



CALL FOR PAPERS

Productivity and external rebalancing

12th CompNet Conference - 21-22 April 2016

Czech National Bank, Prague

Deadline for submissions: 17 January 2016

The twelfth conference of Competitiveness Research Network (CompNet), jointly organised with the European Central Bank and the Czech National Bank, will be held in Prague on 21-22 April, 2016.

Competitiveness gaps are increasingly seen as the main cause of economic divergences as well as the breeding ground for some of the most disruptive downturns, such as the latest EU crisis. Therefore, enhancing competitiveness is broadly acknowledged as the critical building block for achieving sustainable growth.

Against this background, CompNet has been working since late 2011 to generate cutting-edge research in the field, research which will result in solid policy advice. This has implied the creation of novel databases and indicators as well the involvement of an increasing number of researchers in relevant areas, ranging from trade to productivity and from external imbalances to global value chain operations.

Paper submissions that adopt novel methodological approaches for addressing the above and related competitiveness questions are encouraged.

Specific examples of relevant topics include:

- Productivity measurement issues;
- Productivity and resource reallocation;
- The determinants of productivity;
- Trade and competitiveness;

- Trade elasticities;
- Competitiveness and macroeconomic imbalances;
- Regional Global Value Chains.

Conference papers will be placed on a website; there will be no conference proceedings. Although this call is being circulated fairly widely, further circulation is encouraged, especially to younger economists.

Professor **Andrew B. Bernard** (Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth) and Professor **Jan De Loecker** (Princeton University) have already confirmed their participation as keynote speakers.

Submission of papers

Complete manuscripts (preferred) or extended abstracts should be submitted electronically in PDF format to compnet@ecb.int by **17 January 2016**. Authors of accepted papers will be notified by **30 January 2016**.

Expenses

Travel expenses of presenting authors from academic institutions will be reimbursed. Participants from central banks and other official institutions are expected to cover their own expenses.

Sponsors and organisers

The Conference is sponsored by the European Central Bank (ECB), the Czech National Bank (CNB) and the Competitiveness Research Network (CompNet).

For further information visit the CompNet website:

https://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/economic-research/research-networks/html/researcher_compnet.en.html

The organisers of the 2016 conference are Filippo di Mauro (Chairman of ECB/CompNet - ECB), Kamil Galuščák (CNB) and Eric Bartelsman (Vrije University).