

NEW AT DICE DATABASE

In the third quarter of 2006 about 100 additions of new or updated tables on different topics have been made to the institutions database DICE. (free access: www.cesifo.de/DICE). Examples of new country-comparative information include the following subjects (in table format):

- Unemployment benefit systems: policy reforms 1994–2004
- Labour taxes and social contributions: policy reforms 1994–2004
- Sanctions applied when job offers are refused by the unemployed
- Government employment in percent of total dependent employment (1980–2006)
- State-owned enterprises: legal status, types of organization and state representation, external audits
- Allocation criteria for additional school resources
- Medical registration and licensing requirements

The new topic “Social values” (see the respective article in this issue under the rubric “Database”) has likewise received new entries.

NEW: GLOBAL ANTIDUMPING DATABASE

Trade policy is an often neglected part of the institutional setting under which countries and their economic agents have to work. And antidumping measures form an even more neglected part of trade policy. To overcome an important information gap in this respect, the Worldbank in cooperation with Brandeis University has opened recently a large **Global Antidumping Database** (Version 1.0). It is publicly accessible under http://www.brandeis.edu/~crown/global_ad/

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

Enlarging the Euro Area

24 November 2006, in Munich

This CESifo Conference is about policy issues relevant to the new EU member states joining the Euro Area. Several policy issues are specific for the new member states. Important questions to be treated are: the applicability of the optimum cur-

rency area theory, central bank policies on the way to the euro, disinflation and inflation targeting, banking and financial sector problems, exchange rates and exchange rate regimes, trade and monetary union, and political economy.

Scientific organisers: Jarko Fidrmuc and Bas van Aarle.

Public Sector Economics

20–22 April 2007, in Munich

This is a CESifo Area Conference. Visit the CESifo webpage for more information.

Employment and Social Protection

18–20 Mai 2007, in Munich

This is a CESifo Area Conference. Visit the CESifo webpage for more information.

NEW BOOKS

Institutions, Development and Economic Growth

Theo S. Eicher and Cecilia García-Peñalosa (eds.)
CESifo Seminar Series with MIT Press, 2006

Structural Unemployment in Western Europe

Martin Werding (ed.)
CESifo Seminar Series with MIT Press, 2006

Beyond the Regulation Approach

Bob Jessop and Ngai-Ling Sum
Edward Elgar, 2006

Inter-Municipal Cooperation in Europe

R. Hulst and A. van Montfort (Eds.),
Springer, 2006

An Introduction to Competition Law

Piet-Jan Slot and Angus Johnston
Hart, 2006

Public Pension Schemes in Seven European Countries: A Micro Simulation Approach

Hans Hansen
Nova Publishing, 2006

Financial Institutions and Services

Robert S. Uh
Nova Publishing, 2006

Institutional Economics and Fishery Management

Elizabeth H. Petersen

Edward Elgar, 2006

Intellectual Property Rights and the

EC Competition Rules

Valentine Korah

Hart Publishing, 2006

Labour Market Adjustments in Europe

Julian Messina (ed.)

Edward Elgar, 2006

**Voraussetzungen für grundlegende institutionelle
Reformen**

(Pre-conditions for fundamental institutional
reforms)

Thomas Eger (ed.)

Duncker&Humblot, 2006