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Europe's midlife crisis:

A questionnaire on problems and solutions

We are approaching the final phase of the WWWforEurope project to design a new growth path for Europe. It could not come at a more interesting point in time, with many unsolved problems, high uncertainty, and new challenges for Europe. Please take a look at our [most recent project summary](#) for some tentative results and send us your thoughts.

To make your feedback easier, we have developed a short questionnaire about the main topics addressed in the project and the challenges Europe is facing, as well as our tentative answers, e.g. the likelihood of much lower growth, the importance of inequality, and the instruments to prevent climate change.

You can [answer it online](#) or [download it here](#), fill it out and send it to [wwwforeurope-office\(at\)wifo.ac.at](mailto:wwwforeurope-office(at)wifo.ac.at). We will also send you an email with the questionnaire attached for your convenience.

It only takes 5 minutes – and your feedback would be much appreciated.

Save the date for the presentation of our results: WWWforEurope Final Conference

On February 25th, 2016, we will present our Synthesis Report in Brussels. Please save the date – you will receive your invitation in the upcoming weeks. We are looking forward to your attendance!

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Making immigration worthwhile for everybody - WWWforEurope research

People escaping war and seeking asylum all over Europe has most certainly been the most-debated topic in the last few weeks. See "[Reaping the benefits of migration in an ageing Europe](#)" by Jesus Crespo Cuaresma (WU Vienna University of Business and Economics), Peter Huber (WIFO), and Anna Raggl (WU) as well as our further research papers on migration which include:

Crespo Cuaresma et al. (2015), Migration in an ageing Europe: What are the challenges? WWWforEurope Working Paper No. 79

Huber (2015), What institutions help immigrants integrate? WWWforEurope Working Paper No. 77

Horvath, Huber (2013), The impact of networks, segregation and diversity on migrants' labour market integration. WWWforEurope Working Paper No. 22

Huber, Oberdabernig (2013), Does migration threaten the sustainability of European welfare states? WWWforEurope Working Paper No. 21

Dohse, Gold (2014), Cultural diversity and economic policy. WWWforEurope Working Paper No. 64

Dohse, Gold (2014), Determining the impact of cultural diversity on regional economies in Europe. WWWforEurope Working Paper No. 58

Schneebaum et al. (2014), Gender and migration background in intergenerational educational mobility. WWWforEurope Policy Paper No. 11

Altzinger et al. (2015), Education and social mobility in Europe: Levelling the playing field for Europe's children and fuelling its economy. WWWforEurope Working Paper No. 80

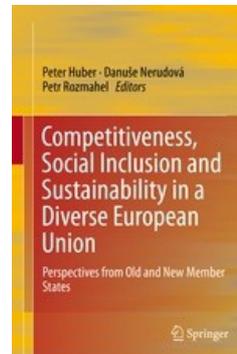
Crespo Cuaresma et al. (2013), *On the determinants of global bilateral migration flows*. WWWforEurope Working Paper No. 5

Nowotny (2015), *Institutions and the location decisions of highly skilled migrants to Europe*. WWWforEurope Working Paper No. 78

Huber, Oberdabernig (2015), *The impact of welfare benefits on natives' and immigrants' attitudes towards immigration*. WWWforEurope Working Paper No. 82

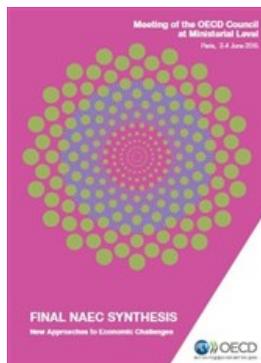
Competitiveness, social inclusion and sustainability in a diverse European Union

Bringing together researchers in Eastern and Western Europe, Peter Huber (WIFO), Danuše Nerudová, and Petr Rozmahel (both Mendel University Brno) have edited a volume titled "[Competitiveness, Social Inclusion and Sustainability in a diverse European Union](#)". Based to a large extent on research conducted for the WWWforEurope project, the book examines the key challenges faced by the EU – such as immigration – in its effort to establish a socially inclusive and greener path to growth, and develops policy recommendations to simultaneously achieve the EU 2020 agenda's long-term goals. [You can find a list of all WWWforEurope research in scientific journals and other publications on our website!](#)



