

Workshop

THE PORTUGUESE ECONOMY: DEALING WITH THE CHALLENGES OF COMPETITIVENESS AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY IN THE EURO AREA

Lisbon, Ministry of Finance and Public Administration, *Salão Nobre*, 30 November 2009

Programme

09:00 - 09:30	Registration	
09:30 - 09:45	Opening remarks	Fernando TEIXEIRA DOS SANTOS (Minister of State and Finance)
09:45 - 10:00	Keynote address	Vítor GASPAR (BEPA)

Thematic sessions

Chair Jürgen KRÖGER (European Commission, DG ECFIN)

First Session ***Recent developments on external competitiveness and policy implications***

10:00 - 11:15	<i>Key Speaker</i>	Miguel LEBRE de FREITAS (GEE MEID)
	<i>Discussants</i>	James DANIEL (IMF) Mary McCARTHY (European Commission, DG ECFIN)
	General discussion	
11:15 - 11:30	Coffee break	

Second Session ***Policies to achieve fiscal sustainability***

11:30 - 12:45	<i>Key Speaker</i>	António AFONSO (ECB)
	<i>Discussants</i>	Pierre BEYNET (OECD) Pedro CARDOSO (European Commission, DG ECFIN)
	General discussion	
12:45 - 14:00	Lunch	

Panel Discussion

How to adjust in the euro area?

Chair Vítor CONSTÂNCIO (Bank of Portugal)

14:00 - 16:00	<i>Panellists</i>	Álvaro AGUIAR (Ministry of Finance and Public Administration) John FITZ GERALD (Economic and Social Research Institute, Ireland) Jürgen KRÖGER (European Commission, DG ECFIN) José Luís MALO DE MOLINA (Bank of Spain) Jean-Luc SCHNEIDER (OECD)
	General discussion	
16:00-16:20	Concluding remarks	Vítor CONSTÂNCIO (Banco de Portugal)
16:20	Closing address	Fernando MEDINA (SE for Industry and Innovation)