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This paper provides an overview of the activities of the AIECE working group on longer-term prospects and structural change in the period 1994-2007. It is the third overview of the activities.¹ Key statistics on the activities are provided in the first section of the paper. This is followed by a classification of the presentations held (section 2) and remarks on the evolution of topics over time (section 3). The complete list of presentations is given in the Annex.

¹ See for the previous two overviews: V.R. Glückmann (1985), The first quinquennium of the working group on longer term prospects and structural change (AIECE), 1980-1984; V.R. Glückmann (1994), The working group on longer term prospects and structural change (AIECE), review of the period 1985-93.

1 Key statistics on the activities of the working group

In the review period 1994-2007, the working group had 28 meetings (twice a year) with 77 presentations.² The spring meetings were held outside Brussels in the afternoon after the General Meeting, while the autumn meeting were held in Brussels during the afternoon before the General Meeting of the AIECE. The number of participants varied widely, from 15 to 55.³ Almost all meetings were chaired by Joachim Volz (DIW, Berlin). He was chairman of the working group from autumn 1993 up to spring 2006. He was succeeded by Cathérine Mathieu (OFCE, Paris).

Table: Number of presentations in the period 1994-2007 by topic

1	Medium-term issues	16
2	Labour markets and wages	13
3	Enlargement EU	10
4	Social security and welfare state	10
5	European Union	9
6	Modelling	7
7	Internationalisation & globalisation	7
8	Transition economies	6
9	Ageing and pensions	6
10	Migration	6
11	Productivity	6
12	Foreign trade & competitiveness	6
13	Fiscal Policy & Stability Pact	5
14	FDI	4
15	Macro-economic issues	4
16	Introduction of the euro	2
17	Potential output	2
18	Financial Markets	2
19	Long-term issues	1
20	Emerging economies	1
21	Environment	1
22	Miscellaneous	1

2 Topics discussed

To get an overview of the topics discussed, the 77 presentations have been classified (see Table above). Some presentations covered several issues and are therefore classified under several

² There is some underestimation in the number of presentations as not all contributions to panel discussions are counted separately.

³ A rough estimate based on the not totally complete lists of participants.

topics. The topics chosen for the classification have some overlap. This is for instance the case for the topic social security and welfare state and the topic ageing and pensions.

As can be expected for this working group, most presentations are on medium-term issues (16). This number includes presentations on the medium-term outlook. There are also many presentations on labour markets and wages (13), enlargement of the EU (10) and social security and welfare state (10).

There are not many presentations on environment (1), emerging economies (1) and financial markets (2).

3 Topics discussed over time

Recently, there have been more presentations on social security and welfare state, while there were fewer presentations on modelling. Not surprisingly, most presentations on enlargement and transition economies were in the years 2002-2004.

Questionnaires on medium-term forecasts played a more important role in the past than in recent years.

