

wiiw maintains its position among the top international think tanks.

The **Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw)** has again been included in the **world ranking of international think tanks** of the just released [Global Go To Think Tank Report 2018](#) of the University of Pennsylvania.

wiiw can thus retain its rank as **number 4 among the (87) world's best think tanks** in the category International Economics Policy. This category lists *'top think tanks that provide superior innovative research and strategic analyses on topics pertaining to international economic policy'* with the aim of *'advancing debate and facilitating cooperation between relevant actors'*.

In 2012, wiiw was included in this global ranking of think tanks for the first time. Since then, the institute has continuously improved its position, from rank 17 (2012) to 14 (2013), 12 (2014), 5 (2015) and 4 (2016, 2017, 2018). wiiw has thus **overtaken all other European institutes** in this category, with the exception of the second-ranked Brussels-based Bruegel Institute.

wiiw Scientific Director Dr. Robert Stehrer on this distinction: *'We are very pleased that wiiw has been able to defend its top position in an internationally recognised evaluation for several years already. Our work focuses on evidence-based research at an internationally high level, relevant for both science and economic policy-making. In this way, Austria finds international recognition via our analyses of global economic relations.'*

The ranking is carried out annually by the [Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program \(TTCSP\)](#) of the University of Pennsylvania, analysing the role and characteristics of public policy research institutes for 27 years already. The ranking was done 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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