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GENERAL PROFILE

Filippo di Mauro is a renowned international/macro economist and productivity expert. He is the founder and chairman of [CompNet](#), a research network on competitiveness and productivity analysis, which also produces a top standard firm-level based dataset. The network includes major international organizations, national central banks and statistical institutes, as well as academic institutions. He is also a senior fellow at the Halle Institute of Economic Research ([IWH](#))

Filippo di Mauro has been recently appointed as co-director of the EU Commission funded [TSI project](#), which aims to enhance the research output of EU National productivity boards by providing them with cross-country comparable micro-based data.

He has recently been Visiting Professor at the National University of Singapore's Business School and has worked as a consultant for the Monetary Authority and the Economic Development Board of Singapore.

Professor di Mauro has more than 30 years of experience in applied Economics and Economic research management, including almost two decades at the European Central Bank, as well as several years at the Asian Development Bank and at the IMF.

Professor di Mauro has published extensively in academic journals, such as: Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of International Money and Finance, and Economic Policy.

He holds an MA and a PhD in Economics from the University of Chicago and the American University, respectively.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| 2016 - present | <p>Founder and Chairman of the Competitiveness Research Network (CompNet).</p> <p>CompNet - hosted at IWH-Halle - produces a leading dataset of firm level based indicators and is a forum for institutions and scholars engaged in productivity research.</p> <p>Coordinator of the Productivity Research Network (PRN), based at NUS-Business School.</p> <p>Consultant of monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) and Economic Development Board (EDB) of Singapore.</p> |
| 2016 - 2021 | <p>National University of Singapore, Business School Singapore</p> <p>Visiting Professor (Full time), Department of Strategy and Policy</p> <p>In charge of teaching 3 open macro-economics courses (Jan-April semester); research on productivity drivers with emphasis on finance; collaboration with Asian Bureau of Financial and Economic Research (ABFER).</p> |
| 1998 - 2016 | <p>European Central Bank Frankfurt Germany</p> <p>Senior Adviser, DG-Research (from January 2011)</p> <p>In charge of economic research co-ordination across ECB and EU Central banks. Leading role in research on International economic linkages and competitiveness.</p> <p>Head of Division, DG-Economics - External Developments Division (2000 - 2010)</p> <p>The division (about 30 staff) was in charge of analyzing, forecasting and conduct studies on international economic developments affecting the euro area, including i) global economy analysis and forecast, ii) Euro exchange rates medium-term analysis, and (iii) Euro area balance of payments, international competitiveness and financial flows.</p> <p>Principal Economist, DG-Economics (1998-1999)</p> <p>At the head of a small group of economists, set-up initial work on external dimension of the Euro area in the early days of the ECB.</p> |
| APR - AUG 2010 | <p>Federal Reserve Board of Governors Washington D.C. USA</p> <p>Visiting Adviser, International Finance Division (on temporary leave from ECB)</p> |

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| | <p>In charge of co-ordinating a number of projects of common interest of Fed and ECB in the areas of: 1) US trade and competitiveness; and 2) Modeling international linkages.</p> |
| 1996-1997 | <p>Bank of Italy Tokyo Office</p> <p>Deputy Chief Representative</p> <p>At the head of a small team, conducted studies on Asia regional developments.</p> |
| 1994 - 1996 | <p>International Monetary Fund Washington D.C. USA</p> <p>Economist, Central Asia Department</p> <p>Country-desk economist for Lao PDR and Myanmar. Participated in several IMF program-related missions.</p> |
| 1990 - 1994 | <p>Asian Development Bank Manila Philippines</p> <p>Economist, Programs Department (West)</p> <p>Country-desk economist for Nepal and Bhutan. Lead several ADB program-related missions in the Central Asia region, most notably on trade and industry restructuring</p> |
| 1988 - 1990 | <p>Bank of Italy Rome Italy</p> <p>Deputy Division Chief, Research Department, Exchange Rates Division</p> <p>Monitoring and analysis of trade and competitiveness. Assessment and functioning of the European Monetary System. Studies on commodity price indicators.</p> |
| 1986 - 1988 | <p>International Monetary Fund Washington D.C. USA</p> <p>Technical Assistant to Executive Director</p> <p>Analysis and comments on IMF policy issues in preparation for Executive Board discussions. Conducted studies on debt crisis indicators.</p> |
| 1984 - 1986 | <p>Bank of Italy Rome Italy</p> <p>Economist, Research Department, Public Finance Division</p> <p>Monitoring and analysis of fiscal revenues. Studies on fiscal impulse indicators.</p> |

