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CAN EUROPE COMPETE IN A GLOBALISED WORLD? THE LISBON AGENDA OF ECONOMIC REFORM AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION IN THE EU MEMBER STATES

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The European Union launched the Lisbon Agenda in 2000 with the objective of making the European Union 'the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy by 2010, capable of sustainable economic growth with more and better jobs, greater social cohesion and respect for the environment' (Lisbon European Council, 2000). EU economic reform was seen as crucial for confronting the challenge of globalization and specifically the major competitive threat posed by China. However, reform progress towards the Lisbon goals was slow and consequently in 2005 it was revised and amended so as to focus on the key priorities of jobs and growth.

Not surprisingly, the success of Europe's responses to global economic challenges is most effective when EU policies are paired with effective action at the national level. Hence, national compliance with EU targets is crucial for the success of the Lisbon Agenda. Dr Gwiazda will firstly examine the main strategies employed by the EU to meet its Lisbon targets, and specifically the policies developed following the 2005 revisions and, secondly, focus on the role of political actors in complying with EU policy by examining two cases: Italy and Poland.

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