



**“Growth and Jobs; Lisbon challenges in the New Member States”
Brussels, 21 June 2007**

Preliminary Program

8.45-9.30 Registration

9.30 Opening & introductory remarks

Irini Pari, Vice President of the Employers Group of the Economic and Social Committee

9.40-10.30 “Growth and Jobs” indicators in a comparative perspective

- Janez Potocnik (Commissioner, European Commission) *
- Jean Pisani-Ferry (Bruegel Research) *
- Pál Gáspár (ICEG European Center)

10.30-11.30 Growth and Competitiveness of EU8+2

Moderator: Péter Balázs (CEU)

Panel speakers :

- Wolfgang Drechsler (Tallin University) *
- Jean-Paul Mingasson BusinessEurope) *
- Szabolcs Erdős (ICEG European Center)
- Joost van Iersel – Member of the EESC, Rapporteur for the Lisbon Agenda

11.30-12.00: Coffee break

12.00-13.00: Employment and Labour Market Challenges in EU8+2

Panel Moderator: Dariusz Rosati (Member of the European Parliament) *

Panel speakers:

- Miroslav Beblavy (Slovak Governance Institute)
- Gábor Pellényi (ICEG European Center)
- Thomas Laursen (World Bank)
- Joep Konings (Licos Center) *

13.00-14.15 Structural Funds and the “Growth and Jobs” objectives in the NMS

Panel Moderator: Péter Balázs (CEU)

Panel speakers:

- Christoph Rosenberg (IMF, Regional Office, Warsaw)
- Eddy Hartog (Head of Unit Thematic Development and Impact DG Regio)
- András Oszlay (ICEG European Center)
- Sándor Richter (WIIW)

14.15 Closing remarks