

## Webinar: From working hard to working smart – the next step for CEE

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- **Labour markets:** CEE labour markets have successfully reached euro area employment benchmarks, but face structural headwinds and a shift from labour abundance to scarcity.
- **Growth vs productivity:** The region's growth model has delivered GDP per capita convergence, yet productivity remains subdued due to underinvestment in capital, innovation, and over-representation of smaller firms.
- **Future competitiveness:** Sustaining momentum hinges on reallocating labour to high-productivity sectors, scaling firm size, capital deepening, and deregulation.

Please join us for a live discussion of this and our latest Directional Economics report with:

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**Details:**

Date: Thursday 9th October

Time: 1200 BST/1300 CEST/0700 ET

The webinar will last 60 minutes, including a Q&A session at the end.

The event will take place online, and the waiting room will open 60 minutes ahead of the scheduled start time.

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