



CIREM

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Technical and professional capacity Short Profile

The Centre for International Research and Economic Modeling (CIREM), founded in 1981, is a non-profit organization supporting CEPII activities. Thanks to this support, not only are additional researchers and managers associated with CEPII permanent team but also partnerships with European or foreign institutions are concluded. These partnerships allow CEPII to participate in major research programs of international organizations. With the scientific backing from CEPII, CIREM also executes research contracts for French and foreign companies as well as for foreign Civil Services. CIREM increases the research potential of CEPII, supports its involvement in European and international research networks, and enables it to better respond to the needs of the “civil society”. CIREM also promotes the dissemination of the CEPII’s work. CIREM organises workshops, where French and foreign academics come together, within the framework of research study Agreements, in particular with the European Commission.

CIREM helps CEPII to play a more important part in European and international research networks.

CIREM organises conference attended by academics, senior executives from French and international institutions, economists from companies and political representatives. This conference highlights the progress accomplished in academic research on one specific theme which is of interest to economists from private and public sectors.

Short Presentation of CEPII

CEPII is a French research centre in international economics which produces studies, research, databases and analyses on the world economy and its evolution. It was founded in 1978 and is part of the network coordinated by the Economic Policy Planning of the French Prime Minister (France Stratégie).

Since its creation, CEPII has had a continuing interest in providing a coherent view of the world economy with particular attention to the quality of data on which it bases its analyses. Its mission is to disseminate information to a wide audience, beyond the world of research. In 1979, La Lettre du CEPII was first published, and the journal International Prospective Economy (later called International Economics) was launched.

CEPII's reports on the global economy soon become reference works but other initiatives since its inception also contributed to the Centre's reputation. In 1982, CEPII's director was charged by Jacques Attali, Special Adviser to François Mitterrand, to organize an international meeting of economists in Paris, in preparation for the G7 summit in Versailles. On the occasion of this event - attended by Nobel prize winners Wassily Leontief, Nicholas

Kaldor, and John Williamson among others - lasting ties were forged with foreign think tanks. In the mid 1980s, CEPII launched its research working paper serie and began to publish systematically its work in international journals.

Today, CEPII is one of the world's leading centres for applied research on international issues.

Organisation

The CIREM board of directors comprises up to 15 institutional members, among which are companies, trade associations, trade unions and public administrations. It is chaired by Philippe d'Arvisenet, Chief economist at BNP Paribas. The CIREM board is mainly composed of representatives from the private sector. Its members supervise the management of its activities.

Human resources development

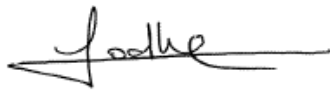
CIREM's policy is to recruit, on fixed term contract basis, highly qualified researchers from academia to work on issues directly related to the contracts they undertake. Because most of CIREM's managing members are from academia too, the researchers benefit of a very large academic network, especially in International Trade issues. Besides, CIREM proposes several internship and post-doc programs every year. These positions allow, first, the young scholars to have the opportunity to work closely with highly skilled professors and researchers in order to acquire very good experience. Second, the recruitment of young researchers is a nice opportunity to help the senior people in undertaking research contracts. In addition, CEPII puts at the disposal of CIREM electronic materials and extensive product and firm level datasets, along with significant bibliographical resources, of which benefit greatly the young scholars that are hired.

Finally, the professors who manage and work with CIREM have the opportunity to communicate back to their university students some of the main findings of the research being undertaken by CIREM.

Quality control

- **Evaluation of research:** CIREM's research is constantly evaluated through internal workshops organized together with CEPII. Besides, before being accepted into the CEPII working paper series, CIREM's studies are refereed by seniors from CIREM and CEPII. For large-scale projects external expertise is often obtained, through workshops.

- **Contribution to Scientific journal articles and scientific conferences:** Contributions to scientific journals are part of the tasks of both young and senior CIREM researchers. Scientific staff members are encouraged to submit at least one contribution per year to a peer-reviewed journal. CIREM also supports participation in scientific conferences and workshops by paying for travels and accommodation expenses.
- **Networks with institutions:** CIREM is very closely linked to CEPII of course and thus benefit indirectly from its network. However, CIREM's connections often extend well beyond those of CEPII. CIREM is currently building for instance a network completely independent of CEPII on issues related to globalization and the environment.



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