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Mr. Philippe Aghion is the Robert C. Waggoner Professor of Economics at Harvard University, Program Director in Industrial Organization at CEPR, and Fellow at NBER and IFS. He focuses mainly on the relationship between economic growth and policy, with a particular emphasis on the role of innovations in economic growth, to help better understand how organizations, competition policy, education, savings and the financial system, and macroeconomic policy affect, and are affected by, growth, through their interactions with entrepreneurs' incentives to either innovate or to imitate the frontier technologies. In addition, Prof. Aghion has contributed to the fields of contract theory and corporate governance. He has been associated with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) since 1990. He is the managing editor of the journal *The Economics of Transition*, which he launched in 1992.



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Mr. Richard A. Boucher, a U.S. national, was appointed Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD in 2009. Among his responsibilities, he spearheads the Organization's enhanced engagement and accession processes. He is a senior foreign policy executive who has managed world-wide teams, programs and strategies, and has extensive experience in emerging economies. Over his thirty-year career in foreign policy, he has consistently had challenging assignments and achieved the highest rank in the United States Foreign Service. He holds a BA in French and English Literature from Tufts University and undertook further studies in International Economics at George Washington University.



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GËRGURI, GANI

Mr. Gani Gërguri is the Governor of the Central Bank of the Republic of Kosovo (CBK). His career began at the National Bank of Kosovo in the Statistics and Analysis Department. He later became Head of the CBK's Research and Statistics Department (2000), then Chief Operations Officer in 2004. In 2006, Mr. Gërguri was appointed the Deputy Managing Director of the CBK, in 2008 Deputy Governor, and in 2010 Acting Governor. He became the Governor of the CBK in May 2011. Governor Gërguri also serves on the Management Board of the Deposit Insurance Fund of Kosovo and on the Board of the Financial Intelligence Center of Kosovo. He holds an MBA degree in Finance from the University of Sheffield.



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Mr. Eduard Hochreiter is the Director of the JVI. He previously worked at the OeNB for more than 30 years. In his last assignment, he directed the Bank's long-term research activities. He served as an Alternate Member on the Economic and Finance Committee of the EU, and on the boards of several professional associations. Mr. Hochreiter has published extensively in refereed journals on international monetary issues, European integration, transition economics and central bank independence. He holds a PhD from the Vienna University of Economics, an MSc in Economics from the London School of Economics, and a diploma in international relations from the Johns Hopkins University, Bologna Center.



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Mr. Alfred Katterl is the Director of the Division for Economic Policy and the IMF in the Austrian Ministry of Finance. In 1988, he joined the Austrian Ministry of Finance as Economist dealing with integration economics, fiscal policy, forecasting, economic and monetary union of the EU. In 1992, he was seconded to the OECD-Secretariat in Paris, and in 1994, to DG ECFIN of the EC. He was a member of the team negotiating Austria's accession to the EU. He has represented Austria in various international committees, notably the EU Economic and Finance Committee. He holds a doctoral degree in economics and has done post-graduate work in quantitative economics.



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