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SPRING SEMINAR 2008

Growth in Central, East and Southeast Europe: Tensions and Further Potential

Friday, 28 March 2008, 9:00 a.m.

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Vienna Insurance Group

to take place at
**1010 Vienna, Schottenring 30 (Ringturm)
20th floor**

9:00 Opening Remarks by Ferdinand Lacina,
President wiiw

9:15 Tensions and Further Potential for Growth
Growth prospects * Labour market pressures * Effects of international financial turmoil * Regional imbalances

Michael Landesmann,
wiiw

9:30 Keynote Speech: 'Ukraine's Economy: External Challenges and Internal Limits'
Ukraine * Economic performance * WTO accession * Free trade with EU * Political developments

Igor Burakovsky, IER
*(guest speaker)**

10:00 Medium-Term Economic Outlook for the New EU Member States and SEE Countries
The role of external factors * Country-specific growth drivers * Domestic challenges * Forecast for 2008-2010 *

Peter Havlik & Mario Holzner, wiiw

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Polish Plumbers and Romanian Hauliers: The New Members' Potential in Trade in Services
Trade in services * Revealed comparative advantages * Modes of services supply * Service imports as inputs to manufacturing

Julia Wörz, wiiw

12:15 Buffet luncheon followed by coffee

Guest speakers:

* Igor Burakovsky, Director, Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting (IER), Kyiv

** Fabrizio Coricelli, Director of Policy Studies, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), London

13:30 Turmoil on International Financial Markets: Vulnerability of CEE Countries
Fragility of financial systems in CEEs * Contagion effects * Impact on the real economy

Fabrizio Coricelli,
EBRD
*(guest speaker)***

14:00 Changing Demand for Labour and Skills; East-West Migration Flows
Employment growth * Demand for skills * Supply constraints * Migration * Labour mobility * EU enlargement * Remittances

Robert Stehrer & Anna Iara, wiiw

15:00 Coffee break

15:15 Regional Disparities and Economic Developments
Regional development EU-27 * Regional convergence * Regional policy

Roman Römisch,
wiiw

17:00 End of Seminar

18:00 Informal gathering at a Viennese 'Heurigen' by invitation of wiiw
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