The recent euro crisis and the dramatic increase of unemployment in some euro countries have triggered a renewed interest in a fiscal capacity for the European Union to stabilize the economy of its member states. One of the proposed instruments is a common European unemployment insurance. In his presentation, Sebastian Dullien from the HTW Berlin – University of Applied Sciences provides and evaluates a blueprint for such a scheme. Building on lessons from the unemployment insurance in the United States of America, he outlines how a European unemployment benefit scheme could be constructed to provide significant stabilization to national business cycles, yet without strongly extending social protection in Europe. Macroeconomic stabilization effects and payment flows between countries are presented, potential pitfalls and existing concerns discussed.

La présentation sera suivie d’une discussion introduite par Henri Sterdyniak (OFCE).

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