

wiiw is still Number 4 among the 'International Economics' Think Tanks Worldwide

The **Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw)** has again been included in the **world ranking of international think tanks** of the [Global Go To Think Tank Report 2017](#) of the University of Pennsylvania, placed at **rank 4** in the **category 'International Economics'**.

wiiw can thus retain its rank as **number 4 among the world's best think tanks** in this category **since 2016**. Looking back, the institute has continuously improved its ranking, from 17 (2012) to 14 (2013), 12 (2014), 5 (2015) and 4 (2016). wiiw has **overtaken all other European institutes**, with the exception of the second-ranked Brussels-based Bruegel Institute.

wiiw Scientific Director Dr. Robert Stehrer on this distinction: *'We are very pleased with wiiw's renewed excellent result in this ranking, which acknowledges our commitment to perform, continuously improve and communicate evidence-based research at an internationally high level that is relevant for both science and economic policy-making.'*

The ranking is carried out annually by the **Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP)** of the University of Pennsylvania, aimed at highlighting the importance of research for evidence-based policy advice. In 2017 more than 7,000 institutions worldwide were investigated, ranked by 3,750 experts from academia, journalism, politics and the civil society in a variety of categories (regional and content-wise). Among the evaluation criteria are not only the quality of research and the reputation of the scientific staff, but also the professionalism of communication and the impact on political decision-making.

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