**Conference venue : University of Warsaw, The Kazimierzowski Palace, Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28**

**Thursday, 26th February** (Senate Room, the Kazimierzowski Palace)

 9.30-10.00: **Welcome:** Representative ofUniversity authorities, G.Gorzelak, Z.Krasznai (DG Research)

10.00-10.30: **Introductory speech**: Minister for Infrastructure and Development (tbc),

10.30-11.30: **GRINCOH Final Report**

G.Gorzelak: *presentation of report’s main theses*

R.Capello: *Scenarios for Europe*

**Coffee**

12.00-13.30: **Global competitiveness through low cost or innovations? How get out of a middle- level income trap?**

P.Havlik: *Economic performance of the CEECs and outlook for the future*

A.Soos: *External trade and FDI: lessons for policies*

W.Orłowski*: Competitiveness of Central and Eastern European countries in the global economy: chances and challenges*

Lunch

14.00-16.30: **How to grow based on R&D and innovation? For effective science and innovation policies**

S.Radosevic: *RD and technology upgrading in the CEEC: issues and policy implications*

A.Varga: *Economic impact assessment of EU regional innovation policies*

A.Olechnicka: *Science in the CEEC in an European context*

**Coffee**

16.30-18.00: **Labour, education and social policies - a cost or an investment?**

M.Okólski: *Demography: a chance or a threat for the CEEC?*

M.Landesmann: *Labour market policies for growth*

A.Simonyi: *Social policies for growth*

J.Varga: *Educational policies for growth*

**Dinner**

**Friday, 27th February** (Brudzinski’s room, the Kazimierzowski Palace)

9.30-11.00: **Regional convergence and metropolisation processes**

A. Rodriguez-Pose: *New challenges for regional development and regional policies*

G.Petrakos: *Regional development and overcoming the crisis*

M.Smętkowski: *Metropolisation, peripheralisation and regional development*

P.Mehlbye: *Territorial Dynamics in Central and Eastern Europe*

**Coffee**

11.30-13.00: **What future for regional policies in Central and Eastern Europe?** **Added value of reformed Cohesion Policy**

J.Bachtler: *Rethinking the future of Cohesion policy: performance and added value*

 P.Żuber/P.Wostner: *For better use of Cohesion policies in CEE countries*

J.Olbrycht: *Urban dimensions of regional policies*

Kai Stryczynski: *Results orientation: bureaucratic straightjacket or learning opportunity?*

**Lunch**

14.00-15.30: **Institutional convergence and political stability**

M.Grusevaja: *Dynamics of institutional convergence*

R.Markowski: *Political (in)stability and development*

F.Barca: *What should governments do for development? Alternative models.*

**Coffee**

16.00-17.30: **Conclusions and future research**

 Peter Berkowitz: *The changing position of the "New Member States" in the EU policy process*

 **Open discussion**