



In or Out?

THE POLITICS OF EURO ACCESSION FOR EASTERN EUROPEAN MEMBER STATES

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The stabilisation of the Eurozone is one of the big challenges Europe is presently facing. While different models for reforming the currency union are being broadly discussed, the fact that another six countries are supposed to enter this Union is hardly mentioned in the debate.

But acceding to the Eurozone as fast as possible is not or is no longer a self-understood political goal, but a question open for political debate – even if the Maastricht Treaty stipulates that all member states that meet the criteria must adopt the common currency. The four larger non-euro member states are presently silent about the euro. Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Croatia, Bulgaria and Romania differ substantially in terms of political and economic characteristics. For some of these countries, their national currencies are an instrument for economic governance, others are substantially euro-ised and can hardly benefit from holding on to their national currencies. The political camps are split over the question of adopting the euro in some countries, in others there is no clear stance towards the issue.

We would like to invite you to the launch of a study that the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung commissioned to leading economists in the six countries. Two of the authors will debate with other economists on whether or not adopting the euro would be beneficial to both the economy and the citizens.

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| 10:00 | Welcome address
prof. dr. sc. Jurica Pavičić , Dean of the Faculty of Economics & Business, University of Zagreb
Türkan Karakurt , Director of the Regional office Friedrich Ebert for Croatia and Slovenia |
| 10:15 | ECONOMIC MONETARY UNION AND CROATIA
prof. dr. sc. Boris Vujčić , Governor of the Croatian National Bank |
| 10:30 | PANEL DISCUSSION
dr. sc. Marina Tkalec , Economic Institute Zagreb
doc. dr. sc. Zoltán Pogátsa , University of West Hungary
mr. sc. Velimir Šonje , Arhivanalitika
Moderator:
doc. dr. sc. Velibor Mačkić , Faculty of Economics & Business, University of Zagreb |
| 11:30 | Snacks |