

# List of Projects

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### **What effects do corporate taxes have on economic growth and employment? (wiiw Team Leader)**

*Hans Böckler Stiftung*

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Central questions of the tax policy debate regularly revolve around the macroeconomic effects of (changes in) corporate taxation. How do corporate taxes affect economic growth, investment and employment? In terms of a systematic processing of the topic, this project is developing a strategy that aims at a quantitative overview of relevant strands of corporate tax literature. The expected project results create a basis for a systematic examination of questions of the macroeconomic effects of corporate taxes, which repeatedly play a role in economic policy debates.

### **Entwicklung, Organisation, Durchführung und Evaluierung von Seminaren am Joint Vienna Institut (JVI)**

*Oesterreichische Nationalbank/Austrian Ministry of Finance*

*January 2020 - December 2020*

wiiw drafts and organises seminars within the framework of the Joint Vienna Institute (JVI). These seminars are targeted at decision-makers in the public sector from transition countries in Southeast-Europe and the CIS states and are obliged to present and discuss relevant topics in economic policy issues. wiiw organises several seminars per year and is responsible for their entire conception, organisation and choice of presenters.

### **Fiscal policies in Europe II.**

*Austrian Chamber of Labour*

*July 2018 - July 2020*

In this project, we assess fiscal policies and their macroeconomic effects in the European Union, with a particular focus on Austria. While the empirical work will be based on quantitative methods, the focus of the project is on providing a comparative European perspective. In particular, we compile relevant data for a group of EU countries and use this data set for several subprojects: we estimate fiscal multipliers for different categories of public spending, analyse the relevance of labour market developments for public expenditures and look at recent developments of capital and income taxes in the context of globalisation.

### **ArBeEi International - Grundlagen- und angewandte Arbeitsmarktanalysen**

*Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection (BMASGK)*

*July 2017 - June 2020*

Der Prozess der Globalisierung sowie die zunehmende Integration Europas stellen den Arbeitsmarkt in Österreich vor große Herausforderungen. Zunehmende wirtschaftliche Verflechtungen (v.a. über Handel, Direktinvestitionen, Offshoring, Migration) haben erhebliche Auswirkungen auf die Bedingungen am Arbeitsmarkt, auf Lohn- und Einkommensentwicklungen und Beschäftigungsstrukturen. Evidenzbasierte Handlungsempfehlungen für die Wirtschaftspolitik im Allgemeinen und die Arbeitsmarktpolitik im Besonderen erfordern daher eine Analyse mit einer internationalen und vergleichenden Perspektive. Für Österreich bedeutet das, die arbeitsmarktrelevanten Entwicklungen seiner Nachbarländer, v.a. der mittel- und osteuropäischen Nachbarn, der Beitrittskandidaten und der EU Nachbarregionen genau zu analysieren, und natürlich auch eine globale Perspektive zu entwickeln. Dieses vom österreichischen Sozialministerium beauftragte Forschungsprojekt beschäftigt sich mit diesen Themen. Es ist auf drei Jahre angelegt und in vier Teilbereiche gegliedert: (1) Technologie, Globalisierung und Konvergenz in der EU, (2) Mobilität von Arbeitskräften und Migrationstrends, (3) Konjunktur, Beschäftigung und Arbeitslosigkeit und

(4) institutionelle Rahmenbedingungen und deren Effekte auf Wachstum, Beschäftigung und Ungleichheit.

**Austria's fiscal policy in a European context** (*wiiw Team Leader*)

*Austrian Chamber of Labour*

*January 2020 - February 2020*

This study analyses the fiscal policy space in Austria for the coming years in a European context. The focus is on the role of fiscal policy as an essential instrument of a prosperity-oriented economic policy. In recent years, a consensus has increasingly been established in the international debate that the role of fiscal policy as a stabilisation instrument should be upgraded, especially since this would help to prevent negative long-term consequences of rising (long-term) unemployment. Against this background, the study focuses on cyclical aspects of fiscal policy. The structural role of fiscal policy with respect to its influence on material prosperity, quality of life and sustainability aspects requires priority setting where the question is which societal goals are to be achieved primarily by using existing fiscal policy space. In this respect, this study provides some reflections on public investment from a macroeconomic perspective with regard to sustainability aspects related to climate policy.

**Capacity building for Central, East and Southeast Europe: Joint Vienna Institute**

*Oesterreichische Nationalbank/Austrian Ministry of Finance*

*January 2010 - December 2019*

For more than two decades, wiiw has been organising seminars within the framework of the Joint Vienna Institute (JVI). These seminars are targeted at decision-makers in the public sector and at politicians from transition countries in Southeast Europe and the CIS and are supposed to present and discuss relevant topics in economic policy. wiiw organises four seminars per year and is responsible for their entire conception, organisation and choice of presenters.

**Fiscal policies in Europe** (*wiiw Team Leader*)

*Austrian Chamber of Labour*

*January 2016 - December 2017*

This project analysed Austrian fiscal policy in a European context. Against the background of the most recent academic literature, it delivered new empirical results on macroeconomic outcomes of fiscal policy measures. In particular, the research focused on fiscal policy coordination problems in the EU's fiscal regulation framework, which relies on model-based estimates of the structural deficit. Further topics were the analysis of government expenditure structures in European countries as well as the effects of changes in discretionary fiscal policy on the income distribution.

**Durchführung einer Analyse zu volkswirtschaftlichen Aspekten von Infrastrukturinvestitionen**

*Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology (BMVIT)*

*February 2017 - September 2017*

The aim of the project is on the one hand to calculate a possible lack of investment for Austria and other EU member states in the area of strategic important infrastructure like for example street, rail or broadband internet connection. And on the other hand to develop a concrete suggestion for a "golden rule" for infrastructure investment on EU level. The project is based on actual research, is broadening it and puts a focus on the macroeconomic approach of infrastructure investments, whereas structural, cyclical and regional aspects of the topic will be treated.