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## **MANAGING MACROECONOMIC IMBALANCES**

### **International Conference**

**19 June 2012, Ljubljana, Hotel Slon**

With increased public borrowing in tighter financial market conditions, medium-term fiscal consolidation has come to the forefront of the economic policy agenda in the EU and Slovenia. Developing effective measures to deal with labour market issues during the period of fiscal consolidation, and meeting the Europe 2020 strategy targets are thus becoming the main challenges of economic policy.

In cooperation with the **European Commission, Representation in Slovenia**, the **Institute of Macroeconomic Analysis and Development** will hold a one-day international conference that will provide participants with an opportunity to exchange their thoughts and ideas on these issues.

The conference is organised into two thematic sessions:

- (i) Possible paths to fiscal consolidation in tightening financial market conditions and the movements in the Slovenian financial system, with emphasis on the lending activity of banks and indebtedness of Slovenia's economy;
- (ii) Designing measures to promote employment, focussing on the needs of young people and the reduction of labour market segmentation.

The conference will be concluded with a round table.



## Programme: MANAGING MACROECONOMIC IMBALANCES

08:30–09:00	Welcome to participants – Registration
09:00–09:15	Opening address <b>Boštjan Vasle</b> (director IMAD) <b>Nataša Goršek Mencin</b> (Head of the European Commission Representation in Slovenia)
<b>09:15–11:00</b>	<b>Paths to fiscal consolidation and movements in the Slovenian financial system</b>  <b>Maja Bednaš and Marjan Hafner</b> (IMAD) <b>Istvan P. Szekely</b> (European Commission) (state secretary, Ministry of Finance) <b>Vincent Labhard</b> (ECB) <b>Rafal Kierzenkowski</b> (OECD) Discussion
<b>11:00–11:20</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:20–13:00</b>	<b>Measures to promote employment and reduce labour market segmentation</b>  <b>Alenka Kajzer</b> (IMAD) <b>Klara Stovicek</b> (European Commission) <b>Peter Pogačar</b> (Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs) <b>Milan Vodopivec</b> (Faculty of Management and International School for Social and Business Studies) <b>Baudouin Regout</b> (BEPA, European Commission) Discussion
<b>13:00–14:30</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>14:30–16:00</b>	<b>Round table;</b> moderated by <b>Urška Jereb Brankovič</b> <b>Janez Šušteršič</b> (Minister of Finance) <b>Andrej Vizjak</b> (Minister of Labour, Family and Social Affairs) <b>Istvan P. Szekely</b> (European Commission) <b>Marko Kranjec</b> (Bank of Slovenia) <b>Peter Groznik</b> (Faculty of Economics) <b>Miro Smrekar</b> (director Adecco Slovenia) <b>Boštjan Vasle</b> (IMAD)