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## Summary

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## **I. Summary of the Workshops**

As part of both the dissemination process of NEWGOV/STACEE and an evaluation of the research project on Varieties of Capitalism and Economic Governance in Central Europe, the team organised four workshops in different capital cities in Central Europe:

- 7 April 2008 in Prague
- 14 April 2008 in Bratislava
- 17 April 2008 in Warsaw
- 8 May 2008 in Budapest

Participants included policy-makers, representatives of interest groups, policy advisors, and researchers. Discussions took place on a Chatham House rules basis. The generic workshop programme and list of participants can be found below. The workshops lasted about 4 hours each, and were subdivided in three one-hour sessions, plus two general presentation and discussion sessions at the start and finish of the workshop.

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The discussions during the workshops produced the two-way exchange that was initially envisioned. Especially participants from policy-making circles welcomed the opportunity to locate their work in a broader institutional, comparative and long-term context and expressed an interest in continuing these exchanges in future with the project team.

For the STACEE team, the workshops were very useful as they drew our attention to several issues that will be emphasised more in the final report. Among others, these included new labour market developments including skills shortages against a background of high unemployment, new educational policies and other forms of non-institutionalized cooperation between various actors that are being instituted to handle these skills shortages, emerging regional inequalities as well as regional development policies which were aligned with attracting foreign investment, and attention to different paths that economic and industrial development took in CEE and the Iberian peninsula in the first 15 years of their transition. The new report structure will reflect these additional concerns.

While participation in the workshops was lower than the team had hoped for (many who had initially confirmed participation dropped out at the last minute, which made the search for an alternative date impossible), the high quality of the discussions and the diversity of the participants more than compensated for the relatively low numbers. It should be added that many who were invited also expressed an interest in receiving the final report.

The overall evaluation of the workshops by the team was very positive. The workshops allowed us to test out some ideas about economic governance in the new member-states, and to explore other issues and possible causalities more deeply. Our impression was also that the discussions were much appreciated by (especially) participants engaged in policy-making, for whom the slightly more distant perspective that the STACEE report offered was a welcome addition to their more punctual and short-term work.

## **II. Timetable of Workshops**

### Varieties of Capitalism and Economic Governance in Central Europe

8:45-9:00	Welcome and registration
9:00-9:30	Introduction: State en economy in transition: capacities and weaknesses
9:30-10:30	Session 1: Sectoral developments
10:00-10:45	Break
10:45-11:45	Session 2: FDI, multinational firms and economic governance in CEE
11:45-12:00	Break
12:15-13:15	Session 3: Regional governments – reinventing the state?
13:15-13:30	Open discussion

**III. List of participants**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
<b>Budapest</b>	Bob Hancké	LSE
	Lucia Kurekova	CEU
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<b>Warsaw</b>	Bob Hancké	LSE
	Lucia Kurekova	CEU
	Adam Ditmer	Solidarnosc
	Adam Ambrozik	Confederation of Polish Employers
<b>Bratislava</b>	Bob Hancké	LSE
	Lucia Kurekova	CEU
	Markus Halt	German-Slovak Chamber of Commerce
	Peter Kolesár	CEC government relations
	Miroslav Kučera	SARIO
	Eva Majerníková	American Chamber of Commerce in SR
	Ondrej Sočuvka	American Embassy to the Slovak Republic
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	Lucia Kurekova	CEU
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