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We would like to invite you to a debate with ZEW economists and experts on current economic policy issues in Europe. ZEW Lunch Debates take place four times a year in Brussels from 12:30 to 2:00 pm and are held in English.

Food for Thought – ZEW Lunch Debate Series

How can we overcome the current economic crisis in Europe? What is the path towards smart, sustainable and inclusive growth? These are the key policy challenges for Europe, and to meet them, an in-depth understanding of the causes and the impact of the crisis is required. At the same time, we need innovative ideas to foster economic growth and to overcome economic divergence within Europe.

On this basis, a strong response can be developed to address the current crisis and to pave the way towards economic recovery.

This is what ZEW's Lunch Debate series is about: experts come together for a discussion over lunch on current economic challenges in Europe. They shed light on different aspects of the crisis which have a particular impact on economic growth, welfare, social inclusion and quality of life. ZEW's new series provides a platform for controversial, open, and committed discussion.

The set-up of the events encourages debate on major economic issues: a ZEW economist gives an introductory statement to the debate's topic, an external expert frames a response. The audience is invited to contribute their expertise.

We cordially invite you to join us.

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Prof. Dr. Clemens Fuest
President

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Thomas Kohl
Director

2014 ZEW Lunch Debates



Economic Recovery in Europe

March 18, 2014 (11 am)

The introductory speech will launch ZEW's new Lunch Debate Series in Brussels and address the major obstacles to inclusive, sustainable economic growth in Europe.

Speaker: Prof. Clemens Fuest
President of ZEW

Post 2020 Energy and Climate Protection Targets

March 18, 2014 (12:30 – 2:00 pm)

What are the most efficient ways to make the European economy more climate-friendly and less energy-consuming, but to ensure competitiveness at the same time? The objective of this Lunch Debate is to discuss the energy and climate policy scenarios for 2030 and their macroeconomic effects.

Speaker: Prof. Andreas Löschel
Head of Research Department at ZEW



The Architecture of an Adjustable and Stable Euro Area

June 30, 2014 (12:30 – 2:00 pm)

The current euro area crisis management is driven by the need for immediate stabilisation. This Lunch Debate, in contrast, will develop ZEW's views on desirable long-term reforms, including reflections on the future shape of a European fiscal union and on well-defined procedures for dealing with sovereign debt crises.

Speaker: PD Dr. Friedrich Heinemann
Head of Research Department at ZEW



Are the Fiscal Responses to the Crisis Increasing Income Inequality and Wealth Disparity?

September 25, 2014 (12:30 – 2:00 pm)

The current crisis has had a severe impact on public finances in Europe, and policy responses have varied widely across EU Member States. This Lunch Debate addresses the distributional consequences of these policies and discusses their impact on income and wealth distribution.

Speaker: Prof. Andreas Peichl
Head of Research Group at ZEW



How to Best Fight European Youth Unemployment?

November 2014 (12:30 – 2:00 pm, exact date tba)

Youth unemployment has reached critical levels in many EU Member States, so strategies to fight exclusion and promote inclusion are urgently needed. Drawing on insights from empirical evaluations of labour market and education policies, this Lunch Debate discusses practical policy options.

Speaker: Prof. Holger Bonin
Head of Research Department at ZEW

Further Information

A personal invitation for the first ZEW Lunch Debate will follow soon. In the meantime, please feel free to circulate information on ZEW's Lunch Debates. For enquiries, please get in touch with Dr. Daniela Heimberger (heimberger@zew.de).

The venue of the ZEW Lunch Debates will be the Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the European Union, Rue Belliard 60-62, B-1040 Brussels.

ZEW – Adopting a European Perspective in a Globalised World

The Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW) in Mannheim is one of Germany's leading economic research institutes and enjoys a strong reputation throughout Europe. The institute conducts research of the highest quality and provides science-based economic policy advice. ZEW is a member of the Leibniz Association and currently employs a staff of about 190 in nine research units and three service departments.

ZEW's areas of expertise include innovation policy, the impact of digitalization on the economy, labour markets and social policy institutions, financial regulation, corporate taxation, fiscal and monetary governance as well as environmental and energy policy.