Internal interactions between policy-makers influence the financial stability in a European Union (EU) or EU candidate country. To respond to changing economic developments effective communication among all stakeholders is needed.

The workshop focused on cross-country sharing of experience about the challenges of policy co-ordination. The approach combines lectures with a case study. Participants worked in teams and simulate roles, provided in the case study. In the case of fiscal and monetary policies, the emphasis was on a balanced policy mix and on frameworks that set the right incentives for sustained and non-inflationary growth in the private sector. In the supervision area, the use of approaches such as stress-tests that discourage excessive risk-taking and the need to internalize systemic risks resulting from the evolving economic situation were discussed.

**Topics covered:**
- Should policy-makers try to slow rapid bank lending to the private sector, and how?
- How should policy-makers respond to foreign currency loans to firms and households?
- When are growing external liabilities a concern, and are capital controls an answer?
- How should fiscal or monetary policy respond to a sharply widening external deficit?
- What are key trades-offs for fiscal policy in supporting growth and financial stability?

**Lecturer:**
- Petr Jakubik, EIOPA

**Participants:**
There were 9 participants from Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and Turkey.
Evaluation:

No. of all responses: 9, Average mark: 4.77

Selected Participants’ Comments:

- The knowledge acquired at this workshop was related to better understanding of different policies therefore it broaden my horizons, but I don’t know at the moment how it is applicable in my everyday day work. Nevertheless, I am sure it will help me to better understand economic links in the future work.

- Great lecturer- mixture of professor skills and practical experience skills. He had the ability to include the participants into discussion and support comments and experience exchange.

- The workshop was very useful and the lecturer had broad experience and knowledge and very high presentation skills.