

International Summer Program

European Integration



Final discussion

Prof. Dr. Werner Smolny, Thursday, July 13, 2006

Introduction



- **Which country of the EU has the largest area and which one has the lowest population?**
- **Name the capital of Lithuania, Sweden and The Netherlands!**
- **Name three sights in France!**
- **Who's Barroso?**
- **Name the 6 original members of the European Economic Community (EEC)!**

European Union – An Overview

- **Give an overview of the process of enlargement of the European communities. Give an assessment of further enlargements of the European Union.**
- **Discuss the development of productivity in Europe in the post World War II period. Discuss the reasons of the productivity gap of Europe vs. the USA.**
- **Discuss advantages and disadvantages of European integration.**

Economic Integration

- **Discuss different types of economic integration!
Do you know some examples?**
- **Discuss regional economic integration!**
- **What are the short-term and the long-term effects of economic integration?**
- **Describe the process of European economic integration!
What are the main characteristics of this process?**
- **What are the four freedoms of the European Single Market?
Explain their impact for the integration process!**

Technological collaboration: The Airbus case

- **Explain the history of the commercial aircraft industry and discuss its economics!**
- **What is Airbus? Explain the history of Airbus and discuss its unique organization!**
- **Discuss the funding of Airbus by its member states and the EU!**
- **Explain the controversy about subsidies in the commercial aircraft industry and the attempts to solve it!**

Germany – An Introduction

- **Imagine you are back home.
Describe Germany to your friends using basic facts about geography, population, culture, sports and economy.**
- **Outline the economic situation in Germany by means of key economic data and give a short comparison with your home country.**
- **Do you think Germans have to worry about their economic future, especially regarding the past economic development and possible growth perspectives?**

Germany



- **Discuss the process of economic reconstruction in Germany after World War II.**
- **Give an overview of the economic development in East Germany after unification.**
- **Discuss the economic situation in East Germany today.**
- **Give a brief overview of the economic situation in Germany today.**

The System of Institutions

- Describe the triangle of institutions in the EU!
- How is the European Commission set up?
- What is the principle of subsidiary and why has it to be obeyed?
- How does the decision-making process in the EU work?

Eastern Enlargement and Reform Discussion

- **Give an overview of the process of eastern enlargement!**
- **Describe the motivations of eastern enlargement for the old and new member states!**
- **Discuss challenges which are connected with the eastern enlargement of the EU!**
- **Discuss reasons for a new constitution for the EU!**

Monetary Integration

- **Discuss costs and benefits of a monetary union!**
- **What is an optimal currency area? Discuss whether the European Monetary Union is an optimal currency area!**
- **Describe the main aspects of the European monetary integration process!**
- **Which countries have already introduced the Euro?**

A Comparison of ECB & Fed

- **What are similarities and differences of the Euro area and the Dollar area?**
- **What is the primary objective of the ECB and why is it so important?**
- **What are the reasons for the different monetary strategies of the ECB and the Fed?**

Written Examination

- **Thursday, July 20, 2 – 4 p.m.**
- **Room 45.2.103**
- **10 questions based on the presentations and the discussions**
- **Please remember to provide the summaries**