Conference on Sustainable development, firm performance and competitiveness policies in small open economies

Preliminary Program

Thursday, 23 April

08:30  Registration and coffee

09:00  Welcome address
       Peter Kažimír (Governor of the NBS) and Filippo Di Mauro (Chairman of CompNet)

09:30  Keynote speech
       Robert B. Koopman (Chief Economist World Trade Organization)

10:30  Coffee break

11:00  SESSION 1: Global Value Chain and International Trade

Value Chain Integration and firm productivity: Evidence from Turkish Manufacturing
Presenter: Yilmaz Kilicaslan (Anadolu University)
Discussant: Tibor Lalinsky (National Bank of Slovakia)

Determinants of GVC Participation: Cross-Country Analysis
Presenter: Juraj Zeman (National Bank of Slovakia)
Discussant: Jan Drahokoupil (European Trade Union Institute)

Does domestic demand matter for firms’ export?
Presenter: Antonio Rua (Bank of Portugal)
Discussant: tbc

ICT and exports of central and eastern European countries
Presenter: Tinatin Akhvlediani (CEPS and Warsaw University)
Discussant: Yilmaz Kilicaslan (Anadolu University)

13:00  Lunch
14:00  SESSION 2: Finance and Growth

Credit and Income Inequality
Presenter: Fulvia Fringuellotti (Federal Reserve Bank of New York)
Discussant: Laszlo Teteny (New York University)

Finance and obstacles of high growth enterprises
Presenter: Rozalia Pal (European Investment Bank)
Discussant: Francesco Morandotti (European Commission)

Trade, Misallocation and Capital Market Integration
Presenter: Laszlo Tetenyi (New York University)
Discussant: Patricia Wruuck (European Investment Bank)

15:30  Coffee break

16:00  SESSION 3: Environmental Policies and Sustainability

The elusive quest for the holy grail of an impact of EU funds on regional growth
Presenter: Jan Fidrmuc (Brunel University and Government Office of the Slovak Republic)
Discussant: Francisco Caballero Sanz (European Commission)

Towards a new growth model in CESEE: convergence and competitiveness through smart, green and inclusive investment
Presenter: Patricia Wruuck (European Investment Bank)
Discussant: Tinatin Akhvlediani (CEPS and Warsaw University)

Are efficiency measures predictive of firm crisis? Evidence from the Italian agri-food industry
Presenter: Pierluigi Toma (University of Salento)
Discussant: Brian Fabo (National Bank of Slovakia)

17:30  Policy Panel and brief presentation of the Slovak National Productivity Report

19:00  End of the first day – Networking

19:30  Drinks and dinner
Friday, 24 April

9:00  Welcome coffee

09:15  Keynote speech
       Gilberette Cette (Deputy Director General, Economics and International, Bank of France) - tbc

10:15  SESSION 4: Trade, Firm Performance and Competitiveness

Trade Liberalization: winners and losers in a search framework
Presenter: Pawel Langer (New York University)
Discussant: Rozalia Pal (European Investment Bank)

Fiscal Consolidation and the Labor Market in Europe: Firm Level Theory and Evidence
Presenter: Ruhollah Eskandari (University of York)
Discussant: Vladimir Peciar (Ministry of Finance of Slovak Republic)

The limit of foreign-led growth: Demand for skills by firms in the integrated periphery
Presenter: Brian Fabo (National Bank of Slovakia)
Discussant: Ruhollah Eskandari (University of York)

11:45  Coffee break

12:15  SESSION 5: Micro indicators for policy analysis

The Productivity Gap: Determinants of Productivity and Misallocation among foreign and domestic firm in Slovakia
Presenter: Vladimir Peciar (Ministry of Finance of Slovak Republic)
Discussant: Jan Fidrmuc (Brunel University and Government Office of the Slovak Republic)

Dissecting the impact of imports from low-wage countries on French Consumer Prices
Presenter: Juan Carluccio (Bank of France)
Discussant: Steve Yamarik (California State University)

13:15  Lunch
14:15  SESSION 6: Market Power and Concentration

Rent Sharing and inclusive growth  
Presenter: Pawel Bukowski (London School of Economics)  
Discussant: Jarko Fidrmuc (Zeppelin University)

Increasing Markups and the concentration of Market shares  
Presenter: Guy Leonel Siwe (Montreal University)  
Discussant: Cagatay Bircan (EBRD)

Discussion

15:30  Closing remarks

Attendance is free and open to everyone who has pre-registered.

Please email CompetitivenessConference@nbs.sk to register your attendance by 3rd April