Economic Convergence or Divergence in the EU?

The 8th annual Intereconomics/CEPS conference took place in Brussels on 9 October 2018. This issue features contributions from our conference participants who take a closer look at the trends and driving factors of convergence and divergence. They examine the ripples created by the 2008 financial crisis in different parts of the EU, the impact of institutions and policy measures, alternative approaches such as the 'convergence of opportunities for people and firms' as well as the specific regional factors at play. Our contributors offer a deeper insight into answers to the question: "Economic convergence or divergence in the EU?"

Economic Integration and Income Convergence in the EU

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How Can Europe Upgrade Its "Convergence Machine"?

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Fifteen Years of Convergence: East-West Imbalance and What the EU Should Do About it

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Unravelling the Roots of the EMU Crisis Structural Divides, Uneven Recoveries and Possible Ways Out

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Convergence of the German Bundesländer: Lessons for the EU

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Divergence? What Divergence?

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Incentivising Structural Reforms in Europe? A Blueprint for the European Commission's Reform Support Programme

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