

Economic Convergence or Divergence in the EU?

How do we spot the trends in convergence and how can they help us to understand and stimulate the process? What roles do education, structural funds and regional factors play in this process? What policy measures can the EU use to foster economic convergence and deter divergence in the coming decade? Representatives from the EU institutions, academic researchers, economists and other experts consider these questions and offer their insight. Join us and share your views on these important questions.

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09.00 – 09.30 **Registration**

09.30 – 09.45 **Welcome and Introduction**

Brigitte Preissl, Editor-in-Chief, Intereconomics and *Daniel Gros*, Director, CEPS

09.45 – 11.00 **Session I: Trends of Economic Convergence**

Moderator: *Jiffer Bourguignon*, Intereconomics

Cinzia Alcidì, CEPS

Barry Eichengreen, University of California, Berkeley

Michael Burda, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.45 **Session II: Drivers of Convergence/Divergence in the EU**

Moderator: *Cinzia Alcidì*, CEPS

Mathias Dolls, CESifo

Christian Bodewig, World Bank

László Andor, Corvinus University, Budapest

12.45 – 13.45 Lunch Break

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13.45 – 15.00

Session III: What can the EU do?

Moderator: *Brigitte Preissl*, Intereconomics

Ioana Rus, Regional Policy, European Commission

Dario Guarascio, INAPP

Jorge Núñez Ferrer, CEPS

15.00 – 15.30

Coffee Break

15.30 – 17.00

Roundtable Debate: How much Divergence can the EU take?

Moderator: *Alan Beattie*, Financial Times

Barry Eichengreen, University of California, Berkeley

Daniel Gros, CEPS

Charles Wyplosz, ICMB

Maria João Rodrigues, MEP

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