

Steering Committee

October 2010

Brussels

Agenda

- Next Meeting Essen 5-6th May
- Where in May 2012 (Madrid, Paris, London, Berlin)
- Who in Autumn 2011
- The Evaluation 20/38 received
 - comments have been taken into account
 - There is a follow up wave
- Working Groups have been merged
- Slovenia and Slovakia memberships
 - SKEP remains a member but has to show it fulfils requirements
 - The Slovakian observer has asked if they can become dormant
- New Secretary of AIECE, also from IRES, takes over in Essen with Paul Olbrechts present
- Accounts for 2009 and for 2010-11
 - New subscription level to pay the working group travel costs
 - Ensure everybody has paid.

Responses to a changing environment

- The Steering Committee considers that we need to redesign meetings to increase participation by members and policy makers
- The Steering Committee proposes that we reduce the scale and scope of the General Report (GR)
 - The GR should cover the European Economies only to reduce the work of the responding and reporting institution
 - The GR questions should be reduced to a minimum and should cover forecasts and policy only with no special topics
- In order to increase participation by policy making bodies the Steering Committee propose that there should be more separate presentations by Institutes and policy makers
- The meeting in Essen will discuss these proposals and if accepted Essen will be the last meeting in the current format

Administration and Advertising

- The general view appears to be that In order to maximise impact of our work we should stress its academic strengths
 - This requires more separate presentations by Institutes
 - It also requires a different form of presentation and a different structure at our meetings
- At the Brussels session it would be good if people could book trains and planes that allowed them to stay on Friday afternoon
- The Thursday start time in Brussels is designed to allow arrival on Thursday to reduce accommodation costs
- I think that we need to involve local policy makers at the Spring meeting and they are generally now more used to academic style conferences where papers are presented

AIECE Autumn Meetings from 2011

- Thursday
 - 10.00-12.30 Medium Term Group papers
 - 14.00-15.00 Trade and Commodities group
 - 15.00-18.00 The External Environment
 - Brief presentation by an AIECE Institute that regularly produces a world forecast
 - Discussion and presentations invited from IMF, OECD, EC etc
- Friday
 - 9.00-12.30 Europe/Euro Area General Report
 - by an Institute based on a short questionnaire
 - 14.00-16.00 General Report - Monetary and Fiscal Policy
 - Special interest presentations by specific countries
 - Presentations by EC and ECB on policy

Afternoon on Friday in Brussels

- **16.00-17.00 Tools workshop**
 - This will rotate between (at least) these topics and are designed to increase contacts between Institutes and policy s research bodies
 - Short Term Indicators techniques
 - Turning point indicators developments
 - Trend and Cycle decomposition techniques
 - Large models and forecasts
- **Papers from Eurostat, EC, and ECB**
 - If there are several papers from outsiders we will start earlier.
 - We are not aiming to invite outside academics as we are advertising what we do to policy makers
 - The session will strengthen AIECE links with policy makers

AIECE Spring Meetings from 2012

- Thursday
 - 9.30-10.30 Trade and Commodities group
 - 10.30-12.30 The External Environment
 - Brief presentation by an AIECE Institute that regularly produces a world forecast with extensive discussions
 - 14.00-18.00 Europe/Euro Area General Report
 - by an Institute based on a short questionnaire
- Friday
 - 9.30-12.30 General Report - Monetary and Fiscal Policy
 - Special interest presentations by specific countries
 - Presentations from local policy makers on topics
 - 14.00-18.00 Structural Issues
 - Papers from Medium Term group
 - Papers by outside bodies (EC, OECD) and local Policy makers

External Environment

- The external environment presentation will help minimise work involved in keeping AIECE functioning
 - The presentation of the external environment will not be based on a questionnaire
- The Steering Committee decided to ask Institutes to volunteer to join a list of 6 to 8 Institutes who would rotate
 - Institutes who are included in the list should have a major forecasting and research focus on the international environment
 - The Steering Committee will approach Institutes and ask them to take on this task, but we will not ask the host Institute or the Institute doing the Report
- The Institutes who wish to be included should send a recent world forecast and research to the steering committee before the Spring meeting and it will be discussed at the steering committee

Details of extra papers

- The medium term group will organise its sessions with help from the steering committee and local Institutes in the Spring
 - The Spring host could invite local academics with standing to present after consulting the medium term group
- The steering committee will invite extra papers from IMF, OECD, ECB and EC for the external environment and monetary and fiscal policy sessions
 - The host will invite local policy makers to present at the monetary and fiscal policy sessions in Spring
- The steering committee and the medium term group will invite papers from EC, ECD, OECD and Eurostat as well as from member institutes for the tools sessions