

The economic transformation in the Baltics

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Introduction:

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Discussants:

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Moderator:

Michael Landesmann (wiiw)

This Workshop is organized in the framework of the interdisciplinary Conference 'Transformationsprozesse im Ostseeraum und die osteuropäische Erfahrung', University of Vienna, 12 to 15 November 2003

Propose of the Workshop:

Starting from general economic developments in the transition countries (regarding growth, industry and foreign trade performance, FDI flows, agriculture and regional issues) a comparison between the Baltic States and Poland on the one hand, as well as Belarus, Ukraine and the western part of Russia on the other hand, will illuminate the varying experiences with economic, social and political transformation in the Baltic region and outline some relevant policy recommendations.

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