

Press release

wiiw wins most forecast awards for CESEE countries

In total wiiw Economists were awarded 29 awards by Focus Economics across 12 countries in the region.

wiiw has been recognised by [Focus Economics](#), the international compiler of economic analysis and forecasts, as the most successful forecaster on Central, East and Southeast Europe (CESEE) in 2018. wiiw economists took a total of 29 awards across 12 countries, more than any other forecasting organisation for CESEE. Particular highlights included:

- › Best overall forecaster for Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Bulgaria;
- › Second best overall forecaster for Croatia;
- › Third best overall forecaster for Hungary and the Czech Republic;
- › Best exchange rate forecaster for Poland, and second-best GDP and exchange rate forecaster for Romania.

The annual Focus Economics awards recognise analysts with the most accurate monthly submissions. Accuracy is measured by averaging each analyst's discounted forecasting errors. Forecasts are measured over a 24-month period (meaning that in this case all forecasts for 2018 from the start of 2017 were taken into account).

wiiw Forecast Awards 2018

Country	Indicator	Rank	wiiw Economist
Belarus	Overall	1	Rumen Dobrinsky
	GDP	2	Rumen Dobrinsky
	Inflation	2	Rumen Dobrinsky
	Exchange Rate	2	Rumen Dobrinsky
	Fiscal Balance	1	Rumen Dobrinsky
	Current Account	2	Rumen Dobrinsky
Bulgaria	Overall	1	Rumen Dobrinsky
	GDP	2	Rumen Dobrinsky
	Fiscal Balance	1	Rumen Dobrinsky
	Current Account	1	Rumen Dobrinsky
Czech Republic	Overall	3	Leon Podkaminer
	Exchange Rate	1	Leon Podkaminer
	Interest Rate	3	Leon Podkaminer
	Fiscal Balance	1	Leon Podkaminer
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Overall	1	Richard Grieveson and Goran Vuksic
	Inflation	2	Richard Grieveson and Goran Vuksic
	Current Account	1	Richard Grieveson and Goran Vuksic
Croatia	Overall	2	Hermine Vidovic
	Inflation	3	Hermine Vidovic
Estonia	Inflation	3	Sebastian Leitner
	Fiscal Balance	3	Sebastian Leitner
Hungary	Overall	3	Sandor Richter
	Exchange Rate	2	Sandor Richter
Romania	GDP	2	Gabor Hunya
	Exchange Rate	2	Gabor Hunya
Latvia	Current Account	1	Sebastian Leitner
Lithuania	GDP	3	Sebastian Leitner
Poland	Exchange Rate	1	Leon Podkaminer
Slovenia	GDP	3	Hermine Vidovic

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