

## WWWforEurope Newsletter 5/2015

### WWWforEurope Final Conference

The European Union has demonstrated a tremendous success story of unification and implementation of a joint currency for 330 million people. Nevertheless, in the last years, the European project has shown the need for a consistent, longer-term strategy, a vision that again sparks enthusiasm and support for this project.

For the last four years WWWforEurope has worked on such a strategic approach in close communication with policy makers, the research community and stakeholders – the results of this research work and the policy conclusions are to be presented and discussed at the [WWWforEurope Final Conference](#).

The WWWforEurope Final Conference will be held in Brussels, Belgium, on February 25th, 2016. **Registration is mandatory** and open **until January 31st, 2016**. [Learn more about the conference on our website!](#)

### Don't forget, we want your opinion! – Have you answered our questionnaire?

We are approaching the final phase of the WWWforEurope project to design a new growth path for Europe.

Please send us your feedback by answering our short questionnaire [online](#) or by [downloading it here](#) and sending it back to [wwwforeurope-office\(at\)wifo.ac.at](mailto:wwwforeurope-office(at)wifo.ac.at).

Tell others about the project and pass on the questionnaire to friends and colleagues. Thank you very much in advance!

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### The Knowledge Society – Frontrunner Europe?

Sustainable knowledge is the most important resource of developed economies nowadays. How does Europe fare in creating and disseminating knowledge and innovation compared to others? [WWWforEurope research and new policy briefs](#) show that while still maintaining a front position with green innovation and research more can be done and is to be done in this field. [Read more ...](#)

### Moving Towards a New Growth Model – Policy options

The [report on the Second WWWforEurope Feedback Conference](#) by Michael Böheim, Anna Strauss, and Teresa Weiss (WIFO) has been published. The conference, which took place in Vienna, Austria, on May 6th, 2015, marked the end of the policy formulation phase of project as well as the beginning of the synthesis phase. Its aim was to present the project's research as well as to collect feedback for the final synthesis report.

For this purpose, external experts and stakeholder representatives from European and international institutions, social partners, NGOs, and academia joined the conference and provided written statements included in the report, which reflect how they approach the core issues of the project. [Download the report.](#)

### Protecting Social Inclusion and Mobility in a Low-Growth Scenario

Focusing on social inclusion, Gunther Tichy (WIFO) has outlined which problems have been under-researched so far in the WWWforEurope concept, for which problems solutions have been proposed, and for which problems solutions still need to be worked out. [Read WWWforEurope Working Paper No. 100.](#)

### Deepening the Scope of the "Economic Model"

By responding to the warning voices about the failure of mainstream economics to provide policy advice

to seemingly well-known problems as manifest in the ongoing economic crises, Stefan Schleicher (WIFO) puts forward the proposition that the majority of deficiencies in this discipline results from two self-imposed restrictions. Find out about the restrictions and the proposed conceptual extensions in his [WWWforEurope Policy Paper No. 24](#).

## WWWforeurope Research in Scientific Journals and the Media

To show how the term "competitiveness" has been applied and adapted since Michael Porter made it respectable in economics, strategic management and consulting is the aim of "[Competitiveness: From a Misleading Concept to a Strategy Supporting Beyond GDP Goals](#)", a recent paper in the *Competitiveness Review* by WWWforEurope project co-ordinator and director of WIFO Karl Aiginger and Johanna Vogel (Environment Agency Austria).

Karl Aiginger also talked to Joanna Roberts of *Horizon – The EU Research & Innovation Magazine* on the question of "[How Can Europe Achieve Green Growth?](#)", stating that "it is possible to successfully move Europe to a low-carbon economy, but it will require a fundamental shift in thinking."

WWWforEurope researcher Jeroen van den Bergh (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) suggested "[a global agreement on variable carbon pricing](#)" to counteract carbon rebound in *Nature*.

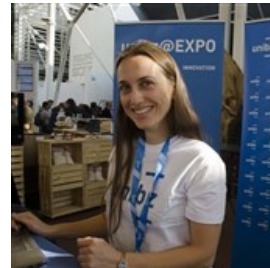
WWWforEurope Policy Brief No. 7, "[Reaping the Benefits of Migration in an Ageing Europe](#)", by Jesus Crespo Cuaresma (WU – Vienna University of Economics and Business), Peter Huber (WIFO), and Anna Raggl (WU) has been translated into Spanish and published in the [monthly dossier of the Spanish newspaper La Vanguardia](#).

Find more WWWforEurope research [in scientific journals](#) and [the media](#).

## At the Expo 2015 in Milan – WWWforEurope Research on Urban Green Spaces

"Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life" – the Expo Milano 2015 event theme – points to the importance of food and nutrition in reaching a sustainable future. Judith Schicklinski (Free University of Bozen-Bolzano) presented results from WWWforEurope research on "[The Role of Cities in the Socio-Ecological Transition of Europe](#)" to visitors at the unibz-South Tyrol stand. Urban gardening and agriculture, as one form of re-appropriating urban green spaces and turning them into commons, becomes ever more important for sustainably governing urban green spaces in European cities.

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## Economic Modelling of a European Environmental Tax

Danuše Nerudova (Mendel University Brno) presented selected WWWforEurope results at the international scientific conference "[Capabilities and Limitations of the Economic Modelling of a European Environmental Tax as an EU own Resource](#)" organised by the Institute of Economic Research, Slovakian Academy of Science, on November 12th, 2015.

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## Imperative of Economic Growth in the Eurozone

Titled "[Imperative of Economic Growth in the Eurozone: Competitiveness, Capital Flows and Structural Reforms](#)", the 2015 Research Centre Conference of the Faculty of Business and Economics at Mendel University, Brno, Czech Republic, offered WWWforEurope researchers an opportunity to present their results on issues of demographic changes, migration, and further integration of Central and Eastern European Countries on November 26 and 27, 2015.

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Anna Raggl, WU © Mendel University Brno



Policy panel at the conference © WIFO

## 8th FIW Research Conference: International Economics

At the [8th FIW Research Conference](#) Margit Schratzenstaller, Deputy Coordinator of WWWforEurope, had the chance to discuss the Juncker Plan with Pedro de Lima of the European Investment Bank, Mario Holzner (WIIW), Alexander Kritikos (DIW) and Michael Losch (Austrian Federal Ministry for Science, Research and Economy). She stressed the importance of using the newly-

established European Fund for Strategic Investment as a tool to further sustainable development in Europe. [Read more ...](#)

## The 2016 "Growth in Transition" Conference

The Austrian Federal Ministry of the Environment together with 20 partner organisations is holding a conference under the topic of "[How Constraints Make Us Grow – A Society in Transition](#)" from February 22nd-24th, 2016, in Vienna, Austria. It is part of the "Growth in Transition" initiative. Karl Aiginger will hold a keynote speech and there will be a WWWforEurope workshop at the conference. [Read more ...](#)

## Call for Papers: FairTax Workshop

WWWforEurope researchers Danuše Nerudova (Mendel University Brno) and Margit Schratzenstaller (WIFO) are organising a workshop on "[Options for an EU Tax as an EU Own Resource](#)" within their recently started H2020 EU project "FairTax", which builds on some of their WWWforEurope research. The workshop is scheduled for September 19th, 2016, at WIFO. The deadline for the submission of the abstracts is February 29th, 2016. [Please find the call for papers here.](#)

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 7th 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).

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