

Growth Academy

Europe and Central Asia (ECA)

Bucharest, Romania

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What can policymakers, think tanks, researchers, and development practitioners do to shape the future of policymaking in middle-income countries in the Europe and Central Asia (ECA) region? This special three-day workshop aims to give them a clear roadmap. Its goal is to share strategies essential for navigating the complexities of economic growth, productivity enhancement, and overcoming the middle-income trap.

No previous formal economics training is required for participants.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The University of Chicago and the World Bank are partnering with the National Bank of Romania to organize the Growth Academy for the Europe and Central Asia in Bucharest, Romania. Structured around the key themes of the *World Development Report* (WDR) 2024 this three-day intensive workshop will focus on the middle-income trap and the concepts of creative destruction for middle-income economies. Participants will include think tanks, policymakers, researchers, and practitioners from the region, all dedicated to enhancing productivity and economic growth using the latest, most innovative tools.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

The workshop will feature renowned global experts who will share invaluable insights and real-world applications. This distinguished lineup will include government officials, policy makers, and scholars working within the growth fields.

LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Focused on three core areas—enterprise dynamism, human capital empowerment, and energy transition—the program explores how these issues intersect with the potential building blocks that can lead to the middle-income trap.

HOW TO APPLY?

Please send a one-page statement of interest and your CV to growthacademy@uchicago.edu.

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