Annex: List of presentations given in the period 1994-2007

Year		Presenter	Topic/title
2007	Autumn	dr. Arjan Lejour, CPB, The Hague.	E=MC2: ESM is Meagre Collective of Country-specific Social Models
2007	Autumn	Prof. Henri Sterdyniak, OFCE, Paris.	European Social Model(s) and Social Europe
2007	Autumn	Mrs. Nicole Fasquelle, FPB, Brussels.	Long-Term Prospects for Belgian Social Protection
2007	Autumn	Mrs. Sandra Steindl, WIFO, Vienna.	Measuring potential output growth for Austria - A sensitivity analysis regarding the potential labour input.
2007	Spring	Dr. Klaus-Jürgen Gern, IfW, Kiel	Methods of medium term forecasting in an international perspective
2007	Spring	Dr. Marcel Lever, CPB, The Hague.	Charting choices: Economic effects of eight election platforms in the Netherlands
2006	Autumn	Mr. Alan Barrett, ESRI, Dublin	The Labour Market Characteristics and Labour Market Impacts of Immigrants in Ireland
2006	Autumn	Mrs. Victoria Chorny, CPB, The Hague	Immigration and the welfare state
2006	Autumn	Mr. Jonas Dovern (IfW, Kiel).	Macroeconomic Aspects of Structural Labor Market Reforms in Germany
2006	Autumn	Mr. Joachim Volz, DIW, Berlin	German wage policy
2006	Autumn	Mrs. Nina Prešern, SKEP-CCIS, Ljubljana	EURO: Big bang scenario of introducing common European currency? Slovenian case - two months before
2006	Spring	Mrs. Stefania Tomasini and Mrs, Lorena Vincenzi, Prometeia Bologna	The labour demand in Europe: has anything changed in the last decade? Some pieces of empirical evidence
2006	Spring	Mrs. Stefania Tomasini and Mrs, Lorena Vincenzi, Prometeia Bologna	The European economy in the medium term
2005	Autumn	Mr. Ray Barrell, NIESR, London	Consumption, Income and Wealth: a time series based panel data study of Europe and the US
2005	Autumn	Mr. Xavier Timbeau, OFCE, Paris	Bank indebtedness of households and the saving rate (L'immobilier, pilier de la croissance ou épée de Damoclès?)
2005	Autumn	Mr. Sjeff Ederveen, CPB, The Hague	Explaining labour and leisure time in European Union member states.
2005	Spring	Mrs. Rita Kobel Rohr and Mr. Christoph Siepmann, KOF, Zurich	The Impact of the Increasing International Division of Labour on Europe's Foreign Trade
2005	Spring	Mrs. Rita Kobel Rohr and Mr. Christoph Siepmann, KOF, Zurich	The European economy in the medium term
2004	Autumn	Mr. Fabian Wallen, Confederation of Swedish Enterprises	Productivity and competitiveness from a Swedish perspective
2004	Autumn	Albert van der Horst, CPB, The Hague	Is the productivity slowdown in Europe temporary?
2004	Autumn	Alain Henriot and Carole Deneuve, COE, Paris	Recent developments in French labour productivity and working time reduction
2004	Autumn	Éva Palócz, KOPINT-DATORG, Budapest	Productivity gap and restructuring in Hungary
2004	Spring	Mrs Jana Sereghyová, CCSF Prague	'Factors underlying regional differences in competitiveness and opportunities for its improvement in the east-enlarged Union

2004	Spring	Mrs. Éva Palócz and Mr. Zoltán Ákos Kovács, KOPINT/Budapest .	The medium-term report, Real and nominal wage convergence and harmonization of taxes in the EU, with special attention to CEE acceding countries and experiences of cohesion countries.
2003	Autumn	Joachim Volz, DIW Berlin	Public finance in the EMU countries - current situation and problems
2003	Autumn	John Fitz Gerald, ESRI Dublin	Problems and necessary policy coordination with regard to the SGP
2003	Autumn	Catharine Mathieu, OFCE Paris	The Stability and Growth Pact: Necessities for reform
2003	Autumn	Albert van der Horst, CPB The Hague	Equilibrium unemployment in the OECD with an application to the policy debate.
2003	Spring	Mr. Xavier Timbeau, OFCE Paris	Assessment of the medium-term prospects
2003	Spring	Mrs Jana Sereghyová, CCSF Prague	The opening of China's economy
2003	Spring	Mrs Hiltrud Nehls, RWI Essen	Credit crunch in Germany?
2002	Autumn	Ray Barrell and Dawn Holland, NIESR London	An Econometric Macro-Model of Transition: Policy Choices in the Pre-Accession Period
2002	Autumn	John Bradly, ESRI Dublin	Modelling in Central and Eastern Europe: What have we learned?
2002	Autumn	Alain Henriot, COE Paris	Prospects for the location of industrial activities after the EU enlargement
2002	Autumn	Jan Przystupa, FTRI Warsaw	On factors contributing to the structure of trade (role of FDI)
2002	Autumn	Ewald Walterskirchen, Wifo Vienna	Macro-economic and labour market effects of EU-enlargement
2002	Spring	Gerard van Welzenis and Wim Hulsman, CPB, The Hague	Assessment of the medium-term prospects
2002	Spring	Prof. Dr. K. Prodromidis, Economic University of Athens	Fiscal Instruments, Political Business Cycles and EMU
2001	Autumn		Panel discussion on migration in connection with EU-enlargement
2001	Autumn	Mrs Carole Deneuve, COE, Paris	French enterprises and migration
2001	Autumn	Mr Juliusz Kotynski , FTRI Warsaw	A Polish view on migration
2001	Autumn	Mr Herbert Bruecker, DIW Berlin	Potential migration after EU enlargement,
2001	Autumn	Ágnes Hárs, Kopint-Datorg, Budapest	A Hungarian view on migration in the context of EU enlargement,
2001	Autumn	Mrs Odile Chagny, OFCE, Paris	Measurement problems of working time in developed countries
2001	Spring	Mr. Ray Barrell and Mrs. Dawn Holland, NIESR London	Assessment of the medium-term prospects
2001	Spring		Panel discussion on wage behaviour in times of external price shocks
2001	Spring	Mr. Oscar-Erich Kuntze, IfO Munich	The treaty for work in Bavaria - A proper means of labour market policy?,
2001	Spring	Mr. John FitzGerald, ESRI Dublin	Wage formation and regime changes in Ireland
2001	Spring	Mr. Fedele de Novellis, IRS Milano	Current problems of wage formation in Italy,
2000	Autumn	Mrs Margherita Cagiano, ISEA, Rome, Mr Juha Honkatukia, ETLA Helsinki Mr Bergmann, European Commission, Brussels	Panel discussion on Kyoto/ecological taxes by:

