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## ZEW LUNCH DEBATE



## TOPIC

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### THE EU AND EMU REFORMS: THE PERSPECTIVE OF CEE COUNTRIES

How do Member States from Central and Eastern Europe perceive the debates on the euro and the reform of the European Monetary Union? Our Lunch Debate will concentrate on how different EU Member States view the EU reform options – with a specific focus on CEE countries. Especially with regard to the current and future euro members in Central and Eastern Europe, it is striking that their perspectives seem to have been somewhat neglected (e.g. compared to French and German positions). Our debate will be based on a large-scale survey on the reform preferences of Eastern European economists, which we have compared to those of German, French and Italian economists. This allows us to create an innovative map of Eurozone preferences and identify reforms over which a consensus may be reached among old and new Member States.

This Lunch Debate is organised with support of the Brigitte Strube Stiftung.

## TIME&DATE

Wednesday,  
5 June 2019,  
12–2 pm

## VENUE

Representation  
of the State of  
Baden-Württemberg to  
the European Union

Rue Belliard 60–62  
B-1040 Brussels



Baden-Württemberg

VERTRETUNG DES LANDES BEI DER EUROPÄISCHEN UNION

## THE PANEL

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**Annika Havlik** is a researcher in ZEW's „Corporate Taxation and Public Finance“ Research Department and a PhD candidate at the University of Mannheim. Her research focuses on political economy in the European context. Havlik studied economics in Tübingen, Gothenburg and Geneva.



**Friedrich Heinemann** heads ZEW's Research Department “Corporate Taxation and Public Finance” and is professor of economics at Heidelberg University. His research addresses federalism and European integration issues. Heinemann is a member of the Academic Advisory Board of the Berlin Institute for European Politics (IEP).



**Mateusz Szczurek** is EBRD's lead EU regional economist, member of the European Fiscal Board and adjunct professor at Warsaw University. He served as the Polish finance minister in 2013–2015. In his capacity as an EFB member, he advises the European Commission on the application and future evolution of EU fiscal rules.



**István P. Székely** is a principal adviser in the European Commission's DG ECFIN, where he previously served as a country director. Prior to joining the EC, he worked at Corvinus University in Budapest, the University of Bonn, the UN Secretariat in New York, the National Bank of Hungary, and the IMF in Washington, DC.



**Eva Zamrazilová** chairs the Czech Fiscal Council. She worked at Komerční banka in the Macroeconomic Analysis and Forecasting team and was member of the board of the Czech National Bank. Prior to her appointment to the Czech Fiscal Council, she was chief economist of the Czech Banking Association.



**Jan Strupczewski** is the deputy bureau chief of the Reuters news agency in Brussels. Previously, he also worked for Reuters in Stockholm. He has been closely following euro zone and EU economic policy, including the sovereign debt crisis and the reforms to deepen the Economic and Monetary Union.

## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

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- » 12:00 LUNCH
- » 12:30 WELCOME ADDRESS

**Bodo Lehmann**

Head of the Representation of the State  
of Baden-Württemberg to the EU

**Jürgen Strube**

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**Annika Havlik**

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DEBATE WITH SPEAKERS AND AUDIENCE

**Friedrich Heinemann**

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**Mateusz Szczurek**

European Bank for Reconstruction and  
Development (EBRD)

**István P. Székely**

European Commission

**Eva Zamrazilová**

Czech Financial Council

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### About the ZEW Lunch Debates

Started in 2014, the ZEW Lunch Debate series has since established itself as a platform for controversial, open, and spirited debate on current economic challenges in Europe. The quarterly debates in Brussels aim to shed light on different aspects of EU activities that have a particular impact on economic growth, welfare, social inclusion, and sustainability.

### Upcoming Lunch Debates in 2019

**23 October:** “Digitilization and Labour Markets: Jobs at Risk?”

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