

French-German economic dialog

Strength and weakness of French and German economies

Crossed perspectives

Program

Berlin, 14th October 2019

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Hiroshimastr. 28, 10785 Berlin

9:00 **Opening**

Patrick ARTUS (Cercle des économistes), **Thomas MANZ** (FES Paris)

9:05 **Productivity and competitiveness in the euro area:
A view from France**

Philippe MARTIN (Conseil d'analyse économique), France

9:20 **Morning Session**

**Cross-country assessments of the French and German economy
models**

There is a symmetrical debate in both countries: in France about the restrictive fiscal policy of Germany, leading to huge external surplus. In Germany about the insufficient compliance with fiscal rules and the lack of structural reforms in France. What are the real strengths and weaknesses of the two economies?

Vision of Germany by French economists

Input **Patrick ARTUS** (Natixis), France

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Input **N.N.**, Allemagne

General discussion

12:00 **Lunch**

13:00 **Afternoon Session**

Coordination of policies and launching of joint projects

There are two important questions: Firstly, the capacity to coordinate more fiscal or social policies in the euro area; secondly, the implementation of industrial policies in domains that are of strategic importance for the future. Is there a reasonable possibility of improving policy coordination and launching new industrial projects?

Input **Matthias FEKL** (KGA Avocats), France
 Christian KASTROP (Bertelsmann Stiftung), Germany

General discussion

15:40 **Concluding remarks** (CdE/FES)

15:50 Transfer to the airport

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