

wiiw SPRING SEMINAR 2003*

The Accession Deal: Consequences for New Members

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A-1010 Vienna, Rengasse 2, 1st floor, 'Festsaal'

Programme

- 9:00 Welcome address by **Marianne Kager**,
Head of the Economics Department, Bank Austria Creditanstalt AG
- M. Landesmann** (wiiw)
Introductory remarks
- L. Podkaminer** (wiiw)
Overview on transition economies and outlook
Transition countries and the global slowdown * productivity gains offset effects of appreciation * restructuring of industry proceeds * little progress on unemployment
- 10:30 Coffe break
- 11:00 **S. Richter / R. Römisch** (wiiw)
Financial and fiscal aspects of accession
Costs of enlargement: transfers * will transfers have any impact on the new members' economies? * taxation and EU accession: what changes? * the effect of changing taxation rules
- K. Laski / R. Römisch** (wiiw)
Lessons from earlier accessions
The special case of Ireland * capital inflows and external balances * convergence outside and inside the EU
- 12:30 Buffet luncheon by invitation of Bank Austria Creditanstalt AG

14:00 **D. Hübner**, Warsaw* (guest speaker)
The accession deal: longer term perspectives for Poland

SECTORAL CONSEQUENCES OF ACCESSION

P. Havlik (wiiw)

Industry: restructuring and trade

Changing role of manufacturing * productivity and unit labour costs * trade specialization * competition on the EU market * emerging shape of EU industry

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 **Z. Lukas / J. Pöschl** (wiiw)

Agriculture: a hard landing ahead?

Impact of regulations on output * cost increases ahead * possible reduction in the number of farms * acquisitions by foreigners?

H. Vidovic (wiiw)

The services sectors

Growing importance of the services sectors in the CEECs * developments of individual segments in comparison with the current EU member states * future job absorption capacities

P. Baur, Zurich** (guest speaker)

CEE insurance markets: opportunities and challenges

Overview of insurance markets in the candidate countries * effects of EU accession on the market structure

17:30 End of Seminar

18:00 Informal gathering at a Viennese 'Heurigen', by invitation of wiiw
Address: 'Weingut Fuhrgassl-Huber', Neustift / Walde 68, A-1190 Vienna

Guest speakers:

* Professor Danuta Hübner, Minister for European Affairs, Warsaw

** Patrizia Baur, Swiss Re, Zurich

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