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Ten Central European countries – Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Malta and Cyprus – are expected to join the EU in the first half of 2004. As these countries will not be allowed to "opt out" of the EMU, the question when and under what conditions they will introduce the euro arises. Adoption of the euro could be achieved through the "normal procedure" of meeting the Maastricht criteria and taking a seat in the ECB or via unilateral euroization. These options, as well as possible pit falls on the way to EMU membership should be discussed within the workshop.