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FINANCIAL CRISIS REVISITED – LESSONS FOR THE FINANCIAL SECTOR AND THE EUROPEAN LABOUR MARKET

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PROGRAMME 4th Ifo-CoR BRIEF

2.30 pm WELCOME ADDRESSES

Gerhard Stahl

Secretary General, Committee of the Regions, Brussels

Hans-Werner Sinn

President, Ifo Institute, Munich

2.45 pm KEYNOTE SPEECH

László Andor

Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission, Brussels

3.15 pm PANEL 1

**From the Financial Crisis to the Debt Crisis:
Reflections on the Economic Future of Europe**

Chair:

Karl-Heinz Klär

State-Secretary and CoR Rapporteur on the Financial Crisis, Brussels

Introduction:

Hans-Werner Sinn

President, Ifo Institute, Munich

Speakers:

Matthias Kollatz-Ahnen

Vice-President, European Investment Bank, Luxembourg

Wolf Klinz

Chairman of the Special Committee on Financial, Economic and Social Crisis, European Parliament, Brussels

André Sapir

Senior Fellow, Bruegel, Brussels

Klaus Gretschmann

Director-General, Council of the European Union, Brussels

4.45 pm PANEL 2

**Making Work Pay: The Effects of Activation Policies
from an International Perspective**

Chair:

Gerhard Stahl

Secretary General, Committee of the Regions, Brussels

Introduction:

Helmut Rainer

Head of Social Policy and Labour Markets, Ifo Institute, Munich

Speakers:

Stephano Scarpetta

Head of the Employment Analysis and Policy Division, OECD, Paris

Reiner Hoffmann

Head of IGBCE-Landesbezirk Nordrhein (Mining, Chemical and Energy Industrial Unions), Düsseldorf

6.00 pm CONCLUDING REMARKS

Hans-Werner Sinn

President, Ifo Institute, Munich

6.15 pm COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Will the crisis in the financial sector now inevitably be followed by a series of national debt crises? What are the economic perspectives for Europe as a whole and the Euro in particular? These will be the main topics addressed by the first panel.

The second panel will explore the consequences of the economic and financial crisis for labour markets in Europe and examine the success or failure of activation policies in different EU member states.