

Call for papers

International Conference

'LOCAL POLICIES FOR GLOBAL MARKETS. COMPETITION OR COORDINATION IN THE EU?'

at

Ghent University, Belgium

Jointly organized by

Ghent University, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration

VOSEKO

The Association of Flemish Economists (Vereniging voor Economie (VVE))

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In 2010, the bi-annual VWEC-conference (Flemish Economic Conference) will be jointly organized by the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration of Ghent University, VOSEKO and VVE. The conference theme for 2010 is 'Local policies for global markets. Competition or coordination?' and relates to the impact of the ongoing globalization and further integration of the European Union on national or regional economic policies in general. The conference will be organized around six sessions:

- taxes and public goods;
- labor markets;
- energy and climate;
- innovation and education;
- finance and monetary policy;
- social security.

The aim of each session is to discuss the impact of global markets and supra-national institutions on the development and implementation of national or regional policies. Can we observe tax competition or fiscal coordination? What is the impact of globalization on the organization of national and regional labor markets? Will the rise of China lead to lower manufacturing wages in Europe and higher unemployment levels? Is energy policy by definition a European policy field or do Member States still can define national policy targets? Can countries still independently set national greenhouse gas emission targets? Do we need to impose transnational guidelines on national banks and how should countries collaborate to face the current recession? Do global market forces lead to a 'race to the bottom' with respect to social protection policies or did the gains from trade make it possible to finance better social protection institutions?

Around these and many more other relevant questions, we invite contributions from interested researchers. All conference sessions are open for contributions. We prefer policy-oriented and empirical contributions. The best contributions will be selected for publication in a conference volume.

The deadline for submission is March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Only papers in English will be considered. To submit your paper (preferably in PDF-format), please send an email to [joan.albrecht@ugent.be](mailto:joan.albrecht@ugent.be).

A decision on the acceptance of papers will be made by the program committee and authors will be notified in the second half of April. The deadline for the submission of the final format of the accepted papers is June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.