



Seminar on



Hungary's Economic Policy Challenges

Brussels, 3 December 2008

Berlaymont Building (1st floor)– Salle Walter Hallstein

- Programme -

08:30 – 09:00 Registration, light breakfast

09:00 – 09:10 Opening remarks by MARCO BUTI, Acting Director General, DG ECFIN

09:10 – 10:10 First Session: *How to raise potential growth in Hungary?*

Key Speaker:

GÁBOR OBLATH, Member of the Monetary Council, Magyar Nemzeti Bank (MNB)

Discussants:

ÁGOTA SCHARLE, Budapest Institute for Policy Analysis, former Head of Economic Research, Ministry of Finance

ELENA FLORES, Director, European Commission

10:10 – 11:10 Second Session: *Public finances – How to ensure the durability of the fiscal adjustment*

Key Speaker:

LAJOS BOKROS, Central European University; former Minister of Finance

Discussants:

JIM MORSINK, Mission Chief for Hungary, IMF European Department

BARBARA KAUFFMANN, Head of Unit, European Commission

11:10 – 11:25

***** Coffee Break *****

11:25 – 12:50 Panel Discussion: *Hungarian economic policy: current challenges and prospects*

Chair:

MARCO BUTI, Acting Director General DG ECFIN

List of panelists:

LÁSZLÓ CSABA, Member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences; Professor of Economics, University of Debrecen

ISTVÁN HAMECZ, Chairman and CEO of OTP Fund Management Ltd.; former chief economist of the central bank

ÁLMOS KOVÁCS, EFC-member, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Finance

JAN SVEJNAR, Director of the International Policy Center, University of Michigan

ISTVÁN P. SZÉKELY, Director, European Commission

MAX WATSON, Fellow of Wolfson College; Oxford; Former Deputy Director at the IMF

12:50 – 13:00 Summary and conclusions: MARCO BUTI, Acting Director General DG ECFIN

13:00 – 14:00

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