EUROPEAN COMMISSION WORKSHOP ON
Sequencing and Incentives for Reforms

Programme

Date: March 28th, 2006
Venue: Brussels, BERLAYMONT, Room JMON (Jean Monnet)
200, rue de la Loi, 1049 Brussels

Morning session

9.15 - 9.30 Welcome participants

Session I – Incentives for reforms – chair: J.H. Schmidt

9.45-10.15 Political and economic incentives for reforms
“How to gain political support for reforms?”
Micael Castanheira et al. (2006)

10.15-10.25 Discussant A: Iain Begg (LSE)
10.25-10.35 Discussant B: Fabienne Ilzkovitz (DG ECFIN)
10.35-10.45 General discussion
10.45-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-11.30 Political economy of reforms
“Why are European countries diverging in their unemployment experience?”
“Macroeconomic fluctuations and the timing of labour market reform”
Gilles Saint-Paul (2005)

11.30-11.40 Discussant A: Waltraud Schelkle (LSE)
11.40-11.50 Discussant B: Alexandr Hobza (DG ECFIN)
11.50-12.00 General discussion
12.00-14.00 Lunch Break

Afternoon session

Session II: Interactions between reforms: substitutability, complementarities and sequencing
Chair: S. Deroose

14.00-14.30 Macroeconomic Policy of Growth
“Cyclical Budgetary Policies: Their Determinants and Effects on Growth”
Philippe Aghion, Robert Barro and Ioana Marinescu (2006)

14.30-14.40 Discussant A: Philippe Moutot (ECB)
14.40-14.50 Discussant B: Joost Kuhlmann (DG ECFIN)
14.50-15.00 General Discussion

15.00-15.30 "Labour and Product Market Deregulation: Partial, Sequential, or Simultaneous Reform?"
Helge Berger and Stephan Danninger (2005)

15.30-15.40 Discussant A: Andrew Hughes Hallett (Vanderbilt University)
15.40-15.50 Discussant B: Alfonso Arpaia (DG ECFIN)
15.50-16.00 General discussion
16.00-16.15 Coffee Break

16.15-16.45 Complementarities between labour and product market reforms
“Labour and Product Market Reforms: questioning policy complementarity”

16.45-16.55 Discussant A: Giuseppe Nicoletti (OECD)
16.55-17.05 Discussant B: Adriaan Dierx (DG ECFIN)
17.05-17.15 General discussion

17.15-17.30 Conclusions and end of meeting