



## MFF 2014-2020: less money, less Europe? Prospects, interests, explanations

Time: November 25, 2013 (Monday)

Venue: Hall 804, main building, IWE MTA KRTK, (<http://www.vki.hu/map.html>)

**8.40 – 9.00 Registration**

**9.00 – 9.15 Opening Remarks**

**Miklós Somai**, *Senior research fellow and co-ordinator of the workshop,  
IWE MTA KRTK*

**9.15 – 9.40 Keynote Speech**

**Johan Ureel**, *Head of Unit, Outlook for financing and budget forecasts of  
own resources, Directorate-General for financial programming and budget,  
European Commission*

**09.40 – 10.30** **PANEL I.**  
**Member States' Approach**  
**Part I: net recipients**

**Poland** **Adam A. Ambroziak**, *Associate Professor, Warsaw School of Economics*

**Czech Republic** **Arnost Marks**, *Strategic Advisor to Public and Private Institutions*

**Slovenia** **Rok Tomšič**, *Minister Plenipotentiary, Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia*

**Hungary** **Géza Hetényi**, *Head of the EU Economic Policy Department of the  
Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

**10.30 – 10.50 Debate**

**10.50 – 11.30** **Member States' Approach**  
**Part II: net contributors**

**Germany** **András Hettyey**, *Research Fellow, Hungarian Institute of International  
Affairs*



- France**                     **Anita Szűcs**, *Assistant Professor, Institute of International Studies, Budapest Corvinus University*
- United Kingdom**         **Miklós Somai**, *Senior research fellow and co-ordinator of the workshop, IWE MTA KRTK*
- 11.30 – 11.45**         **Debate**
- 11.45 – 12.00**         **Coffee break**
- 12.00 – 12.40**         **PANEL II.**  
                                    **Thematic approach**
- Common agricultural policy     **Gergely Papp**, *Professional Deputy Director, National Agricultural Chamber of Hungary*
- Cohesion policy                 **Ákos Kengyel**, *Associate Professor, Institute of International Studies, Budapest Corvinus University*
- Macroeconomic conditionality     **Sándor Richter**, *Senior Economist, Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (WIIW)*
- 12.40 – 13.00**         **Debate**
- 13.00 – 13.10**         **Concluding Remarks**
- Miklós Somai**, *Senior research fellow and co-ordinator of the workshop, IWE MTA KRTK*

Lecturers will be welcomed for a lunch in the City after the workshop.

Speakers will be invited to express their views on the new MFF, with particular regard to how the changes would affect their country or the position of their country within the integration, and on the future of the European integration in general. We'd like to open discussion on the future of the common policies and whether the new MFF mirrors or predicts changes in the level of individual Member States' influence on EU's decision-making.

## **A few words about our lecturers:**

Johan  
UREEL

After a 12 year career working for a major Belgian bank, Johan Ureel joined the budget department of the European Commission in 1998. Over the years he has been involved in various major files, including the financing of the EU budget, the financial impact of the 2004 and 2007 enlargements and the negotiations on the 2007-2013 multi-annual financial framework (MFF). In 2007 he was appointed Head of Unit of the department responsible for the follow-up of the MFF within DG BUDG. His main area of work for the last six years has been the respective preparation of the Commission proposals and the subsequent negotiations on the MFF 2014-2020. Johan Ureel is married with three adult children. His sports passion is running.

Adam A.  
AMBROZIAK

Adam A. Ambroziak, Ph.D., is associate professor at the Warsaw School of Economics, specializing in conditions of economic activities of entrepreneurs on the Internal Market of the EU, including policy of the internal market, policy of state aid control, using European funds, Cohesion policy, common commercial policy, industry policy of the EU; expert in decision-making process in the European Union and EU lobbying; Head of postgraduate studies on Evaluation of EU projects and programmes and on Management of European Funds; Senior Adviser to the Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Member of the Polish Delegation (Expert) to the Council of the EU on Competitiveness and Growth.

Arnošt  
MARKS

Arnošt Marks graduated from the Charles University in 1991. He got his PhD. in Cambridge (Trinity College, 1997) on transformation of post-communist countries. He is interested in the changing role of science, knowledge and technologies in economy. He worked for the European Commission. There he was responsible for preparation of the Czech Republic for the EU Cohesion Policy. After accession he was in charge of preparation of strategies for implementation of two programming periods: 2004-06 and 2007-13. He is responsible for major shift of the CR Cohesion Policy towards the support of research and development for the period 2007-13. As of the year of 2007 he is self-employed working as strategic advisor.

