

International Economic Forum – Krynica – 6-9 September 2006

“European Challenges: The Question of Europe's Identity”

**Future Outlook on the Information Society
in New European Member States and Candidate Countries:
The integration of the New European Member States:
the contribution of ICT strategies and technologies**

7-8th September 2006

A Panel Program organised by:

**The Institute for Prospective Technological Studies, Joint Research Centre, European Commission
and**

The International Centre for Economic Growth (Budapest, Hungary)

Moderators of the Program: Mr Marc Bogdanowicz, Head of Sector, IPTS, DG JRC
Prof. Pal Gaspar, Director, ICEG EC, Hungary

This year's contribution of the Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (DG Joint Research Centre, European Commission) and of the International Centre for Economic Growth (Budapest, Hungary) to the Krynica Economic Forum 2006 is based on past and current research about Knowledge Society developments in an Enlarged Europe.

The successive panels will aim at better understanding and identifying Knowledge Society strategies for the European countries that would support their economic and social development. In particular, the panels will address the question of the development trajectories of the New European Member States and Candidate Countries towards the Knowledge Society, taking into account both their present specificities and the changing global context. The object is to reach some useful guidelines to enrich future orientations in research and political strategies at national and European level, with special attention to the role of ICT.

The panels are organized around three major themes: Growth, Innovation and Services. While documenting and debating these broad themes, the panels will aim at answering the three following questions:

- **Europe towards Growth?** What are the prospects of the European Knowledge-based Society in a globalised society? How can Europe improve its competitive edge whilst maintaining its specificity? What are the visions for Europe's future growth?
- **Europe towards Innovation?** What technologies will be needed to support industrial change? What are the general ICT trends? Where will the next paradigm shifts occur? What are the visions for Europe's future innovation capacities?
- **Europe towards a Service Economy?** How far has Europe progressed towards the Information Society and the Knowledge Society? What type of applications will European citizens demand? What are future successful IST strategies?

“New Economy” Krynica Economic Forum 7 - 8th of September 2006, Poland

Wednesday 6th of September 2006

17h00: R&D and new innovation systems in a global economy

Chair: Mr Bernard Clements, Adviser, IPTS, DG JRC, EC (*)

Speakers:

- **Mauri Pekkarinen**, Minister of Trade and Industry, Finland (*)
- **Prof. Morris Teubal**, Hebrew University, Israel (*)
- **Itzhak Goldberg**, Lead Specialist, Europe and Central Asia, World Bank, Washington, USA(*)
- **Dr. Peter Lovelock**, Deputy Director of Telecommunications research Project, Singapore (*)

Discussant: Jozef Veress, Member of Parliament, Hungary (*)

Thursday 7th of September 2006

I. EUROPE TOWARDS GROWTH?

09h00: Asian Growth patterns: Threats or Opportunities for European ICT?

Chair: Ms Annaflavia Bianchi, Senior Scientist, IPTS, DG JRC, EC (*)¹

Speakers:

- **Dr. Peter Lovelock**, Deputy Director of Telecommunications research Project, Singapore (*)
- **Prof. Nick Von Tunzelmann**, Freeman Institute of Innovation, SPRU, UK: “Is there anything new about the recent Asian growth”? (*)

Discussant: Mr Edgar Savisar, Minister of Economy, Estonia.

12h30: Lunchtime

14h00: Growth in Old and New Europe: What needs to be done?

Chair: Dr. Marcin Piatkowski, Advisor to Executive Director, International Monetary Fund, Washington DC, USA (*)

Speakers:

- **Dr. Christoph Rosenberg**, Head of IMF office for Central Europe and Baltics, International Monetary Fund: "Sustaining convergence: policy challenges in the EU8" (*)
- **Dr. Thomas Laursen**, Lead Economist for Central Europe and the Baltic States, World Bank (*)
- **Prof. Jean Pisani-Ferry**, Director, Bruegel Research (*)
- **Dr. Stanislaw Kluza**, Minister of Finance, Republic of Poland (*)
- **Prof. Paolo Garonna**, Deputy Executive Secretary United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

¹ (*) Have confirmed participation

15h30: Absorbing EU Funds in the New Member States--A Challenge for Economic Policy

Chair: Mr Christoph Rosenberg, Head of IMF office for Central Europe and Baltics, International Monetary Fund

Speakers:

