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A place of dialogue and discussion, the Commissariat général à la stratégie et à la prospective (CGSP) assists the government in determining the main directions for the future of the Nation and the medium and long term objectives for its economic, social, cultural and environmental development. It contributes, moreover, to the preparation of governmental reforms.

SEMINAR

Common seminar OECD/Commissariat  
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Growth reforms in the EU:  
what purpose,  
what strategy?

4<sup>th</sup> of February, 2014, 9:00 – 12:30

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Along with fiscal consolidation, “structural reforms” are more than ever the European mantra. These reforms are necessary to boost a weakened potential growth. But saying that falls short of providing a firm enough theoretical and operational basis for long term public action. The agenda of those reforms is crucial, in particular in an environment of subdued demand and constrained public budgets.

There is no unique strategy. But the diversity of strategies should not hide the necessity to bring coherence to reforms choices stemming from heterogeneous preferences. The complexity of direct and indirect interactions between reforms and social structures calls for a methodological reflection. How can we shed light on reforms coherence? How can we generate a reform strategy from a complex and specific network of social interactions? What window of opportunity can then emerge for practical implementation?

Beyond this first fundamental methodological issue, this seminar will also address our constrained economic environment. The first round table will try in particular to identify reforms that could bring about an immediate expansionary impact, or at least macroeconomic neutrality in the short run, e.g. without affecting demand or increasing budgetary deficit. The second session will focus on the long term effects of structural reforms. It will discuss how reforms interact with economic and social choices, equity, environment and with geographical and even geopolitical aspects of the economy.

9:00 **Introduction**  
**Jean Pisani-Ferry**,  
Commissioner-General  
for Policy Planning

9:15 **1<sup>st</sup> Round table**

► *Opening remarks  
and leading of the debate*

**Alain de Serres**, Head of Structural Policy  
Analysis Division, OECD

► *Keynote Speakers*

**Arnaud Marès**, Counsel to the Executive Board,  
European Central Bank

**Xavier Ragot**, Professor, Paris School of  
Economics, Researcher, National Center for  
Scientific Research (CNRS)

**Xavier Timbeau**, Director, Department  
of Analysis and Forecasting, *Observatoire  
français des conjonctures économiques* (OFCE)

**Henrik Uterwedde**, Director, *Deutsch-  
Französisches Institut*

**Natacha Valla**, Deputy Director, CEPII

► *Discussion*

10:30 **Coffee break**

10:45 **2<sup>nd</sup> Round table**

► *Opening remarks  
and leading of the debate*

**Jean-Paul Nicolai**, Director of the Department  
of Economics and Finance, CGSP

► *Keynote Speakers*

**Gilbert Cette**, Director of microeconomic and  
structural Analysis, *Banque de France*,  
Professor, university of Aix-Marseille

**Gabriel Colletis**, Professor, University of  
Toulouse 1

**Jean-Luc Gaffart**, Director, Department of  
Innovation and Competitiveness, *Observatoire  
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**Fanny Henriet**, Paris School of Economics and  
National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS)

**Jonathan Portes**, Director, National Institute  
of Economic and Social Research

► *Discussion*

12:00 **Conclusion**  
**Pier Carlo Padoan**,  
Chief Economist, OECD