

Euro changeover – what should or shouldn't be done? Conference on Euro Changeover Preparations

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10-11th March 2011

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Each session is followed by questions and answers

8:00-9:00	Registration and welcome coffee
9:00-9:30	Opening
	<p>Ludwik Kotecki – Government Plenipotentiary for Euro Adoption in Poland, Secretary of State, Ministry of Finance, Poland</p> <p>Witold Koziński – NBP's Board Plenipotentiary for Euro Adoption, Vice President, Narodowy Bank Polski, Poland</p>
9:30-11:00	Cash Changeover
	<p>Chair: Antti Heinonen – Chairman of the Executive Committee, Central Bank Counterfeit Deterrence Group, Former Director Banknotes, European Central Bank</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <p>Stefan Augustin – Director of Cashier's Division and Payment Systems Department, Oesterreichische Nationalbank, Austria</p> <p>Andrej Slížik – Head of Currency Circulation Section, Currency Circulation Department, Národná Banka Slovenska, Slovakia</p> <p>Comments by the Chair and discussion</p>
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-13:00	Preparing the financial sector
	<p>Chair: Benjamin Angel – Head of Financial Institutions and Financial Stability Unit, DG ECFIN, European Commission</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <p>Helmut Rittgen – Head of the Cash Department, Deutsche Bundesbank, Germany</p> <p>Darko Bohnec – Vice Governor, Banka Slovenije, Former Member of the National Coordination Committee for the Euro Adoption, Slovenia</p> <p>Comments by the Chair and discussion</p>
13:00-14:15	Lunch

14:15-14:30	European Commission's view: practical preparations to the euro changeover
	Benjamin Angel – Head of Financial Institutions and Financial Stability Unit, DG ECFIN, European Commission
14:30-16:00	Preparing the non-financial sector
	<p>Chair: Juan Peñalosa – Head of Forecasting and Conjunctural Analysis Division, Banco de España, Spain</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <p>Giuseppe Capuano – Head of Unit SME and Craft, Ministry of Economic Development, Italy</p> <p>Alan Camilleri – Executive Chairman, Malta Enterprise and Malta Industrial Parks, Former Executive Director of the National Euro Changeover Committee, Malta</p> <p>Comments by the Chair and discussion</p>
16:00-16:30	Coffee break
16:30-18:00	Preparing public administration
	<p>Chair: Nabil Jijakli – Secretary General, National Ducroire Office, the Belgian Export Credit Agency, former Coordinator of the Belgian eurochangeover Board, Belgium</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <p>Emmanuel Constans – Inspecteur Général des Finances, Ombudsman of the Ministries of Economy and Budget, President of the Consultative Committee for the Financial Sector (CCSF), Former Head of the Euro Mission, France</p> <p>Andreas Charalambous – Director, Directorate of Economic Research and EU Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Cyprus</p> <p>Comments by the Chair and discussion</p>

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8:30-9:00	Welcome coffee
9:00-10:30	Consumer Protection
	<p>Chair: Siim Raie – Director General, Estonian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Estonia</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <p>Karl Kollmann – Deputy Head, Consumer Policy Department, Austrian Federal Chamber of Labour, Austria</p> <p>Joseph F.X. Zahra – Managing Director, Market Intelligence Services Co. Ltd., Former Chairman of the National Euro Changeover Committee, Malta</p> <p>Comments by the Chair and discussion</p>
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-12:30	Information Campaign
	<p>Chair: Jens Matthiessen – Deputy Head of Communication Unit, DG ECFIN, European Commission</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <p>Jeroen Sprenger – Project Manager, Ministry of Finance, Former Director of Communication, Ministry of Finance, The Netherlands</p> <p>Martin Šuster – Director of Research Department, Národná Banka Slovenska, Former Head of the Euro Communication Working Committee, Slovakia</p> <p>Comments by the Chair and discussion</p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-14:15	Estonia: latest experiences
	Tanel Ross – Deputy Secretary-General for Development, European Union and Foreign Relations, Ministry of Finance, Estonia
14:15-14:30	Polish preparations for euro adoption
	Marek Rozkrut – Director of Financial Policy, Analyses and Statistics Department, Supervisor of the Bureau of Government Plenipotentiary for Euro Adoption in Poland, Ministry of Finance, Poland

14:30-15:30	Panel discussion: Implications for regional preparations for the euro – Visegrad countries and Estonia
	<p>Igor Barát – Member of the Board of Directors, Poštová Banka, Former Plenipotentiary of the Government of the Slovak Republic for Introduction of the Euro, Slovakia</p> <p>Oldřich Dědek – Chief Coordinator for Euro Adoption in the Czech Republic, Ministry of Finance, Czech Republic</p> <p>Dávid Gulyás – Head of Economic Forecasting and Modelling Unit, Ministry for National Economy, Hungary</p> <p>Tanel Ross – Deputy Secretary-General for Development, European Union and Foreign Relations, Ministry of Finance, Estonia</p> <p>Marek Rozkrut – Director of Financial Policy, Analyses and Statistics Department, Supervisor of the Bureau of Government Plenipotentiary for Euro Adoption in Poland, Ministry of Finance, Poland</p>