

Short bio, Ludger Schuknecht

Ludger Schuknecht is Chief Economist and G20 Deputy of the German Federal Ministry of Finance. He heads the Economics and International Economy Directorate General, advising the Minister on fiscal and economic policy issues in the domestic and international sphere.

He was formerly Senior Adviser in the Directorate General Economics of the European Central Bank, where he contributed to the preparation of monetary policy decision-making and ECB positions in European policy coordination. This was after developing the ECB's fiscal analysis framework and previous assignments at the World Trade Organization and the International Monetary Fund.

His recent research focuses on public expenditure policies and reform, European integration and the analysis of economic boom-bust episodes. He wrote "Public Spending in the 20th Century: A Global Perspective" together with Vito Tanzi.