

## WWWFOREUROPE Newsletter 4/2014

### European Forum Alpbach – Finding strategies for Europe at the crossroads



Jeffrey D. Sachs, Franz Fischler, Karl Aiginger © Philipp Naderer

At the 2014 European Forum Alpbach WWWforEurope project coordinator Karl Aiginger took part in a policy discussion on “[A New Economic and Competition Model for Europe](#)”, characterising Europe

as a success model in a midlife crisis and proposing a high-road strategy based on education, research and efficient institutions. Karl Aiginger also held [a press conference with Jeffrey D. Sachs](#), director of The Earth Institute and Franz Fischler, President of the European Forum Alpbach. Several WWWforEurope board members also participated in discussions, breakout sessions and other events. [Have a look at our website for more informations.](#)

### Fall Lectures raise important issues

Four lectures in the WWWforEurope Lecture Series have taken place this fall: EU Commissioner László Andor presented his idea of [a basic European unemployment insurance](#), which would boost market confidence in the European Monetary Union, uphold domestic demand and economic growth. Dennis Meadows spoke about designing radically different ways of ensuring welfare for the aged in his lecture “[Financing the future welfare state](#)”.

A “green innovation machine” that needs to be turned on was proposed by Reinhilde Veugelers, who talked about “[Coherent innovation and industrial policy favouring socio-ecological transition](#).” The last WWWforEurope lecture of this fall was held by Armando Garcia Schmidt, who talked about “[Winning strategies for a sustainable future](#)” implemented in Bhutan, Costa Rica, Finland, Ghana, and Tasmania – and the lessons that can be learned from them.

Some of these lectures can be watched online on our website.



Dennis Meadows © WIFO

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In the face of the financial and economic crisis and long-term challenges from globalisation, demographic shifts, climate change, and new technologies, Europe needs to redefine its socio-ecological strategy. The objective of [WWWforEurope – Welfare, Wealth and Work for Europe](#) is to strengthen the analytical foundation of this strategy. WWWforEurope is a four year research project within the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme funded by the European Commission, coordinated by the Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO) and brings together researchers from 34 scientific institutions in 12 European countries. For more information see [www.foreurope.eu](http://www.foreurope.eu).

## New WWWforEurope Policy Brief: Compensating the losers of globalisation

Trade liberalisation is important and should be promoted. But it also creates losers who – both for economic and social stability reasons – should and could be compensated, as the [new WWWforEurope Policy Brief](#) by Zareh Asatryan, Sebastian Braun, Holger Görg, Friedrich Heinemann, Hassan Molana, and Catia Montagna shows. To avoid wrong incentives, these policies have to be targeted and should subsidise employment, not unemployment. [Read more and download the Policy Brief here.](#)

## Coming up: The future of economic governance in the Eurozone

One of WWWforEurope UK partner institutions, Policy Network, is holding [a seminar on the future of economic governance in the Eurozone](#) on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014, in London, focusing on questions such as these: Which reforms are desirable and feasible? How can the EU's legitimacy be improved? How does the Banking Union and Eurozone integration impact the wider EU? [Read more here.](#)

## Joint workshop on new approaches with the OECD

On December 10th, 2014, the OECD will cooperate with WWWforEurope on a joint workshop exploring "[How to further enhance Welfare, Wealth and Work in Europe?](#)" within the OECD's initiative "New Approaches to Economic Challenges". WWWforEurope researchers Karl Aiginger, WIFO, David Bailey, Aston University, Thomas Leoni, WIFO, and Jeroen van den Bergh, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, will discuss their findings with the OECD's NAEC team guided by Mathilde Mesnard. Domenico Rossetti, Georg Fischer and Elena Flores will bring in the European Commission's view. [For the full programme, click here.](#)

## WWWforEurope at Conferences

WWWforEurope researchers have been spreading the word about the project both close to home and as far as Russia and Iceland this summer and fall.



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- WWWforEurope at the [III. Open Global System Science Conference](#) in Brussels, Belgium, 8-10 October 2014
- WWWforEurope policy roundtable at [Open Days 2014 – 12<sup>th</sup> European Week of Regions and Cities](#), Brussels, Belgium, 6-9 October 2014
- [Presentation of the WWWforEurope project to the Foreign Policy and United Nations Association of Austria \(UNA-AUSTRIA\)](#) in Vienna, Austria, September 18th, 2014
- Special Session at the [Fourth International Conference on Degrowth for Ecologic Sustainability and Social Equity](#) in Leipzig, Germany, 2-6 September 2014
- [7<sup>th</sup> WIFO Regional Economics Workshop](#) with Geoffrey J.D. Hewings in Vienna, Austria, 1-2 September 2014
- Special Session at the [54<sup>th</sup> European Regional Science Association \(ERSA\) Congress](#) in St Petersburg, Russia, 26-29 August 2014
- Special Session at the [International Society for Ecological Economics \(ISEE\) Conference](#) 2014 in Reykjavik, Iceland, 13-15 August 2014



## WWWforEurope researcher Asjad Naqvi receives the Eduard März Prize

WWWforEurope researcher Asjad Naqvi has been awarded the Eduard März Prize by the Chamber of Labour Vienna for his paper “Climate Change and Growth – An Integrated Approach to Emissions, Production, Distributions, and Employment” at the [Young Economists Conference](#). In his paper, Naqvi presented a stock-flow consistent demand-driven model that links economic activity with the environmental physical stocks. [Find more information as well as the paper on our website.](#)

Asjad Naqvi © WIFO

## Media coverage

Some of WWWforEurope’s activities, most notably the lectures of EU Commissioner László Andor, Dennis Meadows and Reinhilde Veugelers, but also the project’s scientific results have been reported on in the popular press. [Take a look at our collection of media coverage.](#)

## Call for Papers: The 2<sup>nd</sup> WWWforEurope Best Paper Award

The November 16<sup>th</sup> deadline for the submission of papers for the 2<sup>nd</sup> WWWforEurope Best Paper Award is drawing close. This award will be granted for research dealing with important, yet so far underresearched topics relating to various economic and social consequences of a low-growth development path for Europe. [Read more here.](#)

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