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WORKSHOP

European Integration, Economic Convergence and Productivity

April 29-30, 2024 - Bruges

Workshop venue:

College of Europe, Verversdijk 16, 8000 Brugge

- [Registration](#): Basement **Building A**
- [Introductory remarks, keynotes & policy panel](#): Auditorium 1 **Building A**, 1st floor
- [Sessions](#): Auditorium 1 **Building A**, 1st floor

Workshop dinner:

- RESTAURANT «Crowne Plaza Brugge»

Workshop Streaming:

- 29th of April: [Link](#)
- 30th of April: [Link](#)

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PROGRAMME

DAY 1 – 29 APRIL 2024

08.00 – 10.00

REGISTRATION

09:00 – 09:10

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

- Welcome by **Prof. Dr. B. DUMONT** (CoE, Université Sorbonne Paris) and **Prof. Dr. P. CLAEYS** (Universidad Pontificia Comillas)
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09:15 – 11:15

SESSION (I): Strategic Autonomy (Chair: Prof. Dr. J. DIAZ-LANCHAS)

The EU's Open Strategic Autonomy from a central banking perspective (summary of the report)

H. GEEROMS - National Bank of Belgium, College of Europe

Unleashing Potential: Model-Based Reform Benchmarking for EU Member States

P. PFEIFFER - European Commission, DG ECFIN

The economic consequences of geopolitical fragmentation: Evidence from the Cold War

J. TIMINI - Banco de España

Critical raw materials: from dependency to open strategic autonomy?

E. DENNIS - National Bank of Belgium

11:15 – 11:45

COFFEE BREAK

11:45 – 12:30

KEYNOTE ADDRESS (Chair: Prof. Dr. B. DUMONT)

R. ARJONA, Chief-economist of DG GROW

“Recent trends with an impact on EU industry”

Q&A



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12:30 – 13:30

LUNCH

13:30 – 15:15

POLICY PANEL

Productivity challenges of the EU:

Policies for a more innovative and inclusive Europe

Prof. Dr. J. PELKMANS (CoE) - Chair

Prof. Dr. L. CODOGNO (CoE, LSE)

Dr. J. ARNAL (CEPS, Elcano Royal Institute)

Dr. M. LANDABASO (Joint Research Centre, European Commission)

Prof. Dr. P. LINARES (Universidad Pontificia Comillas)

Dr. C. PAUNOV (OECD)

Q&A

15:15 – 15:30

BREAK

15:30 – 17:00

SESSION (II): Digitalization and productivity (Chair: Prof. Dr. P. LINARES)

Identifying Latent Heterogeneity in Productivity

R. DEWITTE – Universiteit Gent

Laggards v leaders: Innovation, Productivity and Catch-up

P. CLAEYS, J. JUNG and G.
GOMEZ-BENGOECHEA –
Universidad Pontificia Comillas

Digitalisation and inclusion: An overview of evidence and
policy options

C. PAUNOV - OECD

17:00 – 17:15

BREAK



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17:15 – 18:45

SESSION (III): Assessment of European policies (Chair: Prof. Dr. L. CODOGNO)

Assessing the impact of the EU's Structural Funds

I. KOSTARAKOS - Joint Research
Centre, European Commission

The real effects of Next Generation EU and the Recovery and
Resilience Facility

J. CREEL - OFCE-Sciences Po &
ESCP Business School

Fiscal equalization and spillover internalization effects of EU
cohesion policy

T. CHRISTOU - European
Commission, Joint Research
Centre, European Commission

20:00 – 22:00

DINNER



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DAY 2 – 30 APRIL 2024

08.00 – 10.00 **REGISTRATION**

09:00 – 10:30 **SESSION (IV): Productivity and Growth (Chair: Dr. M. LANDESMANN)**

How to make Italy (and the South) converge again?

L. CODOGNO – College of Europe,
LSE

Openness in the Age of Decarbonization: The Geopolitical and
Goeconomic Challenges of Green Transition for Europe

J. KIRKEGAARD – Peterson
Institute

A new industrial policy for the EU to meet future challenges

M. LANDESMANN - WIIW

10:30 – 11:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:00 – 12:00 **KEYNOTE SPEECH: Prof. Dr. J. THISSE (UC Louvain)**

Title: “What can be learned from spatial economics?”

Chair: Prof. Dr. P. CLAEYS

12:00 – 13:00 **LUNCH**



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13:00 – 14:30

SESSION (V): European Market Integration (Chair: Prof. Dr. J. PIETRAS)

European Regional Integration and Cross-Border FDI Productivity
Spillovers - A Firm-level Analysis

B. MERLEVEDE – Universiteit Gent

The trade and growth effects of a common language policy for
the EU regions

J. DÍAZ-LANCHAS – Universidad
Pontificia Comillas

Carbon Taxation, Investment and Leakage

B. GORRENS - KU Leuven

14:30 – 14:45

CLOSURE

- *Conclusion & Final Remarks* by **Prof. Dr. B. DUMONT** (CoE, University Sorbonne Paris) and **Prof. Dr. J. DÍAZ-LANCHAS** (Universidad Pontificia Comillas)

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