Croatia – The 28th EU Member State
Monday, June 17, 2013
Oesterreichische Nationalbank, Vienna

Program

08:30 a.m.  Registration

09:00 a.m.  Welcome address and introductory statement
Peter Mooslechner  
Executive Director, Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB)

Keynote address
Croatia’s Accession to the EU: Opportunities and Challenges
Paul Vandoren  
Ambassador  
Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Croatia

09:45 a.m.  Session 1  
Real Economy: Boosting Growth and Convergence
Chair: Thomas Gruber  
Head of Unit, Central, Eastern and Southeastern European Analysis, OeNB

Market Reforms: Status Quo and the Way Forward
Sanja Madzarevic-Sujster  
Senior Country Economist, The World Bank Croatia Office

Catching Up and Convergence in the Real Sector
William Bartlett  
Senior Research Fellow in the Political Economy of Southeast Europe  
The London School of Economics and Political Science

Impact of EU Accession on Regional Trade Patterns
Mario Holzner  
Economist, Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies
11:00 a.m. Coffee break

11:15 a.m. Session 2
Strengthening Macrofinancial Stability

Chair: Peter Backé
Deputy Head of Division, Foreign Research Division, OeNB

Introductory Statement: How to Improve Financial Stability
Tomislav Galac
Chief Advisor, Research and Statistics Area, Hrvatska Narodna Banka

Panel Discussion: Recent Financial Market Developments
Birgit Niessner
Chief Analyst of CEE Macro/Fixed Income Research, Erste Group Bank AG

Hrvoje Dolenec
Chief Economist, Zagrebačka banka d.d., UniCredit Group

Franz Pauer
Financial Markets Analysis and Surveillance Division, OeNB

12:30 p.m. Concluding statement
Implications of Croatia’s Accession for the Western Balkans Region: What Is Next?

Chair: Doris Ritzberger-Grünwald
Director, Economic Analysis and Research Department, OeNB

Wolfgang Petritsch
Ambassador, Permanent Delegation of Austria to the OECD

13:00 p.m. Buffet lunch
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