The economics of gender equality

So far, the economic case for gender equality and female empowerment has gained stronger attention in the case of developing countries where women have far less rights and opportunities compared to developed ones. Hence, the grounds supporting gender equality have been much stronger and much more researched in the former. WWWforEurope Equality Manager Janneke Plantenga (Utrecht University) has written a review of the literature in three propositions and two questions – [download it on our website!](#)



Final Report of the OECD's New Approaches to Economic Challenges initiative

The final report of the [OECD's New Approaches to Economic Challenges \(NAEC\) initiative](#), a comprehensive organisation-wide reflection process, has been published. WWWforEurope has [cooperated with the NAEC initiative in the past](#) and it and some of its research results have been featured in the report. [Learn more and download the report on our website.](#)

Urban sustainability transitions: Actors, resources, indicators at the 2015 ESEE Conference

At the 2015 Conference of the European Society for Ecological Economics (ESEE) in Leeds, UK, WWWforEurope researchers Thomas Sauer, Stephanie Barnebeck (both University of Applied Sciences Jena), and Judith Schicklinski (Free University of Bolzano) held a special session focusing on cities' significant contribution to sustainability transition as "laboratories of transformation". [Read an in-depth report of the session here.](#)

WWWforEurope goes to Japan: The XVIIth World Economic History Congress 2015

Marina Fischer-Kowalski (Institute of Social Ecology, Alpen-Adria University Klagenfurt) presented "Societies' energy metabolism, revolutions, and transition to 'modernity'" based on the research she conducted with, among others, Fridolin Krausmann, Irene Pallua and Elena Rovenskaya (all Institute of Social Ecology), at the XVIIth World Economic History Congress in Kyoto, Japan, in a session titled: "Long run economic growth and the environment: international comparison from a socio-metabolic perspective", attracting a large audience and discussions that lasted beyond the timeframe of the session. [Find out more and download the WWWforEurope research papers on our website!](#)

The 2015 European Forum Alpbach on "InEquality"



WWWforEurope researchers and board members took part in a variety of panels, break-out sessions, and seminars, all on this year's theme "InEquality" at the 2015 European Forum Alpbach. Some of the topics: "Intergenerational Justice and Economic Outcomes", "The End of Energy Revolution", "How to Grow or Not to Grow – that is the Question!"



Breakout Session at EFA 2015 © WIFO

WWWforEurope board members Gunilla Almgren, President of UEAPME, and former EU Commissioner, now President of the European Forum Alpbach, Franz Fischler as well as Mathilde Mesnard of the OECD joined WWWforEurope coordinator Karl Aiginger for a press conference. [Find more details and our press release on our website!](#)

At the OeNB workshop "Towards a genuine Economic and Monetary Union"

At the international workshop "Toward a Genuine Economic and Monetary Union" organised by the Austrian National Bank in Vienna in September 2015, WWWforEurope researchers Stefan Ederer and Margit Schratzenstaller (both WIFO) presented selected WWWforEurope research results and policy recommendations, focusing on "Macroeconomic Imbalances and Institutional Reforms in the EMU" and "Sustainable Tax Policy Beyond the Tax Ratio for the EU as Core Element of a 'Fiscal Union'" respectively. [Read more here!](#)

Call for papers for conference "Imperative of Economic Growth in the Eurozone"

WWWforEurope partner Mendel University Brno will organise a conference on "Imperative of Economic Growth in the Eurozone: Competitiveness, Capital Flows and Structural Reforms" scheduled for November 26th and 27th, 2015. The conference will feature a WWWforEurope special session where selected WWWforEurope research results will be presented. [Please find the call for papers here!](#)

Don't forget, we want your opinion - have you answered our questionnaire?

We are approaching the end of a very interesting project at an extremely interesting point in time. Please send us your feedback by [answering the questionnaire online](#) or by [downloading it here](#) and sending it back to [wwwforeurope-office\(at\)wifo.ac.at](mailto:wwwforeurope-office(at)wifo.ac.at). Tell others about the project and pass on the questionnaire to friends and colleagues. Thank you very much in advance!

In the face of the financial and economic crisis and long-term challenges from globalisation, demographic shifts, climate change, and new technologies, Europe needs to redefine its socio-ecological strategy. The objective of WWWforEurope – Welfare, Wealth and Work for Europe is to strengthen the analytical foundation of this strategy. WWWforEurope is a four year research project within the 7th Framework Programme funded by the European Commission, coordinated by the Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO) and brings together researchers from 34 scientific institutions in 12 European countries. For more information see [w w w.foreurope.eu](http://www.foreurope.eu).

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