List of Projects

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Internationalisation of business investments in R&D and analysis of their economic impact
European Commission, DG Research and Innovation
June 2010 - October 2012

The internationalisation of corporate research and development activities is one of the most important issues within the current integration of the world economy. The study aimed at providing an in-depth analysis of this development. A consortium consisting of wiiw and AIT (Austrian Institute of Technology) construed a comprehensive dataset on R&D activities of foreign-owned firms in a number of countries. In a second step, they employed this database to analyse cross-country patterns of R&D internationalisation, as well as the drivers and impacts of R&D internationalisation. wiiw contributed its expertise in the analysis of economic growth and structural change, international trade and foreign direct investment, labour markets and the European integration process to the study.

Employment in the gas and electricity sectors in the Western Balkan contracting parties of the Energy Community
European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
November 2009 - February 2011

The aim of this study was to analyse the employment development in the gas and electricity sectors in seven countries of the Western Balkans. In doing so, the impact of liberalisation and of the resulting restructuring processes on the number and quality of jobs is investigated and likely trends were presented. The study was based on quantitative analysis as well as on qualitative analysis in the form of stakeholder interviews.

Probability of settlement of Chinese technology firms in Vienna *(wiiw Team Leader)*
Vienna Business Agency
August 2010 - August 2010

In the present expertise it is argued that because of the relatively small amount of Chinese direct investments in Europe and in Austria respectively, in spite of their focus on technology-intensive sectors, a strong inflow of Chinese technology enterprises to Vienna cannot be expected in the immediate future. The most likely scenario are sales offices with possible follow-up investments in the field of R&D in order to adapt products to the European market. Also the participation in or the purchase of Austrian technology enterprises (M&A) by Chinese firms is possible, with the aim to acquire strategic assets in the technology sector. Subsequently one may well expect capital increases and an expansion of research activities. Less likely, apart from isolated cases, is the establishment of company research centres or the location of young Chinese high-tech enterprises in Vienna.