MOST RECENT PAPERS & PUBLICATIONS

| Year | Title | Outlet | Co-authors |
|------|--|---|--|
| 2025 | <u>Reassessing EU comparative advantage: The role of technology</u> | <i>International Economics</i> | M. Matani, G. Ottaviano |
| 2023 | <u>European Firm Concentration and Aggregate Productivity</u> | <i>Journal of the European Economic Association</i> | T. Bighelli, M. Melitz, M. Mertens |
| 2023 | <u>Microdata for Economic Research in Europe: Challenges and Proposals</u> | CEPR Discussion Paper DP18640 | E. Bartelsman, S. Infrerrera, M. Matani, U. Panizza, M. Polder |
| 2022 | <u>The Economics of Firm Productivity: Concepts, Tools and Evidence</u> | Cambridge University Press (book) | C. Altomonte |
| 2021 | <u>Productivity and Employment in APAC Economies: A Comparison with the EU Using Firm-Level Information</u> | ADB Working Paper 1264 | P. Morgan, M. D. Hoang |
| 2021 | <u>European Firm Concentration and Aggregate Productivity</u> | IWH Discussion Paper No. 5 | T. Bighelli, M. Melitz, M. Mertens |
| 2020 | <u>Creating an EU-wide Micro Data Infrastructure (MDI): A Handbook for Micro-Data Linking CompNet / MICROPROD (handbook)</u> | <i>Working Paper</i> | E. Bartelsman, F. di Mauro, et al. |
| 2020 | <u>Special Issue on Productivity: Introduction</u> | <i>The Singapore Economic Review</i> 65(5), 1157–1159 | — |
| 2020 | <u>Promoting Higher Productivity in China—Does Innovation Expenditure Really Matter?</u> | <i>The Singapore Economic Review</i> 65(5), 1161–1183 | M. D. Hoang, J. Van Biesebroeck |
| 2018 | <u>Living with Lower Productivity Growth: Impact on Exports</u> | PIIE Working Paper 18-10 | B. Mottironi, G. Ottaviano, A. Zona-Mattioli |
| 2018 | <u>The exchange rate, asymmetric shocks and asymmetric distributions</u> | <i>International Economics</i> 154: 68–85 | C-V. Demian |
| 2017 | <u>Banks Credit and Productivity Growth</u> | ECB Working Paper 2008 | F. Hassan, G. Ottaviano |
| 2017 | <u>The Drivers of Revenue Productivity: A new decomposition based on firm-level data</u> | ECB Working Paper 2014 | G. Mion, D. Stöhlker |
| 2016 | <u>Bank Credit and Productivity Growth in the EU</u> | EIB Working Paper 2016/05 | F. Hassan, G. Ottaviano |
| 2015 | <u>Assessing European competitiveness: the new CompNet micro-based database</u> | ECB Working Paper 1764 | P. López-García & CompNet Task Force |
| 2014 | <u>Euro area external imbalances and the burden of adjustment</u> | <i>Journal of International Money and Finance</i> 48 | F. Pappadà |
| 2013 | <u>Exploring the International Linkages of the Euro Area: A Global VAR Analysis</u> | <i>Journal of Applied Econometrics</i> 22(1) | S. Déés, M. H. Pesaran, L. V. Smith |
| 2011 | <u>The GVAR Handbook: Structure and Applications</u> | Oxford University Press | M. H. Pesaran (ed.) |