- Mr Jaroslaw Pietras, Deputy Minister of Finance of Poland (*)
- Professor John Bradley:, Research professor at the Economic and Social Research Institute in Dublin, Ireland
- Mr Andzs Ubelis, Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Finances, Latvia (*)
- Mr Reiner Martin, Head of section, European central bank (*)
- Mr Robert Sierhej, Senior economist, International Monetary Fund (*)
- Mr. Andrea Mairate, European Commission, DG REGIO

17h00: Structural Funds and the building of the Knowledge Society in Eastern Europe

Chair: Prof. Pal Gaspar, Director, ICEGEC, Hungary (*)

Speakers:

- Ms Éva Várnai , Managing Director, Partner, KPMG (*)
- Ing. Zsolt Lukac, Deputy State Secretary , Ministry of Development, Slovakia
- Ms Natalija Kazlauskienė, Director DG REGIO, European Commission
- Witold Sartorius – Director General Polish Competence Centre for eGovernment and eEducation (PCC) (*)

On-invitation-only:

Special Seminar on September 7, 19h00:

ICT, Growth and Globalisation: What is new for Europe?

This Synthesis seminar, chaired by Mr Bernard Clements, Adviser to the Director of IPTS, DG JRC, will offer the opportunity to all speakers and chairs involved in our panels to meet and debate together during a 1h30 meeting.

The central aim of the meeting will be to debate the articulation between the following questions:

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A report of the debate will be issued after the Economic Forum and circulated to all participants for their comments and approval. The final version of the report will be circulated inside the European Commission to the relevant authorities.

Venue (to be confirmed): Hotel (tbd), Krynica. Thursday 7 September, 19h00-20h30

The Special Seminar will be followed by an invitation for supper for all participants..

Friday 8th of September 2006

II. EUROPE TOWARDS INNOVATION ?

9h00: eHealth and the public sector reform in Eastern Europe

Chair: Ms Clara Centeno, Senior Scientist, IPTS, DG JRC, EC (*)

Speakers:

- **M. Marc Bogdanowicz**, Senior Scientist, IPTS, DG JRC, EC (*)
- **Ms. Angela Dunbar**, WHO Regional Office for Europe, Country Health Systems, e-Health Division of Health Systems in Europe: “Exploiting eHealth opportunities” (*)
- **Prof. Pal Gaspar**, Director, ICEGEC, Hungary (*)

10h30: Public Support for Commercial Innovation

Chair: Prof. Itzhak Goldberg, Senior Scientist, Worldbank (*)

Speakers:

- **Prof. Morris Teubal**, Hebrew University, Israel (*)
- **Dr. Marcin Piatkowski**, Advisor to Executive Director, International Monetary Fund, Washington DC, USA (*)
- **Mr Bent Sternfeld**, Inno Group (*)

12h00: Lunchtime

III. EUROPE TOWARDS AN e-SERVICE ECONOMY?

14h00: eGovernment and the public sector reform in Eastern Europe

Chair: Ms Renata Jaksa, Project coordinator ICEGEC, Hungary (*)

Speakers:

- **Prof. Dan Remenyi**, Visiting Professor, Trinity College, Ireland (*)
- **Prof. Pal Gaspar**, Director, ICEGEC, Hungary (*)
- **Ms Clara Centeno**, Senior Scientist, IPTS, DG JRC, EC (*)

15h30: Asia versus Eastern Europe: FDI, R&D investments and relocation of the industry

Chair: Prof. Pal Gaspar, Director, ICEGEC, Hungary (*)

Speakers:

- **Mr. Abel Garamhegyi**, Deputy State Secretary of Economy, Hungary
- **Mr. Michal Jaworski**, Microsoft Poland
- **Ms Annaflavia Bianchi**, Senior Scientist, IPTS, DG JRC, EC (*)
- **Prof. John Bradley**: Research professor at the Economic and Social Research Institute in Dublin, Ireland. (*)

17h00: European Social Models and Growth: where are the Eastern European countries heading for?

Chair: Prof Pal Gaspar, Director, ICEGEC, Hungary (*)

Speakers:

- **Prof. Jean Pisani-Ferry**, Director, Bruegel Research (*)
- **Prof. Michal Mejstrik**, Institute of Economic Studies, Charles University, Czech Republic
- **Ms Daniella Gressani**, WorldBank