Labour market challenges in the ECE Region

Opening: Executive Secretary

Morning Sessions I & II: Chairman – Georg Fischer, European Commission

10.00 hrs. Session I: Unemployment in western Europe

Author: Richard Jackman, London School of Economics and Political Science
Discussants: Jorgen Elmeskov, Policy Studies Branch, OECD, Paris
Juan Jimeno, Universidad de Alcalá de Henares, Madrid

11.30 hrs. Session II: Unemployment in the transition economies

Author: Alena Nesporova, International Labour Office, Geneva
Discussants: Gábor Korösi, Institute of Economics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest
Iskra Beleva, Institute of Economics, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia

13.00 hrs. Lunch break

Afternoon Sessions III & IV: Chairman – Jorgen Elmeskov, OECD

15.00 hrs. Session III: Increasing the size and the quality of the domestic labour force

Author: Tito Boeri, Bocconi University, Milan
Discussants: Vladimir Gimpelson, Centre for Labour Market Studies,
The Higher School of Economics, Moscow
Jan Van Ours, Tilburg University, Tilburg

16.30 hrs. Session IV: Is immigration a solution to labour market problems?

Author: Herbert Brücker, DIW Berlin
Discussants: Stanisława Golinowska, Research Institute for Labour & Social Affairs, Warsaw
Georg Fischer, Employment & Social Affairs DG, European Commission, Brussels