

## NEW AT DICE DATABASE

### Recent entries to the DICE Database

In the second quarter of 2014, the DICE Database received a number of new entries, consisting partly of updates and partly of new topics. Some topics are mentioned below.

- Indicators of Product Market Regulation
- Trends and Developments in Cartel Enforcement
- Value Added Tax Rates
- National Programmes to Support Knowledge Transfer and Commercialisation of Public Research
- Licensing Procedures and Licensing Complexity for Business Start-ups
- Spectrum Tendering Process
- Net Neutrality Regulation
- Broadband Targets and Policies in the European Union
- Local Loop Unbundling Prices
- Contribution of Different Components of Pension Systems to Total Pension Promise
- Average Collectively Agreed Normal Annual Working Time
- Environmental Protection Expenditure by the Public Sector

The interactive graphics application [Visual Storytelling](#) has been further expanded.

## FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

### Venice Summer Institute 2014

21–26 July 2014, Venice

Five workshops dealing with the following topics:

- The Economics and Political Economy of Energy Subsidies
- Behavioural Political Economy
- Regional Mega Deals: New Trends, New Models, New Insights?
- Demographic Change and Long-Run Development
- Reforming the Public Sector

Scientific organisers (in the order of the workshops)

- Professor Jon Strand
- Professor Arye L. Hillman, Urs Fischbacher, Professor Heinrich Ursprung
- Professor Gabriel J. Felbermayr, Professor Mario Larch
- Professor Uwe Sunde, Matteo Cervellati
- Professor Apostolis Philippopoulos

### ETSG 2014 Munich - 16th Annual Conference

11-13 September 2014, Munich

The European Trade Study Group (ETSG) is a forum for academic discussion and research on international trade among European universities and research institutes. Participation in ETSG activities is open to all academic and research economists. ETSG 2014 is being hosted by LMU Munich and Ifo Institute.

Scientific organisers: Prof. Dr. Carsten Eckel, Prof. Dr. Gabriel J. Felbermayr, Dr Lisandra Flach

### CESifo Area Conference on the Economics of Education 2014

12-13 September 2014, Munich

The conference will be held in Munich for all members of the CESifo Research Network with an interest in the Economics of Education. Organised by Eric A. Hanushek (Stanford University, Area Director) and Ludger Woessmann (Ifo Institute), the conference brings together Network members to discuss their recent research and to encourage broader interactions, particularly on both sides of the Atlantic. All CESifo research network members are invited to submit their papers, which may deal with any topic within the broad domain of the Economics of Education.

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Scientific organisers: Professor Eric A. Hanushek, Professor Dr. Ludger Woessmann

## NEW BOOKS ON INSTITUTIONS

### Institutions and Organization – Ideas, Interests, and Identities *Fourth Edition*

W. Richard Scott  
SAGE Publications, 2014

### Financial Systems, Markets and Institutional Changes

Palgrave Macmillan Studies in Banking and Financial Institutions  
Edited By Ted Lindblom, Stefan Sjögren and Magnus Willesson  
Palgrave Macmillan, 2014

### Social Insurance, Informality, and Labor Markets How to Protect Workers While Creating Good Jobs

Edited by Markus Frölich, David Kaplan, Carmen Pagés, Jamele Rigolini, and David Robalino  
Oxford University Press, 2014



## **THE DATABASE FOR INSTITUTIONAL COMPARISONS IN EUROPE**

The Database for Institutional Comparisons in Europe – DICE – was created to stimulate the political and academic discussion of institutional and economic policy reforms. DICE is a unique database offering comparative information on national institutions, regulations and economic policy. Although DICE is not a statistical database, it also contains data on the outputs (economic effects) of institutions and regulations where relevant.

DICE covers a broad range of institutional themes: Business and Financial Markets, Education and Innovation, Energy and Natural Environment, Infrastructure, Labour Market and Migration, Public Sector, Social Policy, Values and Other Topics.

The information is presented in tables (text or data), graphics (interactive application Visual Storytelling), and reports. In most cases, all EU countries are covered as well as some other major OECD countries. Users can choose between current comparisons and time series that show developments over time.

DICE combines systematic information from a wide range of sources, presenting a convenient one-stop service for your data needs.

DICE is a free-access database.

Feedback is always welcome.

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