



“Reform of the Welfare State: A New European Model”

To be held on 31 October – 1 November 2008

at the CESifo Conference Centre in Munich

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Call for Papers

Conference description

European Integration and globalization are taking systems' competition into the areas of the welfare state, including labour market institutions, public education, social protection and income redistribution, which are operated at the national level. These trends are putting the traditional, Western European-style welfare state under substantial pressure, inducing changes and necessitating adaptations in many fields. A major sub-task of the Ifo–CESifo initiative on “How to Construct Europe”, supported by the Leibniz Community, is to determine how central functions of the welfare state can be stabilised under these conditions and to identify potential characteristics of a new European model for the welfare state that appears to be sustainable for the future.

This conference will focus on policy-oriented theoretical and empirical research which is meant to contribute to this debate, based on a careful analysis of existing constraints and relevant goals. Papers dealing with one or more of the following issues are particularly welcome.

- Welfare state finance and globalization
- Labour market institutions between flexibility and security
- Wage bargaining, unions and international investment
- Activation of the unemployed
- Labour mobility
- Agglomeration and fiscal competition
- Social security: European and international aspects
- Dealing with demographic ageing
- Work-life balance and child care
- Funding public education in Europe

All papers presented at the conference will appear in the CESifo Working Paper Series.

Organisers

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The deadline for submissions is **July 31, 2008**.

Authors of papers that are accepted for presentation at the conference will be informed no later than August 31 2008.