

# MICROPROD - Final event

Brussels @ Bruegel

**DAY 1 – 31 May 2022**

**Scientific Conference: | 10.00 - 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**

## DRAFT AGENDA

*This two-days public event is organised in the framework of **MICROPROD** ([www.microprod.eu](http://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” - Gianluca Santoni, Economist at CEPII
- [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 Piekola, 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 Piekola**, 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*

