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The conference is organized in co-operation with the University of Tübingen (Germany) and the Institute for Applied Economic Research, Tübingen. The aim of the conference is to analyze the integration of international factor and output markets and to study implications of the on-going integration process for economic policies. As far as the channels of integration are concerned, a broad concept will be applied by studying trade linkages, foreign direct investment, other capital flows, and migration. We will analyze to what extent integration is driven by deregulation and the adjustment of international standards, what barriers to the integration of markets persist, and how integration affects the convergence of economic structures. Studying these issues from a European perspective delivers a lot of practical examples and experiences with economic integration. Europe is not only one of the regions world-wide where the integration of markets has been stimulated actively by the deregulation of cross-border economic activity. Europe also comprises a large number of countries which differ considerably with regard to their economic history, their industrial structures, and their economic policies. Hence, considering international integration as well as interdependencies between policies, the European Union provides the most substantial as well as controlled integration process world-wide. In this context, the most recent EU enlargement provides new challenges, but also possibilities to learn from experiences with earlier enlargement rounds.