



CESifo Workshop on

“Enlarging the Euro Area” 24 November 2006, Munich



Call for Papers

CESifo is pleased to announce a workshop on “Enlarging the Euro Area” to take place on Friday 24 November 2006, in Munich, Germany. Prospective participants are invited to submit abstracts of papers for presentation at the workshop, to be received no later than **31 May 2006**, with authors to be notified about acceptance to the workshop program by mid-June. Completed papers are to be made available for posting on the workshop web site no later than 4 September 2006

Starting in 2007, the first new EU member states (NMS) will also join the Euro Area. Although the adoption of the Euro by the NMS completes the recent eastern Enlargement of the EU, there are still many open questions concerning the accession to the Euro Area. Several policy issues (economic structure, labor market developments, productivity growth and business cycles) are specific for the new member states, which pertains questions related to the applicability of the optimum currency area theory. Other issues are of a broader nature including, among others, the central bank policies on the way to the euro, disinflation and inflation targeting in the NMS, banking and financial sector, exchange rates and exchange rate regimes, ERM II, exchange rate volatility, trade and monetary union, and political economy. In this workshop, the most important issues will be discussed. The presentations are intended to identify important new directions for research and emerging public policy issues, and to draw policy conclusions for the current process of the Euro Area enlargement.

A selection of workshop papers may be published in a special issue of Economic Systems subject to the standard refereeing procedure. All presented papers are eligible for submission to the **CESifo** working paper series.

The workshop web site will provide further and updated information. Navigate to the **CESifo** homepage <http://www.cesifo-group.de/> and select the link to "Conferences and Events".

CESifo will provide accommodation, and reimburse economy travel costs for authors of accepted papers. Further questions regarding the organisation and scientific content of the workshop should be addressed to the workshop organisers.

Submissions should be sent in electronic format to the scientific organisers:

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