

The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies

Global Development Network Workshop

**Enterprise Development, the Informal Economy and
Labour Markets in Southeast Europe**

Friday, 28 November and Saturday, 29 November 2003

Venue: wiiw, Oppolzergasse 6, A-1010 Vienna

Programme

Friday 28 November

Morning session: Enterprise development

- 9:30-10:00 **Introduction**, Michael Landesmann, Vladimir Gligorov, wiiw
- 10:00-10:45 **Firm efficiency in Southeast Europe**, Edward Christie, wiiw
Discussant: Jože Damijan
- 10:45-11:00 Break
- 11:00-11:45 **Ownership structure impact on enterprise behaviour:
the case of Albanian privatized enterprises**, Lindita Lati, University of Tirana
Discussants: Rumen Dobrinsky, Jože Damijan
- 11:45-12:30 **The small private sector in Bulgaria: labour market impact and 'grey zone'
activity**, Rumen Dobrinsky, CESR and UNECE
Discussant: Edward Christie, Mario Holzner
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch

Afternoon session: The informal economy

- 14:00-14:45 **Private sector and labour market developments in Albania:
formal vs. informal**, Marta Muço, Anteon Corp., Peter Sanfey, EBRD
Discussant: Hermine Vidovic
- 14:45-15:30 **The informal economy: conceptual frameworks for the countries of
Southeast Europe**, Vladimir Gligorov, Mario Holzner, Edward Christie, wiiw
Discussant: Peter Sanfey, Marta Muço
- 15:30-15:45 Break
- 15:45-16:30 **Money-inflation-growth causality with a latent underground economy
model**, Dario Cziraki, IMO, Max Gillman, CEU
Discussant: Michael Landesmann
- Evening: Organized dinner

Saturday 29 November

Morning session: Labour markets

10:00-10:45 **Unemployment and labour market rigidities in Southeast Europe,**
Maja Micevska, University of Bonn
Discussant: Maria Lackó

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-11:45 **The impact of regulation on the flexibility of the Croatian labour market,**
Vedran Šošić, National Bank of Croatia
Discussant: Hermine Vidovic

11:45-12:30 **Discussion: How to synthesize the three themes for the region
in view of producing a synthesis paper**

12:15-13:30 Lunch

Afternoon session: Working groups – thematic discussions

13:30-14:30 **Working groups**
Group 1: Enterprise development
Group 2: The informal economy
Group 3: Labour markets

Evening: Informal gathering