2000	Autumn	Mr Krzysztof Marczewski, IKCHZ, Warsaw	What and why economic policies in the CEE-countries have been right or wrong?
2000	Spring	Mr.Oscar-Erich Kuntze, IfO Munich	Assessment of the medium-term prospects
2000	Spring	Mr. András Köves , Kopint-Datarg, Budapest with contributions by Mr. Krzysztof Marczewski, FTRI Warsaw and Mrs. Jana Sereghyová, CCSF Prague.	Developments in Central and Eastern Europe, Some Aspects of Medium-term Development in Central and Eastern Europe
1999	Autumn	On Austria Georg Busch, European Commission Brussels On Finland Jukka Lassila, ETLA Helsinki on France Henry Sterdinyak, OFCE Paris on Germany Klaus-Jürgen Gern, IfW Kiel on Italy Pia Sarraceno, IRS Milano	Problems of the social security systems, especially with regard to the old age insurance systems'
1999	Spring	Mr. John Fitz Gerald, ESRI Dublin	Assessment of the medium-term prospects
1999	Spring	ISAE Rome	Special study on sectoral cycles
1998	Autumn	Alain Henriot, COE Paris (contr. EC, KOPINT, FTRI-Warsaw, SKEP, WIFO, DGPEDC)	The enlargement of the European Union,
1998	Spring	Martin Foeth, BIPE Paris	Medium-term prospects
1997	Autumn	DULBEA, DIW, KEPE, Prometeia, Industriforbundet, NIESR	The Euro from a country viewpoint
1997	Spring	Knut A. Magnussen, Statistics Norway	Medium-term prospects
1997	Spring	Jan Hansen, DEC Copenhagen	The application of a Danish general equilibrium model
1996	Autumn	WIFO, CPER, CPB, SKEP	Labour market policies in smaller countries in a medium-term perspective.
1996	Spring	Paavo Suni, ETLA Helsinki	Medium-term prospects
1996	Spring	Victor Glückmann	Variations in the distribution of world GDP
1996	Spring	EI-AS Prague, FTRI-Warsaw, SKEP, GKI and Frances Ruane-Dublin	Foreign direct investment in smaller economies
1995	Autumn	Sergio de Nardis, Confindustria Roma	The internationalization of the Italian economy
1995	Autumn	Jana Sereghyová, CCSF Prague	The final phase of the privatization in the Czech Republic
1995	Spring	Wim Hulsman, Hans Timmer, CPB The Hague	The European Economy to the Year 2000,
1995	Spring	Roland Pac, FTRI Warsaw	Investment opportunities in Poland in light of last two years experience
1994	Autumn	Éva Havasi, Kopint-Datarg Budapest	L'accord d'association conclu avec l'Union Européenne et le commerce extérieur Hongrois
1994	Autumn	Ben Geurts, CPB The Hague	WorldScan, a long-term model for Scenario ANalysis, and the rise of Asia.
1994	Spring	Guja Bacchilega, Paolo Onofri, Prometeia Bologna	Medium-term prospects for the European economies,
1994	Spring	Victor Glückmann, KOF Zurich	The working group on longer-term prospects and structural change; review of the period 1985-1993,