

The World Bank  
Warsaw Office

is pleased to invite you to the launch of our



World Bank EU8+2  
Regular Economic Report  
January 2007

EU8+2

The seminar during which the new report will be launched will be held on

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2007, 12:00 - 2:00 PM**  
World Bank Office in Warsaw,  
53 E. Plater Street, 9th floor

The previous **EU8 Quarterly Economic Report** series, published since March 2004, was extended to cover the two new EU member states, Bulgaria and Romania, in addition to the eight Central European and Baltic countries that joined the EU in 2004. The new Regular Economic Report will be published three times a year. It will continue to monitor macroeconomic and reform developments in the EU8+2 countries, and provide both an **up-to-date summary of economic developments** in the region and **in-depth analyses of key current economic policy issues**.

The issues to which we have devoted **special attention** in this latest report include:

- Problem of economic overheating and current account in the Baltic States
- Is FDI financing productive investments in the region?
- Bulgaria and Romania in the EU
- Preparation for EU structural Funds 2007-2013

This edition's **Special Topic** will attempt to answer the question of the **Credit expansion in the EU8+2 - are concern justified?**

We look forward to seeing you!



Edgar Saravia  
Acting Country Director  
Central Europe and the Baltic States



Thomas Laursen  
Lead Economist  
Central Europe and the Baltic States

Copies in English will be provided during the seminar. The proceedings will be simultaneously interpreted into Polish and English. Please confirm your participation with Ms. Marta Michalska (ph.: (22) 520 80 45, email: mmichalska@worldbank.org).