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Workshop description:

Recent research on trade and economic growth has focused on firm-level analysis, with the measurement and explanation of total factor productivity coming into particular focus. The aim of this workshop is to bring together specialists to discuss these recent advances in empirical work.

The following points will be addressed:

- Methodological issues concerning (i) the relevance of the different approaches used to measure global productivity at the firm level and (ii) improvements that could be made to existing econometric estimates that seek to explain productivity differences across firms
- The relationship between openness/globalization/trade and firm efficiency, in order to better understand the micro-economic adjustment mechanisms and the policy actions needed.

More precisely, discussion will focus on the following issues:

1. Methodological problems involved in estimating TFP at the micro level
2. Decomposition of productivity growth: identification of within, between, and net entry compound effects
3. The impact of globalization and trade openness on firm behaviour and productivity - in the case of both developing and developed countries, with some case studies from the EU-Med region and policy implications.

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