

Curriculum Vitae

Professor Dr Karl Aiginger has been the director of the WIFO since 2005. He was born in Vienna on October 23, 1948. He studied economics at the University of Vienna and Purdue University in Indiana, USA. His chosen subject for his PhD was "How Firms Make Investment Decisions". He obtained the habilitation in 1984 with his paper "Production Theory and Uncertainty", which was also published as a book by Blackwell Publishing. Professor Aiginger began his career at WIFO in 1970 as an economic researcher. His research focuses are industrial economics, competitiveness and strategies of firms, regions and countries. For many years he was responsible for the background reports to the European Commission on the competitiveness of European industry. At various periods (1984-1987, 1996-1998, 2002-2005) he was deputy director and external coordinator at WIFO. On many occasions Professor Aiginger was also a visiting professor in the USA (Stanford University, MIT, and UCLA). He also teaches at the Vienna University of Economic and Business Administration and is an honorary professor at the University of Linz. He is, together with Marcel Canoy, joint publisher of the Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade (JICT). He is the coordinator of the research project "WWWforEurope – a new growth path for Europe" since April 2012 which the WIFO is undertaking together with 32 partners within the 7th Framework Programme of the EU.