

ZEW LUNCH DEBATE SERIES:
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Europe's Digital Future: Prospects and Challenges

Venue: Representation of the State of
Baden-Württemberg to the European Union

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Customised products and services, flexible working conditions, productivity growth, and increasing prosperity – these are the promises of a digitised and connected economy. How does the performance of the EU and its member states compare to the goals specified in the Digital Agendas at European and national levels? Are the actors on track, or do they get lost in a jungle of initiatives, directives and regulations? What are the prospects for Europe's industrial sectors and industrial jobs?

This ZEW Lunch Debate addresses the economic aspects of digitisation, the prospects it offers, and the challenges it poses to firms, employees and policy-makers.

» 12:00 **Lunch**

» 12:30 **Welcome Addresses**

Johannes Jung, Head of the Representation
of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the EU

Clemens Fuest, President of ZEW

Presentation: “Europe's Digital Future: Prospects and Challenges”

Irene Bertschek, Head of ZEW Research Department
“Information and Communication Technologies”

Panel Debate

Lucilla Sioli, DG Connect, European Commission

Laurent Zibell, industriAll European Trade Union

Irene Bertschek, ZEW

Debate with the Audience

Moderation: Clemens Fuest

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»» About the ZEW Lunch Debate Series

With our ZEW Lunch Debates we aim to encourage discussion on current economic challenges in Europe. They shed light on different aspects of the crisis that have a particular impact on economic growth, welfare, social inclusion, and quality of life. Events in this series provide a platform for controversial, open, and committed debate: a ZEW economist delivers an introductory statement, external experts give a response. The audience is invited to contribute their expertise.

»» Upcoming Lunch Debate

- › The Capital Markets Union: Possible Without the Banking and the Fiscal Union?

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»» About ZEW

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 covers a broad spectrum of research areas, from innovation policy, to labour markets, to fiscal and monetary governance, to environmental economics and energy policy. In 2016 the institute will celebrate its 25th anniversary.



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