

MICROPROD - Final event

Brussels @ Bruegel

DAY 1 – 31 May 2022

Scientific Conference: | 10.30 - 17.30

DAY 2 - 1 June 2022

Youth Breakfast: | 10.00 - 12.00

Final Policy Conference | 14.00 - 17.00

Bruegel | 33 Rue de la Charité, 1210 Brussels

AGENDA

*This two-days public event is organised in the framework of **MICROPROD** (www.microprod.eu), a research project that aims to improve our understanding of productivity, its drivers and the way we measure it.*

*This Final event, hosted by **Bruegel**, rounds off 42 months of intensive research work. It includes the presentations of the most relevant research papers in Day 1 (**Scientific Conference**), complemented by a closing **Policy Conference** in Day 2.*

*In addition, a **Youth Breakfast** will take place on Day 2 with the aim to create a discussion platform for young researchers who have been actively involved in and/or in research topics connected to the MICROPROD project.*

Overall, the MICROPROD Final Event will bring academics (including young researchers), statisticians and institutional experts together with policy-makers, to discuss the major final outcomes of this project.

Panellists and participants will take stock of the current challenges in productivity measurement, discuss the final findings of the project and reflect on future research and policy priorities.



DAY 1 – 31 MAY 2022

- 10.30 – 11.00 *Arrivals & Registration for the Scientific Conference, Coffee*
- 11.00 – 12.30** ***Scientific Conference (Part 1)***
- 11.00 – 11.05** ***Welcome Words & Setting the Scene by Steffen Mueller, Coordinator of MICROPROD***
- 11.05 – 11.45 *WP1: Firm-level Data and Productivity Measurement*
- [20min] Presentation of the Paper “Offshoring, Domestic Employment and Production. Evidence from the German International Sourcing Survey” - Wolfhard Kaus and Markus Zimmermann, Research Associate at Federal Statistical Office Destatis
- [15min] Discussion with Peter Boegh Nielsen, Head of Division at Statistics Denmark
- [5min] Q&A
- 11.45 – 12.30 *WP2: Globalisation and Productivity*
- [15min] Presentation of the Paper “Business Groups as Knowledge-Based Hierarchies of Firms” - Carlo Altomonte, Associate Professor at Bocconi University and Non-resident Fellow at Bruegel
- [15min] Presentation of the Paper “Regional diffusion of foreign demand shocks through trade and ownership networks” – Lionel Fontagné, Professor of Economics, Paris School of Economics - Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
- [15min] Q&A and Discussion with the Audience
- 12.30 - 13.30 *Lunch*
- 13.30 – 17.30** ***Scientific Conference (Part 2)***
- 13.30 - 14.15 *WP3: Innovation, Digitalisation, and Productivity*
- [20min] Presentation of the paper “High-Skill Immigration, Offshore R&D, and Firm Dynamics” - Valerie Smeets, Professor at Aarhus University
- [15 min] Discussion with Maria Demertzis, Deputy Director, Bruegel
- [10min] Q&A
- 14.15 – 15.00 *WP4: Factor Relocation and Allocative Efficiency*
- [20min] Presentation of the paper “Robots, Firms, and Workforce Composition” - Steffen Müller and Verena Plümpe, Economist at Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH)
- [15min] Discussion with Javier Miranda, Professor in Structural Change and Productivity at Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH)
- [10min] Q&A
- 15.00 – 15.30 *Coffee break*
- 15.30 -16.15 *WP5: Distributional Consequences of Globalisation and Technical Progress*
- [20min] Presentation of the paper “Individual vulnerability to industrial robot adoption increases support for the radical right” - Italo Colantone, Associate Professor at Bocconi University
- [15min] Discussion with Estrella Gómez Herrera, Professor, University of Balearic Islands and Visiting Fellow, Bruegel
- [10min] Q&A



16.15 – 17.00 *WP6: Macroeconomic and policy underpinnings of productivity. Implications for future economic policies*

[20min] Presentation of the paper “Low interest rates in Europe and the US: one trend, two stories” - Nicola Viegi, Professor at University of Pretoria

[15min] Discussion with Francesco Papadia, Senior Fellow, Bruegel

[10min] Q&A

17.00 – 17.30 *Final Q&A and Closing of the Scientific Conference*

DAY 2 – 1 JUNE 2022

10.00 – 12.00 *Youth Breakfast (closed door)*

Consortium meeting (closed door)

12.30 – 14.00 *Arrivals & Registration for the Policy Conference, Networking Lunch*

14.00 – 16.30 *Policy Conference*

14.00 – 15.00 **PART 1 – MICROPROD MAJOR OUTCOMES FROM A POLICY PERSPECTIVE**

[20min] *Welcome Words & Presentation of the most important topics & answers deriving from the MICROPROD research - Steffen Mueller, MICROPROD Project Coordinator, Professor at Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH)*

[30min] *Panel Discussion focusing on the major policy outcomes moderated by Niclas Poitiers, Research Fellow at Bruegel*

- ▶ **Carlo Altomonte**, Associate Professor at Bocconi University and Non-resident Fellow at Bruegel
- ▶ **Eric Bartelsman**, Professor at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- ▶ **Marta Bisztray**, Research Fellow at Institute of Economics in the Centre for Economic and Regional Studies (KRTK MTA)

[10min] Q&A and Discussion with the Audience

15.00 – 15.30 *Coffee break*

15.30 – 16.45 **PART 2 – FORWARD LOOKING POLICY ASSESSMENT**

[5min] *Welcome Words & Setting the Scene by Maria Demertzis, Deputy Director at Bruegel*

[10min] Main messages from MICROPROD, Carlo Altomonte, Associate Professor at Bocconi University and Non-resident Fellow at Bruegel

[10min] Main messages from GLOBALINTO, Hannu Piekkola, GLOBALINTO Project Coordinator, Professor of Economics at University of Vaasa

[10min] Main messages from GROWINPRO, Andrea Roventini, GROWINPRO Project Coordinator, Professor of Economics at Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna

[25min] Panel Discussion moderated by Maria Demertzis, *Deputy Director at Bruegel*

- ▶ **Carlo Altomonte**, Associate Professor at Bocconi University and Non-resident Fellow at Bruegel
- ▶ **Hannu Piekkola**, GLOBALINTO Project Coordinator, Professor of Economics at University of Vaasa



- ▶ **Andrea Roventini**, GROWINPRO Project Coordinator, Professor of Economics at Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna

[10min] Q&A and Discussion with the Audience

[5min] *Greeting & Closing of the Policy Conference*

