

EUROPEAN COMMISSION WORKSHOP ON

The effects of relocation on economic activity: An EU perspective

Programme

Date : 21st June 2005

Venue : Brussels, Beaulieu 5, room 0C

Morning session

Speakers will have 30 minutes to present. At the end of each session, discussants will have 15 minutes to comment on the papers and to introduce a general discussion.

9.15: Introduction and chair: F. Ilzkovitz (ECFIN)

9.30-10.15 **Session I - Overview of the phenomenon**

09.30 **How to measure the phenomenon? What is its extent?**

"Fear of Service Outsourcing: Is it Justified?"

M. Amiti (IMF)

10.00 Discussant

R. Veugelers (K.U.Leuven)

10.15 General discussion

10.30-10.45 Coffee Break

10.45-12.30 **Session II – Impact on productivity and employment**

10.45 **Impact on productivity**

"International outsourcing, foreign ownership, exporting and productivity: An empirical investigation with plant level data"

H. Görg (U. Nottingham)

11.15 **Impact on employment**

"Does Outsourcing to Central and Eastern Europe really threaten manual workers' jobs in Germany?"

I. Geishecker (Free U. Berlin)

11.45 Discussants

C. Altomonte (U. Bocconi)

R. Plasman (ULB)

12.15 General discussion

12.30 Lunch

Afternoon session

13.45: Chair: J. Kröger (ECFIN)

14.00-15.45 **Session III – Impact on the economy**

14.00 **Industrial restructuring and trade performance**

To be announced

L. Fontagné (CEPII)

14.30 **Impact on new Member States**

"Transfer of Technology through FDI to New Member States: How Important are Direct Effects, Horizontal and Vertical Spillovers?"

J. Damijan (U. Ljubljana)

15.00 Discussants
R. Anderton (ECB)
F. Keereman (ECFIN)

15.30 General discussion

15.45-16.00 Coffee Break

16.00-17.00 **Session IV – Policy implications**

16.00 **Lessons from experiences in some Member States**
G. Belet (Ministère de l'Économie, Finances et de l'industrie)
J. Grice (Office for National Statistics)

16.30 General discussion

16.45.-17.00 **Concluding remarks:** J. Kröger (ECFIN)