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# Government wage bill: determinants, interactions and effects

*(Speakers in bold)*

A Workshop organised by the European Commission  
Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN)

**Brussels, 11 December 2013**

Venue: Boulevard Charlemagne, 1040 Brussels - Charlemagne Building – Room Mansholt

## PROGRAMME OF THE MEETING

<b>8.45-9.15</b> <b>REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE</b>
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**9.15-9.30**      **INTRODUCTION TO THE MEETING**

The meeting will be introduced by **Lucio Pench** (European Commission)

**9.30-11.00**      **SESSION I – THE ROLE OF PUBLIC WAGE BILL IN THE LABOUR MARKET AND THE INTERACTION WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR**

Chairman: **Anne Bucher** (European Commission)

### **Presentations by:**

**Domenico Depalo**, Raffaella Giordano (Bank of Italy) and Evangelia Papapetrou (Bank of Greece): "Public-private wage differentials and competitiveness: is there a link?".

**A. S. Zeilstra** and A. C. Elbourne (CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis): "Follow the leader? Public and private wages in the Netherlands".

Discussants: **Davide Furceri** (IMF) and **Alessandro Turrini** (European Commission)

<b>11.00-11.30</b> <b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
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**11.30-13.00 SESSION II – EFFECTS OF CUTS IN PUBLIC WAGE BILL**

Chairman: **Philipp Rother** (European Commission)

**Presentations by:**

**P. Gomes** (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid): "A reform of public sector wages."

**Tim Buysse** and F. Heylen (SHERPPA, Ghent University): "Public employment and fiscal consolidation in general equilibrium".

Discussants: **Gernot Müller** (Bonn University) and **Roeger Werner** (European Commission)

<b>13.00-14.30 LUNCH</b>
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**14.30-16.00 SESSION III – PUBLIC WAGE BILL CUTS AND CONSOLIDATION**

Chairman: **Nicolas Carnot** (European Commission)

**Presentations by:**

P. Hernández de Cos and **E. Moral-Benito (Bank of Spain)**: "The role of public wages in fiscal consolidation processes".

A. Lamo (ECB), E. Moral-Benito and **J.J. Pérez (Bank of Spain)**: "Austerity through public employment in bad times: exploiting the crowding-out and the competitiveness channels?".

Discussants: **Stéphane Carcillo** (OECD) and **Martin Larch** (European Commission)

**16.00-16.30 CONCLUSION**