

Seminar on:

***POLAND AT A CROSSROADS:
HOW CAN THE ECONOMY BENEFIT MORE FROM EU ACCESSION?***

**Organised by the European Commission, Directorate General for Economic and
Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN)**

**Brussels, 23 January 2008, 9.00 – 13.00
Berlaymont Building, Salle Robert Schuman
Rue de la Loi 200, 1040 Brussels**

PROGRAMME - draft

- 9:00 – 9:15 Opening remarks by the Chairman Marco BUTI (DG ECFIN)
- 9:15 – 10:15 First Session: *The real economy: how to turn the present boom into durable
growth?*
- Key speaker:
 - Mirosław GRONICKI (former Finance Minister)
- Discussants:
 - Janusz JANKOWIAK (Polish Business Roundtable)
 - Elena FLORES (DG ECFIN)
- 10:15 – 11:15 Second session: *The role of public finances in fostering catching-up and the
importance of sustainability*
- Key speaker:
 - Jerzy HAUSNER (Cracow University of Economics, former Deputy Prime
Minister)
- Discussants :
 - Michał RUTKOWSKI (World Bank)
 - Filip KEEREMAN (DG ECFIN)
- 11:15 – 11:35 ***** *Coffee break* *****
- 11:35 – 12:45 Panel discussion: *How to make the best out of EU Accession?*
- Chair: Klaus REGLING (DG ECFIN)
 - Marek GÓRA, (Warsaw School of Economics)
 - Jan SVEJNAR (University of Michigan)
 - Jerzy PRUSKI (National Bank of Poland)
 - Katarzyna ZAJDEL-KUROWSKA (Ministry of Finance)
 - Istvan SZEKELY (DG ECFIN)
- 12:45 – 13:00 Summary and conclusions: Klaus REGLING (DG ECFIN)
- 13:00 – 14:00 ***** *Lunch buffet* *****