Rok  
TOMŠIČ

In his position since September 2013, Rok Tomšič is responsible for economic and trade affairs. This is his second mandate at the Embassy as he has already worked in Budapest as Economic Counselor from 2000 to 2004. In the last two years, he has been leading many target projects related to outward and inward business missions at DG Economic Diplomacy of the Slovenian MFA. Earlier, he served as Economic Counselor at the Embassy in Rome, and was Deputy Head of Mission to UN FAO, WFP and IFAD. He had also worked as an Adviser to the Minister at the Slovenian Ministry of Economy, DG Foreign Economic Relations, being mostly responsible for EU Common Trade Policy and bilateral matters. He graduated from the Faculty of Economics at the University of Ljubljana.

Géza  
HETÉNYI

Since 2010 Géza Hetényi is heading the EU Economic Policy Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of Hungary. In his capacity he has been leading the MFF team in the MFA, as well as chairing the Inter-ministerial Committee responsible for the MFF and for the preparation of the Hungarian position. Between 2007 and 2010 he served as General Consul of Hungary in Milan, Italy. Between 1996 and 2007 he has been working in different positions in the EU State Secretariat of the MFA, covering mostly economic and budgetary issues. He attained a Ph.D. degree at the Corvinus University in Budapest in 2002. He is the author of numerous studies and articles on EU budgetary and economic issues.

- András  
HETTYEY
- Hettyey András, PhD, research fellow at the Hungarian Institute of International Affairs, covering Germany. He is also working at the International Institute of the National University of Public Service, teaching subjects on Hungarian Foreign and Security Policy and International Relations. Hettyey András studied History, German Literature and International Relations at the ELTE University and the Andrássy Gyula German Speaking University. He previously worked as a lecturer at the Andrássy University and as a research fellow at the Danube-Institute for Interdisciplinary Research.
- Anita  
SZÚCS
- Anita Szűcs graduated from Corvinus University of Budapest (CUB) in 2002. She received her Ph.D. in political science from CUB in 2007. Her research mainly focuses on French foreign policy, Francophonie, and includes different fields of theory of international relations (hegemony, nationalism). She has published studies and book chapters in the field. She has written about France European-policy, French identity change after the Cold War, and theoretical problems of International Relations. Her latest article is on Locke and the theoretical roots of the international society. She is member of the Section of Economics and Law - including sociology, demography and political sciences, at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.
- Gergely  
PAPP
- Gergely Papp graduated as economist. Currently he is the deputy general director of the Hungarian Chamber of Agriculture. Until middle of this year he worked for the Research Institute for Agricultural Economics. He specialized himself in EU's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), and since 2007 he has been taking part in various research projects related to the future of the CAP. Since the beginning of the negotiations on the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF 2014-2020), he has been making calculations and background analyses for the Hungarian Government. During the MFF negotiations, he represented the Hungarian Ministry for Rural Development within the Hungarian delegation.
- Ákos  
KENGYEL
- Ákos Kengyel is associate professor at the Institute of International Studies of the Corvinus University of Budapest (CUB). He graduated from the Budapest University of Economic Sciences where he also obtained his PhD in International Relations. He has several courses in European Integration Studies at BA, MA, postgraduate and PhD levels at the CUB. His research activities concentrate mainly on economic and social cohesion issues, the impacts of EU level transfers and the catching up processes within the EU. He also deals with the long-term reform of the EU common budget. His teaching and research activities have been acknowledged by the Jean Monnet Programme of the European Commission.
- Sándor  
RICHTER
- Sandor Richter is Staff Economist at WIIW. His research focuses on the EU budget, the new members (NMS), regional economic integration of the Visegrád countries and East-West economic integration. He is also country expert for Hungary. Recent projects include studies on the cohesion policy in NMS. He deals with various issues related to the budget of the EU and the negotiating positions of specific EU members and applicant countries. He also worked on trade integration of NMS and was part of a team assessing the impact of the EU/IMF financial assistance program in Hungary. He obtained an M.A. and a university doctorate title in Economics, International Trade and Finance at the predecessor of Corvinus University in Budapest.
- Miklós  
SOMAI
- Miklós Somai has been working at the Institute of World Economics for nearly a quarter of a century. His main fields of interests are EU budget and the Common agricultural policy. Earlier, he had been involved into transition issues under the auspices of the World Bank, co-ordinated sectoral research projects (for the Ministry of Industry and Trade) and made case studies (for the Copenhagen Business School) concerning the car and car component industry in Hungary. He received his MA at the Karl Marx University of Economic Sciences (in Budapest) and his PhD at Szent István University (Gödöllő). Father of three sons, fan of opera and ballet. His sport of choice is swimming.