

Friday, 27 June 2014

9.15 am to 11.00 am

Panel 4: Comparative Perspectives I – Lessons for the German Equalization Scheme

Fiscal equalization – a cross-country comparison
Dr. Hansjörg Blöchliger, OECD Fiscal Relations Network,
Paris

Local finances and fiscal equalization schemes in
comparative perspective
Prof. Enid Slack, Ph.D., Toronto, Canada

Comment: Prof. Dr. Gisela Färber, Universität Speyer

Discussion: Prof. Dr. Roland Sturm,
Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg

11.00 am to 11.30 am - Coffee Break

11.30 am to 13.00 am

Panel 5: Comparative Perspectives II – Lessons for the German Equalization Scheme

Criteria for fiscal equalization: standardization of ‚demands‘
and ‚needs‘ of federal units
Prof. Dr. Giorgio Brosio, Turin, Italy

Debt rules and sanctions in comparative perspective
Dr. Ehtisham Ahmad, London School of Economics/Center
for Development Research, University of Bonn

Comment: Dr. Hendrik Scheller, University of Potsdam

Discussion: Felix Knüpling, Forum of Federations

1.00 pm – Closing of Conference

Venue

Freie Universität Berlin
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Conference Program

Thursday, 26 June 2014

9.30 am to 10.00 am

Opening of the conference
President FU Berlin, Prof. Dr. Peter-André Alt

Introductory remarks by the conference hosts

10.00 am to 12.00 am

Panel 1: Legal, political and economic aspects of the reform

Criteria for reforming the fiscal equalization scheme – constitutional perspectives
Prof. Dr. Stefan Korioth, LMU Munich

Social solidarity as criterion for reforming the fiscal equalization scheme
Prof. Dr. Thomas O. Hueglin, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo/Canada

How can reforms of federalism succeed? Lessons from comparative research
Prof. Dr. Arthur Benz, TU Darmstadt

Comment: Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Renzsch, University of Magdeburg

Discussion: Prof. Dr. Sabine Kropp, FU Berlin

Lunch break from 12.00 to 1.00 pm

1.00 pm to 3.00 pm

Panel 2: Reform models and their impact

Recommendations for reorganizing the fiscal equalization scheme
Hans Eichel, former Federal Minister of Finance

Recommendations for a demand-based reorganization of the fiscal equalization scheme
Prof. Dr. Nathalie Behnke, University of Konstanz

Efficient fiscal equalization? Constraints and opportunities
Prof. Dr. Thomas Lenk, University of Leipzig

Comment: Prof. Dr. Joachim Wieland, University of Speyer

Discussion: Dr. René Geißler, Bertelsmann-Foundation

Coffee Break from 3.00 to 3.30 pm

3.30 pm to 5.30 pm

Panel 3: Practice Perspectives

Constraints and opportunities affecting the reform of the fiscal equalization scheme – perspectives of an East German *Land*
Jens Bullerjahn, Minister of Finance of Saxony-Anhalt, Magdeburg

Constraints and opportunities affecting the reform of the fiscal equalization scheme – perspectives of the donor state Bayern
Ministerialdirigent Dr. Winfried Brechmann, State Chancellery of the Free State of Bavaria, Munich

Constraints and opportunities affecting the reform of the fiscal equalization scheme – perspectives of the federal government
Ministerialdirigent Uwe Schröder, Federal Ministry of Finance, Berlin

Comment: Prof. Dr. Christian Waldhoff, HU Berlin

Discussion: Prof. Dr. Georg Milbradt, former Prime Minister of Saxony and Chairman, Forum of Federations