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**Joint Vienna Institute / Institute for Capacity Development
Course on Fiscal Policy Analysis (JV17.01)
January 9 – January 20, 2017
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PROGRAM

Monday, January 09

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.		Administrative briefing , Ms. Marina Scherbakova, Program Officer, JVI
9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.		Opening session Chaired by Mr. Richardson, Director, Joint Vienna Institute (JVI), and Mr. Reda Cherif, Senior Economist, Institute for Capacity Development (ICD)
9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.		Course introduction and Quiz Session conducted by Mr. Cherif; Mr. Fuad Hasanov, Senior Economist, (ICD), Ms. Irina Bunda, Economist (JVI)
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon	L-1	Recent macro trends, fiscal challenges and overview of the course Reda Cherif <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss recent global and regional macro trends• Identify main fiscal challenges• Provide a course roadmap
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	L-2	Public finance and the macroeconomy Fuad Hasanov <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The role of the government: public goods, externalities, and asymmetric information• Fiscal policy and long-term growth and equity• Fiscal policy and macro stability• Interaction between monetary and fiscal policy

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	O-1	Discussion of fiscal challenges in participants' countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify challenges • Discuss how the course can provide analytical tools
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Tuesday, January 10

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	L-3	Expenditure Policy Irina Bunda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of expenditure • Expenditure rationalization • Long-term expenditure issues (for LIC and EM)
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	W-1	Expenditure Policy Workshop (case study) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of government employment and wages • Options for public employment rationalization • Structural measures for higher public spending efficiency
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	L-4	Domestic Resource Mobilization Irina Bunda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General principles • Recent trends and policy issues • Tax policy reforms
3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	L-4	Domestic Resource Mobilization, continued <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue administration • VAT reforms

Wednesday, January 11

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	W-2	Workshop: Tax Policy Reform (case study) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of the tax system (structure and tax effort) • Tax system reform package: direct and indirect taxes • Reform of special regimes and tax incentives
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	L-5	Fiscal policy and inclusive growth Reda Cherif <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiscal policy and long run growth • Fiscal policy and inequality • Case studies
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	L-6	Fiscal accounts and fiscal aggregates measures Irina Bunda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiscal accounts and the public sector • Stocks and flows measures • Cash and accrual measures

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	W-3	Workshop: Fiscal accounts and fiscal analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differences between GFSM 1986 and GFSM 2001 and implications for fiscal analysis • Illustrative consolidation exercise
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Thursday, January 12

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	L-7	Fiscal projections Irina Bunda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macroeconomic assumptions • The effective tax rate, buoyancy and elasticity approaches • Discretionary vs. non-discretionary spending • Budget financing needs, domestic vs. external financing tradeoff and cross-sector consistency checks
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	W-4	Workshop: Fiscal projections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macro assumptions and fiscal projections • Case study
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	O-2	Participants' discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the main takeaways so far? • Any areas for clarification?
3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	O-3	Preparation for participants' presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection of topics • Formation of groups

Friday, January 13

9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	L-8	Fiscal sustainability, debt tolerance, and fiscal space Fuad Hasanov <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiscal sustainability: debt projections and risks • Debt tolerance across countries and over time • Fiscal space: optimal and safe debt levels, interest rates
2:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	W-5	Workshop: Basic debt dynamics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline scenario • Alternative scenarios

Monday, January 16

9:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.	L-9	Fiscal multipliers Fuad Hasanov <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Theory and empirics• Factors influencing the size of multipliers• Estimation and use
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	W-5	Workshop: Fiscal multipliers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Computing multipliers• Interpreting multipliers• Fiscal policy assessment
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	L-10	Measuring the fiscal stance Reda Cherif <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Output gap, cyclically-adjusted (CA) and structural balance• Fiscal elasticities and fiscal stance• Case studies
3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	W-6	Workshop: Measuring the fiscal stance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Methods to estimate the output gap• Estimating and interpreting fiscal elasticities and computing CA and structural balances• Interpreting the fiscal stance and fiscal impulse

Tuesday, January 17

9:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.	L-11	Expenditure Policy: Investment spending Reda Cherif <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concepts• Investment and development: theory and evidence• Investment, efficiency and fiscal stability
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	W-7	Workshop: Expenditure Policy: Investment spending <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Returns to public investment• Public investment and growth
2:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	O-4	Participants' presentations: Preparation

Wednesday, January 18

9:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.	L-12	Fiscal policy for the crisis and post-crisis period Fuad Hasanov
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pre-crisis debate • The effect of the crisis on the debate • Fiscal Policy and long term growth
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	W-8	Workshop: Fiscal policy for the crisis and post-crisis period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative narratives of the Eurozone crisis • Group work and discussion
2:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	O-4	Participants' presentations: Preparation

Thursday, January 19

9:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.	O-4	Participants' presentations: Preparation
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Friday, January 20

9:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.	O-5	Participants' presentations: Presentations
10:45 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.	O-6	Panel Discussion
11:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.		Final test and course evaluation Closing session and presentation of certificates
