

Invitation

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Taking Stock of Monetary and Exchange Regimes in Emerging Europe

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Abstract

A full quarter century after the transition from socialism, almost every type of monetary and exchange rate regime can be found in Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe (CESEE): from free floating and inflation targeting over various soft and hard pegs to the unilateral use of the euro and full euro area membership. Why are CESEE's monetary regimes the way they are? How have they performed, and what makes a regime "right" for a country? Looking ahead, how can monetary regimes assist in addressing the economic challenges countries are likely to face? If a country's current exchange rate regime seems suboptimal, could it switch, and how?

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