



## **Seminar on Ireland's Economic Transformation : Miracle or Model ?**

**Brussels, 27 June 2008  
Berlaymont Building – Salle Jean Monnet**

### **- Programme -**

- 08:30 – 09:00 Registration – *Light breakfast*
- 09:00 – 09:15 Opening remarks by Jürgen KRÖGER, European Commission, DG ECFIN
- 09:15 – 10:15 First Session – ***The factors behind Ireland's economic transformation***
- Key Speaker** John FITZ GERALD, ESRI, Dublin  
**Discussants** Frank BARRY, Trinity College, Dublin  
Paul VAN DEN NOORD, European Commission, DG ECFIN
- 10:15 – 11:15 Second Session – ***Current challenges and prospects: What is the long-run steady state ?***
- Key Speaker** Patrick HONOHAN, Trinity College, Dublin  
**Discussants** Sebastian BARNES, OECD  
Mary McCARTHY, European Commission, DG ECFIN
- 11:15 – 11:35 *Coffee Break*
- 11:35 – 12:45 Panel Discussion – ***Ireland's Economic Transformation: Miracle or Model ?***
- Chair** Marco BUTI, European Commission, DG ECFIN  
**Panellists** Austin HUGHES, Irish Intercontinental Bank, Dublin  
György KOPITS, National Bank of Hungary  
Peter LOHMUS, IMF  
Jim O'BRIEN, Department of Finance, Ireland  
Tom O'CONNELL, Central Bank of Ireland
- 12:45 – 13:00 Summary and Conclusions – Marco BUTI, European Commission, DG ECFIN
- 13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch Buffet* – End of the Seminar