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| 2009 | <u>The Euro and the Competitiveness of European Firms</u> | <i>Economic Policy</i> (Jan) | G. Ottaviano, D. Taglioni |
| 2009 | <u>Globalisation, Regionalism and Economic Interdependence</u> | Cambridge University Press | S. Déés, W. McKibbin (eds.) |
| 2007 | <u>The External Dimension of the Euro Area: Assessing the Linkages</u> | Cambridge University Press | R. Anderton (ed.) |

MOST RECENT POLICY BRIEFS

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| 2025 | <u>Export strength does not equal tech strength: Rethinking EU comparative advantage</u> | F. di Mauro, M. Matani, G. Ottaviano | VoxEU Column, 25 Jun 2025 |
| 2023 | <u>Talking about competitiveness in Europe: Productivity not protection</u> | F. di Mauro, M. Matani | VoxEU Column, 29 Sep 2023 |
| 2023 | <u>Sources of large firms' market power and why it matters</u> | F. di Mauro, M. Mertens, B. Mottironi | VoxEU Column, 17 Jan 2023 |
| 2020 | <u>Increasing market concentration in Europe is more likely to be a sign of strength than a cause for concern</u> | T. Bighelli, F. di Mauro, M. Melitz, M. Mertens | VoxEU Column, 13 Oct 2020 |
| 2020 | <u>Solving Europe's productivity puzzle</u> | F. di Mauro, T. Phillips | VoxEU VoxTalk/Column, 10 Jul 2020 |
| 2020 | The COVID crisis and productivity growth | F. di Mauro, C. Syverson | VoxEU Column, 16 Apr 2020 |
| 2017 | You need an "extra moment" to assess the impact of the exchange rate | J. van den Kirke, D. Clad, F. di Mauro | VoxEU Column, 8 Dec 2017 |
| 2016 | <u>Fighting 'currency wars' with blanks: The limited role of exchange rates in export competitiveness</u> | F. di Mauro, K. Benkovskis, S. de Pinto, M. Grazioli | VoxEU Column, 29 Jun 2016 |
| 2016 | On the correction of Eurozone external imbalances and the pitfalls of bilateral imbalance measures | F. di Mauro, A. Nagengast, R. Stehrer | VoxEU Column, 29 Jan 2016 |
| 2015 | Exchange rate devaluations: When they can work and why | F. di Mauro, A. Berthou | VoxEU Column, 24 Dec 2015 |
| 2015 | <u>The Age of Global Value Chains</u> | F. di Mauro, J. Amador | VoxEU Column, 9 Sep 2015 |
| 2015 | <u>Centralisation of wage bargaining and firms' adjustment to the Great Recession – micro-based analysis</u> | F. di Mauro, M. Ronchi | CompNet Policy Brief No. 8, May 2015 |
| 2015 | Eurozone rebalancing: Are we on the right track for growth? Insights from the CompNet micro-based data | E. Bartelsman, E. Dorrucchi, F. di Mauro | VoxEU Column, 17 Mar 2015 |
| 2014 | Eurozone external adjustment and real exchange rate movements: The role of firm productivity distribution | F. Pappadà, F. di Mauro | VoxEU Column, 2 Jun 2014 |

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| 2014 | CompNet's new firm-level data base | F. di Mauro | VoxEU Column, 11 Mar 2014 |
| 2012 | <u>Global value chains are not all born identical: Evidence from France</u> | F. di Mauro, C. Altomonte, A. Rungi, V. Vicard | VoxEU Column, 4 Jan 2012 |
| 2011 | <u>Recovery and beyond: Lessons for trade adjustment and competitiveness</u> | F. di Mauro, B. Mandel | VoxEU Column, 5 May 2011 |
| 2009 | The euro's impact on European firms' competitiveness | F. di Mauro, G. Ottaviano, D. Taglioni | VoxEU Column, 10 Mar 2009 |