

73rd East Jour Fixe of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank

Croatia – The 28th EU Member State

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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

Venue

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