

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

23-24 April 2020

Hotel Falkensteiner, Bratislava, Slovakia

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

9:30 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)

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 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)

12:30 Lunch

13:30 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

15:00 Closing remarks

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

Please register filling this [form](#) by 3rd April