Seminar on
Irelands' 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