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TOPIC

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How do Member States from Central and Eastern Europe perceive the debates on the euro and the reform of the European Monetary Union? Especially with regard to today's and tomorrow's euro members in Central and Eastern Europe, it is striking that their perspectives seem to have been somewhat neglected (e.g. compared to French and German positions). The event will focus on the way different EU Member States view the EU's reform options – with a specific focus on CEE countries. Our debate will be based on a large-scale survey on the reform preferences of Eastern European economists, which we have compared to those of German, French and Italian economists. This allows us to create an innovative “map of Eurozone preferences” and identify reforms over which a consensus could be reached among old and new Member States alike.

The event will feature a presentation of the survey results as well as a panel discussion, including Professor László Csaba, Central European University, Professor Friedrich Heinemann, ZEW Mannheim and co-author of the study, Ľudovít Ódor, Deputy Governor of the National Bank of Slovakia, Donata Riedel, Handelsblatt, and Thomas Westphal, responsible for EU Affairs at the German Federal Ministry of Finance.

This event is organised with support of the Brigitte Strube Stiftung.

TIME&DATE

Monday,
27 May 2019,
10 – 1:30 pm

VENUE

The Embassy of the
Slovak Republic
Hildebrandstraße 25
10785 Berlin

THE PANEL



László Csaba is professor of international political economy at Central European University (CEU) and Corvinus University of Budapest as well as a member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.



Friedrich Heinemann heads ZEW's Research Department "Corporate Taxation and Public Finance" and is professor for economics at Heidelberg University. His research addresses fiscal policy issues and European integration.



Peter Lizák has been Ambassador of Slovakia in Berlin since 2015. Among other things, he was head of the Slovakian expert group at the Convention on the Future of Europe and served as Ambassador of the Slovak Republic in Vienna.



Ľudovít Ódor is Deputy Governor of the central bank of Slovakia. He has been a member of the Slovak Council for Budget Responsibility and of various committees and networks at EU and OECD level. He is co-author of several reform plans including the euro adoption strategy.



Donata Riedel reports on economics and financial policy for Handelsblatt in Berlin. She has extensively reported on the euro area debt crisis, tax policy, budgetary issues and the economic outlook. In the 1990s she covered the economic transition of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.



Jürgen Strube was Chairman of the Supervisory Board and CEO of German chemical company BASF SE and is executive partner of the Strube Stiftung.



Thomas Westphal is Director General for EU Affairs at the German Federal Ministry of Finance. He was closely involved in resolving the EU debt crisis, including the establishment of the first assistance programme for Greece, the implementation of the EFSF, the EFSM and the ESM loan programmes.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW



- » 10:00 WELCOME ADDRESS
 - Peter Lizák**
Ambassador of Slovakia in Germany
 - Jürgen Strube**
Executive Partner Brigitte Strube Stiftung

- » 10:20 PRESENTATION
 - Friedrich Heinemann**
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- » 10:50 DEBATE WITH SPEAKERS AND AUDIENCE
 - László Csaba**
CEU Budapest
 - Friedrich Heinemann**
ZEW
 - Ludovít Ódor**
National Bank of Slovakia
 - Thomas Westphal**
German Federal Ministry of Finance
 - Moderation: Donata Riedel**
Handelsblatt

- 12:30 LUNCH

- 13:30 END OF EVENT

Upcoming ZEW-events in 2019

- 5 June:** “The EU and EMU Reforms: The Perspective of CEE Countries” – Brussels, Lunch Debate
- 2 July:** Jean-Pisani Ferry – ZEW Mannheim, First Hand Information on Economic Policy
- 23 October:** “Digitalization and Labour Markets: Jobs at Risk?” – Brussels, Lunch Debate

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