of working group 5, Q & A session
18:30	DINNER offered by the Austrian Ministry of Finance. Hosted by Mr Harald Waiglein, Director General. (Restaurant Glacis Beisl, Wien).

Day 4 : Thursday 30 November 2017

<p>09:00 – 12:10 and 13:30 – 17:10</p>	<p>16. FIVE WORKING GROUPS ON SELECTED TOPICS</p> <p><u>Working Group 1</u> Fiscal policy and income distribution in EU enlargement countries (Moderator: Ms Mariya HAKE, Austrian National Bank).</p> <p><u>Working Group 2</u> Assessments of the macro-fiscal sections of the Economic Reform Programme 2017-2019 of Serbia (Moderator: Uwe STAMM, Head of Unit, EU Commission, DG ECFIN/D/1).</p> <p><u>Working Group 3</u> Assessments of the macro-fiscal sections of the Economic Reform Programme 2017-2019 of Turkey (Moderator: Bernhard BOEHM, Economist, EU Commission, DG ECFIN/D/1).</p> <p><u>Working Group 4</u> Assessment of the macro-fiscal sections of the Economic Reform Programme 2017-2019 of Albania (Moderator: Andras TARI, Deputy Head of Unit, EU Commission, DG ECFIN/D/1)</p> <p><u>Working Group 5</u> Assessment of the structural reform sections of the Economic Reform Programmes: case studies (Moderators: Andreas PAPADOPOULOS, Advisor, and Oliver KLABUNDE, Economist, EU Commission, DG NEAR)</p> <p><i>09:00-10.20: Preparing for the work with the help of the moderators in each group</i> <i>10:20-12:10: Working Groups</i></p>
<p>12:10 – 13:30</p>	<p>LUNCH BREAK</p>
<p>13:30 – 17:10</p>	<p>WORKING GROUPS</p>

Day 5 : Friday 01 December 2017

09:00 – 12:45	17. REPORTS FROM THE WORKING GROUPS
12:45 – 13:15	18. CLOSING THE SEMINAR/FAREWELL AND SATISFACTION SURVEY Anonymous satisfaction survey to be filled electronically.

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