



# **DYNREG**



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**DYNAMIC REGIONS IN A KNOWLEDGE-DRIVEN GLOBAL ECONOMY:  
LESSONS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION - DYNREG**

**Final Conference**

Brussels, 27 November 2008

*Venue:* European Commission, Rue Joseph II, 79, Bloc 2C, Brussels  
Conference Room CSC/LSC, Ground Floor

***Programme***

08:30-09:00 **REGISTRATION**

09:00-09:30 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

**Iulia Siedschlag**, Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin  
**Pierre Valette**, European Commission, DG Research

**Session 1 UNDERSTANDING GLOBAL ECONOMIC DYNAMISM**

9:30-11:30 **Chair:** Martin Hallet, European Commission, DG ECFIN

**On the dynamics of economic growth: an expert survey**  
George Petrakos, University of Thessaly

**Inequalities in income and education and regional economic growth in western Europe**

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose and Vassilis Tselios, London School of Economics

**Economic growth, innovation and social development: lessons from the Chinese case**

Jacques Vilrocx and Tom Vermeulen, Free University Brussels

**Skilled labour mobility and knowledge transfer: The role of mobile knowledge spillover agents for the development of regions"**

Bernhard Kurka, Gunther Maier, Christian Reiner, Michaela Trippel, University of Economics and Business Administration, Vienna

**Discussion**

11:30-12:00 *Coffee Break*

**Session 2: INTERNATIONALISATION OF PRODUCTION AND COMPETITIVENESS**

12:00- 13:30 **Chair:** Selen Sarisoy Guerin, Center for European Policy Studies, Brussels

**Is FDI into China crowding out the FDI into the European Union?**

Laura Resmini, University Valle d'Aosta, Iulia Siedschlag, Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin

**Import penetration, intermediate inputs and productivity growth**

Carlo Altomonte, Alessandro Barattieri, Armando Rungi, University "Luigi Bocconi", Milan

**The sustainable competitive advantage and catching-up of nations: FDI, clusters and the liability of smallness**

Christos Pitelis, University of Cambridge

**Discussion**

13:30-14:30 *Lunch*

**Session 3: THE ROLE OF PUBLIC POLICY IN FOSTERING INNOVATION, COMPETITIVENESS AND GROWTH**

14:30-16:00 **Chair:** Fabienne Ilzkovitz, European Commission, DG ECFIN (tbc)

**Public subsidies, business R&D and innovation: A meta-analysis**

Patricia van Hemert and Peter Nijkamp, Free University Amsterdam

**Inflation, financial development and long-run total factor productivity growth**

Marc Schiffbauer, Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin

**From innovation to exporting or vice versa? Causal link between innovation activity and exporting in Slovenia**

Jože P. Damijan, Crt Kostevc, Sašo Polanec, Institute for Economic Research, Ljubljana

**Discussion**

16:00-16:30 *Coffee Break*

**Policy Panel: MAKING THE MOST OF GLOBALISATION:  
KEY POLICY MESSAGES FOR THE EU**

16:30-18:00 **Chair:** Juergen von Hagen, University of Bonn

**How well are the EU countries prepared to cope with new globalisation challenges?**

Iulia Siedschlag, Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin

**Understanding global dynamism**

George Petrakos, University of Thessaly, Volos

**Consequences of dynamic growth and shifting comparative advantages on trade, income and convergence patterns**

Laura Resmini, University of Valle d'Aosta and University "Luigi Bocconi", Milan

**The role of public policies in fostering innovation and growth**

Marc Schiffbauer, Economic and Social Research Institute Dublin

**Registration**

Participation is free. Please register before 20<sup>th</sup> November 2008 by email to:

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**Directions**

The conference venue is located in the Schuman area in Brussels. Access is possible as follows:

- **Entrance on Rue de la Loi, 80:** by train (Schuman station) or by Metro (Lines 1A & 1B – Stop Maalbeek)
- **Entrance on Rue Joseph II, 79:** by car or taxi

**Location Map**

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