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**SEEK Workshop: “Entrepreneurial Human Capital and the Crisis”**  
**Brussels 11-12, November 2015**


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## Preliminary Workshop Programme

**Conference Venue:**

Permanent representation of the federal state of Hesse

B-1000 Brüssel

Rue Montoyer 21

 0032(0)2-739 5900

**Wednesday, November 11**

12:00-13:00	Registration and Light Lunch
<b>13:00-13:10</b>	<b>Introduction</b> <b>Georg Licht</b> (Centre for European Economic Research, Mannheim, DE)
<b>13:10-14:10</b>	<b>Entrepreneurial Human Capital and Location: Is it in the Air or Water?</b> <b>David Audretsch</b> (Indiana University, Bloomington, US)
14:10-14:30	Coffee Break
<b>14:30-15:50</b>	<b>The “Great Recession” of 2008/2009 and new firm creation - empirical evidence from Germany</b> <b>Rolf Sternberg</b> (Leibniz University Hannover, DE)  <b>The growth potential of startups over the business cycle</b> <b>Petr Sedláček</b> (University of Bonn, DE) Vincent Sterk (University College London, UK)
15:50-16:00	Coffee Break
<b>16:00-17:30</b>	<b>The Growth and Human Capital Structure of New Firms and the Business Cycle</b> <b>Udo Brix</b> (IAB, Nuremberg, DE) <b>Martin Murmann</b> (ZEW, Mannheim, DE)  <b>Entrepreneurs Throughout the Crisis: What Are They Like?</b> <b>Rui Baptista</b> (Instituto Superior Técnico, University of Lisbon, PT) <b>Hugo Castro Silva</b> (Instituto Superior Técnico, University of Lisbon, PT) <b>Joana Mendonça</b> (Instituto Superior Técnico, University of Lisbon, PT)
19:30	Workshop Dinner

## Thursday, November 21

09:20-10:40

### Opportunity and Necessity Entrepreneurs

**Marco Caliendo** (University of Potsdam, DE)

Alexander S. Kritikos (DIW, Berlin, DE)

### The Effect of the Business Cycle on Start-ups across Industries and Regions – An Empirical Analysis for Germany

**Michael Fritsch** (Friedrich Schiller University Jena, DE)

Alexander S. Kritikos (DIW, Berlin, DE)

Katharina Pijnenburg (DIW, Berlin, DE)

10:40-11:00

Coffee Break

11:00-11:40

### Paper title

**Peter Thomson** (Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, US)

12:00-12:30

Light Lunch

13:30-12:40

### Welcome by representative of the Hessische Landesvertretung

12:40-14:00

### Panel discussion with short introductory presentations

#### Discussants

#### **Sabine Hepperle**

Head of Directorate-General for SME Policy of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy

#### **Miguel Cruz**

President of the Portuguese Public Agency for Competition and Innovation (IAPMEI)

#### **Ralf Holtzwardt**

Senior Advisor at DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion of the European Commission

#### **Rui Baptista**

Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Instituto Superior Técnico, University of Lisbon

#### Moderator

#### **Roy Thurik**

Professor of Economics and Entrepreneurship, Erasmus University Amsterdam

14:00-14:15

### Closing Remarks

**Udo Bullmann** (Member of the European Parliament) (tbc)

14:15-15:00

FAREWELL DRINKS AND END OF WORKSHOP

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