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Endorsement of the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers

The Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH), a member of the Leibniz Association, strongly supports the initiative of the European Commission as well as the recommendations given in the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers (2005/251/EC).

Under the guiding theme "From Transition to European Integration", the IWH places the understanding of the determinants of long term growth processes at the centre of the research agenda. Long term growth processes in Germany (East and West) and in Europe can only be understood in the context of economic convergence in Europe and international integration.

Likewise, the IWH is firmly convinced that the provision of excellent working, career and training conditions for researchers throughout the EU as promoted by the Charter and the Code constitutes a fundamental prerequisite for the achievement of these objectives either within or by means of the European research area.

Most of the principles set forth in the Charter and Code have been implemented already by the IWH due to mandatory national regulations, voluntarily concluded corporate agreements or management guidelines. However, the formal adoption of the Charter and the Code will surely contribute to further improvements and encourages us to pursue our aim to foster and enhance an internationally recognized attractive and inspiring research environment even more consequently.

Thus, the IWH is pleased confirm its commitment to the values and principles of the Charter and the Code by formally endorsing them with this letter.

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