

Notice of vacancy and invitation for applications for:
Chair of the Scientific Committee of the
Euro Area Business Cycle Network (EABCN)

About the Network

The **Euro Area Business Cycle Network** (EABCN) was founded in 2002. Its principal objective is to spread information and stimulate empirical research on the euro area business cycle by increasing interaction between academic researchers and central bank researchers and other policy institutions involved in the empirical analysis of the Euro area business cycle.

The network is governed and directed by a steering committee and a scientific committee. The **Steering Committee**, consisting of senior representatives from each of the participating institutions, nominates the members of the **Scientific Committee**.

The **Scientific Committee** currently comprises three academics and three central bank representatives and is responsible for developing the network's research agenda and for ensuring that its activities are planned according to its objectives. It is planned that in 2011 in addition to the three academics on the Scientific Committee a new role will be created of Vice Chair of the EABCN. The post-holder will work closely with the Chair on all aspects of the scientific planning and implementation of EABCN activities. It is currently envisaged that the Vice-Chair will succeed the Chair after two-years in the role. The Committee reports to the Steering Committee, which meets once a year to discuss the extent to which the network is meeting its objectives and discuss the network's agenda for the coming year.

The network continues to be successful in bringing together central bank researchers and academics and has continued to develop its website which aims at being the online hub of business cycle research in Europe.

About the Role

The **Chair of the Scientific Committee** is a member of both the Steering and the Budget Committee. Broadly, the role of the Chair involves the provision of:

1. Intellectual Leadership

- Providing a vision for the network by identifying new and promising directions of European business cycle research.

2. Quality Control

Working with the EABCN Scientific Committee in:

- Controlling the quality of the research and the quality of new appointments to the network.
- Ensuring the appropriate thematic focus and content of the annual workshops and training schools
- Assessing the quality of proposed activities, both ex ante and ex post.
- Contributing to the development of ideas and proposals for new initiatives.

3. Entrepreneurship

- Helping the EABCN steering committee identify and take advantage of potential funding opportunities beyond the members' contributions.
- Working with the Scientific Committee and the Steering Committee in developing new network activities and initiatives.
- Encouraging policy-relevant activities and opportunities within the network's programme.

Specific Tasks

1. Chair Scientific Committee Meetings

- Chairing and setting the agenda of at least two Scientific Committee meetings each year (one in conjunction with the Steering Committee meeting) with the objective of determining and monitoring the research agenda and work programme of the network, conceptualising the conference and workshop programmes, and developing new research proposals.

2. Direct and oversee the EABCN activities

- Developing the scientific content of the network's website.
- Developing and overseeing the network's training schools.
- Conceptualising workshop programmes, including the selection of participants, the reviewing/screening of papers, the publication in the CEPR Discussion Paper series, etc.
- Developing new proposals and ideas for future activities.

3. Attend and report to the annual Steering Committee meeting

- Report once annually on network progress, activities and plans, to the EABCN Steering Committee.

Remuneration

An annual stipend will be awarded of €25k.

Term of Office & Time Commitment

The postholder will serve a 3-year term, beginning January 2011. It is envisaged that the duties of the postholder will require approximately the equivalent of 2 days per month.

To Apply

Applications will be assessed by a small selection committee comprising senior representatives of the EABCN network.

Candidates are requested to apply, in confidence, to Frank Smets (Chair of the EABCN Steering Committee) by no later than 10 September 2010. (Frank.Smets@ecb.int; +49-69-13446550) by submitting a cv and a two-page note regarding the applicant's vision and plans for the network.

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Further Information

For further information on the background and current activities of the EABCN please visit the website:
www.eabcn.org