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LIST OF SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS

Introductory Remarks

Boris Vujčić is the Governor of the Croatian National Bank, prior to which he was Deputy Governor (2000-12). He is the Chairman of the steering committee of the Vienna Initiative. He has also been a member of the managing board of the Global Development Network since 2006. He has taught at the University of Zagreb since 1989, and was the Director of the Research Department at the Croatian National Bank in 1997-2000. He has also played a prominent role in the country's accession talks with the EU.



Opening Remarks

Tao Zhang assumed the role of Deputy Managing Director at the IMF on August 22, 2016. He brings extensive international economic expertise and experience in policymaking, including with international financial institutions, from his previous appointments as the Deputy Governor of the People's Bank of China and the IMF Executive Director for China from 2011 to 2015. Mr. Zhang holds an M.A. and a Ph.D. in International Economics from the University of California, Santa Cruz, as well as a B.S. in Electrical Engineering and an M.S. in Finance from Tsinghua University in Beijing.



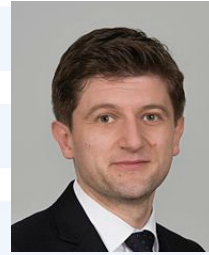
Welcoming Remarks

Andrej Plenković has been the Prime Minister of Croatia and the Chairman of the Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ) since 2016. Following his graduation from the Zagreb Faculty of Law in 1993, Plenković held various bureaucratic positions in the Croatian Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs. After completing a Master's Degree in International Law in 2002, he served as Deputy Chief of Croatia's mission to the EU. Between 2005 and 2010, he was Croatia's Deputy Ambassador to France, before leaving the post to become State Secretary for European Integration. He was subsequently elected to the Croatian Parliament in 2011. He was one of eleven Croatian members of the European Parliament, serving from Croatia's accession to the European Union in 2013 until his resignation as MEP when he took office as Prime Minister.



Closing Remarks

Zdravko Marić has been the Finance Minister of the Republic of Croatia since 2016. He worked as the Executive Director for Strategy and Capital Markets at Agrokor in 2012-16. Mr. Marić was the State Secretary in the Ministry of Finance in 2008-12, and the Assistant Minister for Macroeconomic Analysis and Planning in 2006-08. In 2006, he became the Assistant Minister for Macroeconomic Analyses and Planning in the Ministry of Finance, where his area of responsibilities primarily included state budget, and macroeconomic analyses and planning.



Key note address:

Christian Dustmann is Professor of Economics at University College London. He is also the founding Director of the Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration. He is the current President of the European Society of Labor Economists (EALE) and was the President of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) in 2008. Professor Dustmann is an elected Fellow of the British Academy (FBA), the German National Academy of Sciences (Leopoldina), the Academy of Europe (Academia Europaea), and the Society of Labor Economists (SOLE). He is a leading labor economist and his work in areas such as migration, the economics of education, inequality, the economics of crime, and the economics of labor markets have appeared in academic journals including the Quarterly Journal of Economics, the American Economic Review, the Journal of Political Economy, and the Review of Economic Studies. He regularly advises government bodies, international organizations, and the media on current policy issues.



Session I – Economic Growth and Labor Market Bottlenecks

Panelists

Dubravko Mihaljek is Head of Operations in the Monetary and Economic Department of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) in Basel, in charge of internal operations and coordination of research and policy analyses. Mr. Mihaljek previously held positions of Head of Macroeconomic Analysis (2011–18) and Head of Emerging Markets (2010–11). Before joining the BIS in 1999, Mr. Mihaljek was Economist and Senior Economist in Fiscal Affairs, European and Asian Departments of the IMF (1990–99); and Researcher in the Economics Institute Zagreb (1982–89). He studied economics at the University of Pittsburgh (PhD, 1990); University of Minnesota (MA, 1986); and University of Zagreb (BA, 1981). Research interests include international macroeconomics, monetary policy, public finance and economic development.



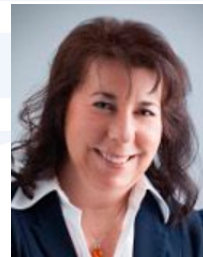
Prof. Raul Eamets is Professor of Macroeconomics at the University of Tartu, Estonia. Currently he is Head of the Institute of Economics and Chairman of the Council of EuroCollege at the University of Tartu. Prof. Eamets is also Director of the PhD Program at the faculty of Economics. From 2004 to 2009 he was a Board member of the Bank of Estonia. He has been a short-term research visitor at Birkbeck College (London), IZA, CERGE-EI (Prague) and CLS (Aarhus). His main interests in the area of labor market flexibility are issues like labor market flows, firm entry and exit, educational economics, flexicurity, industrial relations, employment protection and labor policy issues.



Piotr Lewandowski is a labour economist, President of the Board at Institute for Structural Research (IBS), Warsaw, Poland, and Research Fellow at IZA, Bonn, Germany. In the past he collaborated with Warsaw School of Economics and the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy in Poland. His research interests include the impact of technology on jobs, wage polarization, labour market segmentation, minimum wage, and labour market effects of climate and energy policies.



Doris Ritzberger-Grünwald is Chief Economist (Director of the Economic Analysis and Research Department) of the Austrian National Bank. From June 2002 to April 2013 she served as Head of the Foreign Research Division. She is a member of the Monetary Policy Committee of the European Central Bank, an Executive Board member of the Joint Vienna Institute and represents the OeNB in the Austrian Fiscal Advisory Council. She holds master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Vienna. Her fields of policy-oriented research include monetary policy, economic growth, convergence issues, inflation, enlargement of the European Union and the European Monetary Union, with a special focus on Central, Eastern and South-Eastern European Countries.



