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The first WWforEurope policy brief presented in Brussels



“Reconciling the short and the long run: governance reforms to solve the crisis and beyond”: Under this heading the first of nine policy briefs of the research project **WWforEurope** within the 7th Framework Programme was published in November 2012. The policy brief was presented by the authors – Karl Aiginger, director of WIFO, and Roger Liddle, chair of Policy Network – in Brussels on November 8th, 2012 in several meetings with representatives of the European Commission, Members of the European Parliament and journalists of European media. The brief analyses the shortcomings of current EU economic governance in the face of the on-going economic crisis and the long-term challenges European economies have to cope with. Crisis management is lacking an anchor in a long term vision for a new growth model for Europe, such as the one pursued by the Europe 2020 strategy. To reconcile the short and long run in European policy making a set of policy recommendations is developed ranging from measures addressing fiscal problems and financial market uncertainties to elaborating measures to stimulate growth and employment as well as institutional reforms aimed at strengthening the Monetary Union. Download the policy brief from the project website [here](#).

Find the press release concerning the policy brief under [here](#).

An impressive start of the WWforEurope project



With a start-up workshop in April 2012, a cutting edge scientific workshop focusing on European governance and the problems in peripheral countries in July 2012, and the first policy brief published in November (see above) the **WWforEurope** project started with an impressive momentum that reflects the need for a new approach to EU economic governance. This four-year research project brings together researchers from 33 scientific institutions in 12 European countries. The project will provide an analytical basis for a new European development strategy, enabling social-ecological transition and leading to higher rates of employment, social inclusion, gender equity and environmental sustainability.

WWforEurope is coordinated by the Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO). All activities of **WWforEurope** can be followed on the project's website www.foreurope.eu.

WWforEurope addresses development options of rural and peripheral EU regions

Within the scope of its activities, fifteen researchers from the Area 5 of the **WWforEurope** project met on October 25-26 at the Jena University of Applied Sciences, Germany, to discuss research issues concerning the role of regions in the socio-ecological transition of Europe. Peter Huber, WIFO, during a public lecture, presented options for the development of peripheral EU regions in the context of the economic crisis. He drew on recent developments in Greece, Italy, Portugal and Spain to identify cases where competitiveness and sustainability are addressed jointly, in national and regional policies. The research results will be available in the second **WWforEurope** policy brief, to be published at the end of this year.

WWWforEuropa participating at “La lunga notte della ricerca”

The **WWWforEuropa** project was discussed and reflected on during “the long night of research” event in Bolzano. With over 13.000 visitors, it was the biggest research event in South Tyrol and was successful in enhancing public recognition of researchers and their work. The research centre of political science and law, of the Free University, involved 35 persons in interviews and dialogues focussing on institutional and normative preconditions necessary to address the ecological, economic and social challenges of societal transformation in the EU.
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WWWforEurope lecture series started in October



On October 8th, 2012, WIFO hosted the first **WWWforEurope** lecture. Julie A. Nelson’s lecture titled “Welfare Beyond GDP: Some Insights From Feminist Economics” introduced new perspectives on the parallels between feminism and ecological economics, discussing that both incorporate dimensions of human well-being, something typically neglected in current economics. As Nelson, Professor of Economics at the University of Massachusetts Boston, explained, feminist insights can improve the definition, models, and methodological approaches used in economics.

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