

Call for Papers

2nd WWWforEurope Best Paper Award

Europe needs a change. Within the project Welfare, Wealth and Work for Europe (WWWforEurope) a group of 34 research institutions has taken up the task to design a sustainable and inclusive growth and development path for Europe. Now the program is approaching its decisive final phase. Some topics which have proven to be important are considerably under researched in the literature and, also, in the project.

Therefore we would like to stimulate research and/or gather existing research results on these issues and encourage the submission of research papers along the following lines:

- Increasing resilience of the economic and financial system (including the role of finance for the real economy)
- Financing the welfare state in a low growth scenario
- Options to reduce working time (who, how, why, enforcement) in a low growth scenario
- The implications of low growth for distribution (including gender aspects), social mobility, and openness
- Case studies of social and economic consequences of low growth (e.g. Italy, Japan)

The most convincing paper both in terms of academic quality and policy relevance will be selected by a high-level international jury and presented with the **2nd WWWforEurope Best Paper Award** during the second WWWforEurope Feedback Conference in **Vienna on May 6th, 2015**.

A **special prize for the best work of a young researcher** (age 34 or younger) also will be granted. Doctoral and Master theses are also accepted.

In addition, we offer the possibility to publish selected papers as WWWforEurope policy papers, which will raise their visibility among policy makers and will provide for their inclusion in the synthesis report of the WWWforEurope project.

Full papers should be sent in a PDF format to wwwforeurope-area6@wifo.ac.at.

Important dates:

- **Submission of papers:** **November 16th, 2014**
- **Notification of the winners:** **January 30th, 2015**
- **Presentation of the Best Paper Award:** **May 6th, 2015**

The winners of the Best Paper Awards will be invited to attend the second WWWforEurope Feedback Conference in Vienna and present their papers there. Their travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by the project consortium.

About Welfare, Wealth and Work for Europe – WWWforEurope

Currently Europe is confronted with challenges of multiple dimensions – high and persistent unemployment nurturing social tensions, low growth and high public debt in the aftermath of the financial crisis, along with the challenges posed by globalisation, technological innovation, climate change, resource depletion and demographic shifts.

Within the project Welfare, Wealth and Work for Europe (WWWforEurope) a European research consortium sets out to lay the theoretical foundations for setting Europe on a sustainable and inclusive growth and development path. WWWforEurope is a four year project lasting from 2012 to 2016 within the 7th Framework Programme funded by the European Commission. The consortium is coordinated by the Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO) and brings together researchers from 34 scientific institutions in 12 European countries with interdisciplinary expertise from economics and ecology to history, demography, political science and gender research.

The research project aspires to place Europe at the forefront of a socio-ecological transition, which will secure economic prosperity for all without compromising the social and ecological needs of the present and future generations. Emphasis will be placed on the need and the possibility to reconcile economic, environmental and social objectives and their relevance for policy action. The vision is that Europe should become a role model for a new growth and development strategy, which embraces high levels of employment, social inclusion, gender equality and environmental sustainability in an ambitious, forward looking way. Several important research outputs are already available, ranging from policy recommendations on European governance, several papers on a strategy change for Southern Europe to a redefinition of competitiveness emphasising not only the achievement of economic but also of environmental and social goals. Altogether, currently about 100 research papers can be downloaded on the project homepage www.foreurope.eu.

The second WWWforEurope Feedback Conference in Vienna on May 5th and 6th, 2015, at which the Best Paper Award will be presented, marks the beginning of the synthesis phase of the project. It seeks to provide an interdisciplinary forum for discussion and assessment of the research progress made so far and to reflect on the development of strategies on the way forward. Therefore it offers a unique opportunity for researchers from outside the project consortium to enrich the project with innovative research input.

For details on WWWforEurope see: www.foreurope.eu.