



STRUCTURAL REFORMS – WHAT GAINS?

Venue: CEPS, 1 Place du Congrès, 1000 Brussels.

Date: Wednesday, 16 September 2015, 12.30 – 18.30

Programme

12.30 – 13.15 Buffet lunch & Networking

13.15 – 14.45 Session 1: Identifying the gains from structural reforms

Chair: Mikkel Barslund (CEPS)

Dan Andrews (OECD) – Structural Reforms, Reallocation and Growth

Era Dabla-Norris (IMF) – Estimating productivity gains from structural reforms

Werner Roeger (DG ECFIN) - Evaluating measures from National Reform Programs

14.45 – 15.15 Coffee break

15.15 – 16.30 **Panel debate: Future of structural reforms - any role for the EU institutions?**

The economic crisis kept the heat on the pot with structural reforms resulting in numerous reforms in member states. It also changed the economic governance framework of the monetary union significantly. What will happen to reform efforts as recovery likely makes the reform necessity subside? Given the change in the economic governance structure, what role should the EU institutions play in pushing for reforms? How can EU institutions implicitly or explicitly help reform minded forces? Should EU institutions do so? Can a future fiscal capacity be used to soften the transition/short term negative effects of reforms? A return to contractual agreements?

Moderator: Karel Lannoo (CEO, CEPS)

Panellists:

Commissioner Pierre Moscovici (European Commission)

Maria João Rodrigues (MEP, S&D Group Vice-Chair in charge of Economic and Social Policies)

Daniel Gros (CEPS Director)

John Hassler (Chairman, Swedish Fiscal Council)

Jeffrey Franks (Director, IMF Europe Office)

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee break

17.00 – 18.30 Session 2. Structural reforms: how to do it

Chair: Robert Anderton (ECB)

Angana Banerji (IMF) – Incentivizing structural reforms

John Hassler (Swedish Fiscal Council) – Swedish reform in the early 1990s

Juan Jimeno (Central Bank of Spain) – Recent Spanish structural reforms