

# Growth and Jobs: Challenges to the Lisbon Strategy and European Competitiveness

## Annual Conference of ICEG European Center

### Planned program

<b>April 6, 2006</b>				
9.00-10.30	<b>plenary session</b>	<b>Growth and Jobs: The New Lisbon Strategy one Year Later</b>		
	moderator	ICEG EC		
	key speakers	Vladimír Špidla (European Commission)*		
		Lucrezia Reichlin (European Central Bank)*		
		Jean Pisani-Ferry (Bruegel)		
10.30-11.00	coffee break			
11.00-13.00	<b>parallel sessions</b>	<b>Growth Problems in the EU-15</b>	<b>Flat Taxes, Tax Competition and Fiscal Adjustment</b>	<b>Macroeconomic Challenges and Growth Prospects in Southeastern Europe</b>
	Moderator/ discussant	György Szapáry (National Bank of Hungary)	Csaba László (KPMG)	Péter Bilek (ICEG EC)
	speakers		Michael Keen (IMF)*	Vladimir Gligorov (WIIW)
		Adriaan Dierx (European Commission)	Antonio Afonso (European Central Bank)	Alexander Boshkov (CED)
		Horst Siebert (Univeristy of Kiel)*	Gonzalo Capriolo (Ministry of Finance, Slovenia)	Ben Slay (UNDP)- Nick Maddock (UNDP)
13.00-14.00	lunch			
14.00-16.00	<b>parallel sessions</b>	<b>ICT and Productivity</b>	<b>Public Sector and Public Finance Reform in the New Member States</b>	<b>Financial Sector Development in Southeastern Europe</b>
	Moderator/ Dicussant	Salvador Barrios (IPTs)		
	Speakers	Marcin Piątkowski (IMF)	Thomas Laursen (World Bank)	Max Watson (DG ECFIN)
		Matilde Mas (UV)	Lajos Bokros (CEU)	Boris Vujčić (National Bank of Croatia)
		Fiona Paua (WEF)*	Marek Dąbrowski (CASE Foundation)	Dubravko Mihaljek (BIS)
16.00-16.30	coffee break			

16.30-18.00	<b>plenary session</b>	<b>EU-25 and Southeastern Europe: Stabilisation &amp; Association and the Accession Process</b>		
	moderator	Lajos Bokros (CEU)		
	key speakers	Louka Katselli (OECD)*		
		Laurent Guye (Stability Pact)		
		Erik Berglof (EBRD)*		
<b>April 7, 2006</b>				
9.00-10.30	<b>plenary session</b>	<b>Information Economy, Information Society and Competitiveness</b>		
	moderator	Jean-Claude Burgelman (IPTS)		
	key speakers	Ken Ducatel (European Commission, DG INFSO)		
		Kálmán Kovács (Minister of Informatics and Communication, Hungary)*		
		Luc Soete (United Nations University)*		
		Péter Paál (IBM)		
10.30-11.00	coffee break			
11.00-13.00	<b>parallel sessions</b>	<b>Technological changes: ICT and R&amp;D</b>	<b>Health Care and Pension Reforms in the New Member States</b>	<b>FDI and Privatisation in Southeastern Europe</b>
	Moderator/ Discussant	Jaro Berce (IPTS)		Magdolna Sass (ICEG EC and IE HAS)
	Speakers	Hans Schaffer (COMIST)	Marek Góra (Warsaw School of Economics)	M. Geiger (OECD)
		Didier Pouillot (IDATE)	Ondřej Schneider (CERGE)	M. Rojec (University of Ljubljana)*
		Roberto Saracco (Telecom Italia)	Miroslav Beblavy (Ministry of Labour, Slovakia)*	Gábor Hunya (WIIW)
13.00-14.00	Lunch			
14.00-16.00	<b>Parallel sessions</b>	<b>Convergence in the New Member States</b>	<b>eServices in the New Member States</b>	<b>Fiscal Rules in the New Member States</b>
	Moderator/ discussant		Marc Bogdanowicz (IPTS)	
	speakers	Peter Backé (OENB)*	Marcelino Cabrera (IPTS)	Fabrizio Corriccelli (University of Sienna)
		Julius Horvath (CEU)*	Elek Straub (T-COM Hungary)	George Kopits (National Bank of Hungary)
		Christopher Rosenberg (IMF)	Tarmo Kalvet (PRAXIS)	Marco Buti (European Commission)

16.00-16.30	coffee break	
16.30-18.00	<b>plenary session</b>	<b>Summary: European Competitiveness and Lisbon Challenges</b>
	moderator	
	key speakers	Zdeněk Tůma (Czech National Bank)*
		Péter Balázs (Central European University)
		Hans Martens (European Economic Policy Center)

\* under invitation

**Description of the colours used for sessions**

		Fiscal issues related sessions
		Growth related sessions
		ICT related sessions
		Enlargement related sessions