
Course on Structural Reforms
Joint Vienna Institute
In Cooperation with JVI Partners
Vienna, August 28 - September 8, 2017

PROGRAM¹

Monday, August 28

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. Martin Schindler, Deputy Director, JVI
9:30 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.		Initial Test
10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	L-1	Structural Reforms, Competitiveness, and Impact on Economic Growth Mr. Maksym Ivanyyna, Senior 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 Ms. Maria Arakelyan, JVI; Ms. Isakova; and Mr. Alexei Miksjuk, 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, August 29

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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 |
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Wednesday, August 30

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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; Ms. Arakelyan; Ms. Isakova; and Mr. Miksjuk <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 |
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Thursday, August 31

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| 9.00 a.m. – 10.30 p.m. | L-6 | Capital Account Liberalization
Mr. Miksjuk <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Measuring capital account openness• Pros and cons of capital account liberalization• The IMF’s institutional view |
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11.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	L-7	The Role of Corruption and How to Overcome It Mr. Ivanyna <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measuring corruption • Impact on growth • Overcoming corruption
2.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	L-8	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

Friday, September 1

9.00 p.m. - 12.30 p.m.	L-9	Financial Sector Development and Reform Mr. Ralph de Haas, Director of Research, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial sector development and growth • The role of financial inclusion • Financial sector liberalization
2.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	W-3	Ranking Reform Priorities Ms. Isakova; Mr. Ivanyna; and Mr. Miksjuk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimating reform gaps • Identifying priorities • Heat maps

Monday, September 4

9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.	PP-1	Selected Country Case Studies: Participant Presentations Selected Course Participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armenia • Kosovo • Poland • Ukraine
11.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	L-10	Key Challenges in the Energy and Utility Sector Mr. Chris Basinski, Principal 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

2.00 p.m. - 5.30 pm.	PP-2	Preparation of Participant Group Presentations Ms. Isakova; Mr. Ivanyna; and Mr. Miksjuk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three groups on structural reforms in selected areas in Central Europe, Southeastern Europe, and Central Asia/Caucasus
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Tuesday, September 5

9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.	PP-3	Preparation of Participant Presentations Ms. Isakova; Mr. Ivanyna; and Mr. Miksjuk <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-11	Trade Reform Mr. Serafino Marchese, Chief, Course Design and Training Section, World Trade Organization (WTO) <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	Morning session to be continued until about 3.00 p.m. Case Study on Trade Liberalization in a CEE Country Mr. Marchese

Wednesday, September 6

9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.	L-12	Labor market policies and institutions Mr. Ekkehard Ernst, Chief, Macroeconomic Policy Unit, International Labour Organization (ILO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor market 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 Market Issues Mr. Ernst
2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.	L-13	Guest Lecture: Globalization and Trade Mr. Robert Koopman, Chief Economist and Director, Economic Research and Statistics Division, WTO

4.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	L-14	<p>SME Financing</p> <p>Mr. Aron Gereben, Economist, European Investment Bank (EIB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rationale for supporting SMEs through public policy interventions • The current economic situation of SMEs and SME financing in Europe • Some insight into European SMEs through the EIB Investment Survey • The role of SME credit guarantee schemes in Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe
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Thursday, September 7

9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	L-15	<p>Youth Unemployment</p> <p>Mr. Johannes Koettl, Senior Economist, Social Protection and Jobs; and Ms. Gallina A. Vincelette, Practice Manager, Macro and Fiscal Management; both World Bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent development • Policy measures • Reform progress and challenges
11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	PP-4	<p>Preparation of Participant Presentations</p> <p>Ms. Isakova; Mr. Ivanyna; and Mr. Miksjuk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three groups: structural reforms in selected areas in Central Europe, Southeastern Europe, and Central Asia/Caucasus
2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	L-16	<p>Pension Reform: Challenges and Policy Options</p> <p>Ms. Agnieszka Chłoń-Domińczak, Assistant Professor, Warsaw School of Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographic trends in the transition countries • Recent developments in funded schemes • Options for reforming existing pension systems
4.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	PP-5	<p>Participant Group Presentations</p> <p>Ms. Isakova; Mr. Ivanyna; and Mr. Miksjuk</p>

Friday, September 8

9.00 a.m. – 10.30 p.m.	L-17	<p>Europe 2020: Europe's Growth Strategy</p> <p>Mr. Karl Pichelmann, Senior Advisor, DG ECFIN, European Commission (EC)</p>
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- Objectives
- National Targets
- Country Actions

11.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

Final Test

12.00 p.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Concluding Session

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