

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

22-24 June 2020

Program

Monday, 22 June (Day 1)

09:30 Virtual session opens/networking

09:45 Welcome address

L'udovít Ódor (Deputy Governor of the NBS) and Filippo Di Mauro (Chairman of CompNet)

10:00 Keynote speech

Robert B. Koopman (Chief Economist World Trade Organization)

10:30 Q&A

10:45 Break

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

CHAIR: Professor Carlo Altomonte (Bocconi University)

[15 min presentation, 8 min discussion, 7 min Q&A]

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: Biswajit Banerjee (National Bank of Slovakia)

Discussant: Peter Harasztosi (European Investment Bank)

Does domestic demand matter for firms' export?

Presenter: Antonio Rua (Bank of Portugal)

Discussant: Milan Gylánik (National Bank of Slovakia)

ICT and exports of central and eastern European countries

Presenter: Tinatin Akhvlediani (CEPS and Warsaw University)

Discussant: Yilmaz Kilicaslan (Anadolu University)

13:00 Break

14:00 SESSION 2: Finance and Growth

CHAIR: Aurelija Proškutė (Bank of Lithuania)

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: Matthias Mertens (IWH)

Trade, Misallocation and Capital Market Integration

Presenter: Laszlo Teteny (New York University)

Discussant: Patricia Wruuck (European Investment Bank)

15:30 End first day

Tuesday, 23 June (Day 2)

11:00 SESSION 3: Environmental Policies and Sustainability

CHAIR: Paloma Lopez-Garcia (European Central Bank)

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: Erik Canton (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)

12:30 Break

14:00 SESSION 4: Firm Performance and Competitiveness

CHAIR: Gianmarco I.P. Ottaviano (Bocconi University)

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)

Trade Liberalization: winners and losers in a search framework

Presenter: Pawel Langer (New York University)

Discussant: Rozalia Pal (European Investment Bank)

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)

15:30 End of second day

Wednesday, 24 June (Day 3)

11:00 SESSION 5: Micro indicators for policy analysis

CHAIR: Giorgio Barba Navaretti (University of Milan)

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)

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)

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)

13:00 Break

14:00 Policy Panel/Webinar – COVID and productivity

CHAIR: Martin Suster (National Bank of Slovakia)

Participants:

Beata Javorcik (EBRD), Debora Revoltella (EIB), Joao Amador (Banco de Portugal), Robert Koopman (WTO)

15:30 Closing remarks and end of the Conference
