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846th WILTON PARK CONFERENCE Monday 19 – Wednesday 21 MARCH 2007

COMPETITIVENESS IN NEW MEMBER STATES: LESSONS FOR EU MEMBERS, CANDIDATES AND NEIGHBOURS

MONDAY 19 MARCH

- 1415 Introduction to the Conference
Nick HOPKINSON
Director, Wilton Park
István Vilmos KOVÁCS
Vice-President, Development Policy, National Development Agency,
Budapest
- 1430-1530 1 **DEVELOPMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT AND GROWTH: WHAT ARE THE
PRIORITIES IN NEW MEMBER STATES (EU8)?**
Gordon BAJNAI
Government Commissioner for Development Policy, Budapest
- 1530-1630 2 **OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN
THE EU8**
János KÓKA
Minister of Economy and Transport, Budapest
- 1715-1830 3 **ECONOMIC REFORM IN THE EU8: LESSONS FOR EU MEMBERS,
CANDIDATES AND NEIGHBOURS**
Peter DODD
Director, International Economics, Department of Trade and Industry,
London
- 1915 Reception and Buffet Dinner hosted by **Steve FISHER**, Deputy Head of
Mission, British Embassy, Budapest

TUESDAY 20 MARCH

- 0900-1015 4 **THE SEQUENCING OF MACRO-ECONOMIC REFORMS: IS A
'BIG BANG' BEST?**
Dr Pawel SAMECKI
Board Member and Director, International Department, National Bank of
Poland, Warsaw

TUESDAY 20 MARCH (continued)

- 1045-1130
1130-1245
- 5 PRESENTATION OF KEY THEMES TO PLENARY FOLLOWED BY BREAK OUT GROUPS CHAIRED BY THE SPEAKERS**
- a. What is The Medium-Term Economic Outlook for the EU8?**
Peter BACKÉ
Head, Central and Eastern European Analysis, National Bank of Austria, Vienna
- b. How Best to Promote Innovation?**
Dr. Tivadar LIPPÉNYI
Vice President, National Office for Research and Technology, Budapest
- c. What Kind of Enabling Environment Does the Private Sector Need?**
Peter HEGEDUS
Member of the Board, Asea Brown Boverly Kft., Budapest
- d. How are the EU8 Contributing to EU25 Competitiveness?**
Professor Witold ORŁOWSKI
Dean, Business School, Warsaw University of Technology, Warsaw
- 1430-1445
1445-1600
- 6 BRIEF REPORTS FROM SESSION 6 BREAKOUT GROUPS**
- 7 WHICH EU8 ECONOMIC POLICIES AND PRACTICES SHOULD CANDIDATES AND NEIGHBOURS EMULATE? WHICH SHOULD THEY AVOID?**
Anders ÅSLUND
Senior Fellow, Peter G Peterson Institute of International Economics, Washington DC
- 1630-1700
1700-1815
- 8 PRESENTATION OF KEY ISSUES REGARDING NATIONAL ECONOMIC REFORMS TO PLENARY FOLLOWED BY BREAK OUT GROUPS CHAIRED BY THE SPEAKERS**
- a. Bulgaria**
Dr Kaloyan GANEV
Head, EU Economic Policies Department, Agency for Economic Analysis and Forecasting, Sofia
- b. Romania**
Valentin LAZEA
Chief Economist, National Bank of Romania, Bucharest
- c. Turkey**
Cavit DAGDAS
Deputy Undersecretary, Treasury Ministry, Ankara
- 1910
- Participants leave hotel lobby for dinner on boat travelling along the Danube
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WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH

- 0915-0930
- 9 BRIEF REPORTS FROM SESSION 9 BREAKOUT GROUPS**
- 0930-1045
- 10 EXTENDING THE EU INTERNAL MARKET ACQUIS TO NEIGHBOURS: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES**
Jeroen HOOIJER
Head, International Department, Internal Market and Services Directorate General, European Commission, Brussels
- 1115-1230
- 11 BUILDING THE POLITICAL WILL FOR ECONOMIC REFORM**
Dr Miroslav BEBLAVÝ
Executive Director, Slovak Governance Institute; Recently State Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, Bratislava
- 1230-1245
- 12 CONFERENCE CONCLUSIONS**
Interventions from Participants
- 1245
- Lunch followed by Departure of Participants at 1415