Moderator

Hrvoje Krešić is one of the most prominent journalists in Croatia. He is a senior political reporter and producer with N1, a leading CNN-affiliated 24-hour news programme in South-Eastern Europe. His career kicked off in print, he spent 8 years writing for Novi list, Croatia's oldest daily newspaper, and followed by another 8 years with RTL Croatia, country's biggest private broadcaster.



Session II – Long-term Economic Prospects and Creating a Work Force for the Future

Panelists

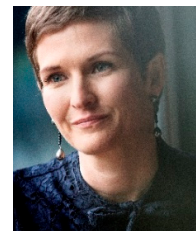
Simeon Djankov, a Bulgarian national, is the Director of Development Economics at the World Bank Group.. Prior to this, he was Senior Director in the Office of the Chief Economist also at the World Bank; Executive Director, Financial Markets Group, at the London School of Economics; and he also served as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Republic of Bulgaria for 2009 to 2013; and as Chairman of the Board, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in 2013-2014. Early in his career, he joined the World Bank Group as a Young Professional in 1997 and held other positions including founding the Doing Business project. Mr. Djankov holds an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Michigan.



George W. Leeson is Director of the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing at the University of Oxford and Senior Research Fellow in Demography at the University of Oxford. He is also a Fellow of Kellogg College, Oxford, as well as a member of the Oxford Martin School and the University's Department of Sociology. Dr Leeson is Visiting Professor of Social Demography at the University of Guanajuato-Leon in Mexico, and as a demographic expert he has been a member of the European Commission's team to develop a strategy for DG SANCO's policy and legislative framework to deliver on EU food safety and nutrition to 2050. His research interests are in the socio-economic-demographic aspects of ageing populations, and he is responsible for Oxford's Global Ageing Survey.



Judith Wallenstein leads the Boston Consulting Group (BCG) Henderson Institute in Europe. She is a core member of the German Health Care practice, focused on serving clients in the pharmaceutical industry. Judith became a BCG Fellow in 2015; through her analysis, she is examining the implications of the sharing economy and the future of work. Judith joined BCG's Munich office in 2000. She spent 18 months in the Madrid office and 12 months in the New York office as the Strategy Institute's first ambassador in 2005. Beyond her client work, Judith is part of the team managing BCG's partnership with TED and is involved in Women@BCG, a companywide career development, mentorship, and networking program.



Srinivas B. Reddy is Chief of Skills and Employability Branch at ILO Geneva since January 2018. Prior to taking up this position at ILO Headquarters, he was Country Director of the ILO Country Office in Bangladesh during 2013 to 2017. He has previously been a senior advisor on Technical and Vocational Education and Training and Skills Development Specialist and has worked in ILO field offices in India, Indonesia and Bangladesh. Mr. Reddy's professional career in Industrial relations, skills development and general management has spanned over 30 years. He has had extensive experience as skills development specialist and industrial relations expert working with wide range of partners including employers and workers organizations.



Moderator

Ali Aslan (TV Presenter and Journalist) is an international TV presenter and journalist with over 20 years' experience as a talk show host, news anchor, correspondent and moderator. His journalistic career spans across three continents and includes work for CNN in Washington DC, ABC News in New York, Channel News Asia in Istanbul and Deutsche Welle (DW) TV in Berlin. An experienced TV anchor, Aslan hosted the international talk show "Quadriga" on DW which reached 200 countries and 90 million viewers each week. Aslan studied International Affairs and Journalism at Columbia University and International Politics at Georgetown University.



Session III – Policy Roundtable: Labor, Demographics, and the Way Ahead

Panelists

Marco Buti has been the Director-General for Economic and Financial Affairs at the European Commission since 2008. He graduated from University of Florence and Oxford University. Mr Buti has been a Visiting Professor at the Université Libre de Bruxelles, the University of Florence and the European University Institute, and has published extensively on Economic and Monetary Union, macroeconomic policies, welfare state reforms, and European unemployment.



Teresa Czerwińska is a Member of the Management Board of the National Bank of Poland, and former Minister of Finance of the Republic of Poland. Before that, she was Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Finance and Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Science and Higher Education. Professor of the University of Warsaw in the field of finance (since 2011), she graduated from the University of Gdańsk, Faculty of Social Sciences and Faculty of Management. Wrote many scientific publications as well as analyses and expert opinions in the field of finance and risk management of financial institutions and socially responsible investment.



Ksenija Klampfer is the Minister of Labor, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities of the Republic of Slovenia. In 2015 she became Head of Maribor administrative unit and, from October 2017 to April 2018, worked as a State Secretary at the Ministry of Public Administration. Ms. Klampfer also lectured at the Administrative Academy and was a member of the Research Network on Administrative Law, run under the auspices of the European Union. She is a doctoral candidate of European administrative law at University of Ljubljana.



Poul Thomsen is the Director of the European Department at the International Monetary Fund since November 2014 supervising the Fund's bilateral surveillance work for the 44 countries in the Department, its policy dialogue with EU institutions, including the ECB, and its program discussions with European countries with Fund supported programs. Before that he worked as Mission Chief for Iceland, Greece and Portugal and as supervisor of the programs for Romania and Ukraine.



Moderator

Karen Tso (CNBC) has extensive business and journalistic experience of more than 15 years as a reporter and commentator for television, radio, print and digital, in both developed and emerging markets. Based in London, she co-anchors CNBC International, a flagship program in Europe, Middle East and Africa, Squawk Box, a fast-paced three-hour show that sets the daily news agenda.

