

European Network of Regional Labour Market Monitoring



ANNOUNCEMENT - SPECIAL EVENT 2010

At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of the *European Network of Regional Labour Market Monitoring* held in Copenhagen on 7-8th of October 2009, a special event for 2010 was announced and approved by the members and experts attending the conference.

The announced initiative deals with the organisation - on occasion of the next annual meeting which will be held on the 7th / 8th October 2010 in Marseille (France) and hosted by the CEREQ – Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches sur les Qualifications – of an "European Day" dedicated to the Regional Labour Market Observatories:

EUROPEAN DAY

First European Conference of Regional Labour Market Observatories

Confronting experiences and building bridges in the perspective of a common Labour Market in Europe

C.E.R.E.Q. - Marseille, 6th / 7th October 2010

Protagonists of the EUROPEAN DAY will be the *Regional Labour Market Observatories*, acting in Europe at the regional and local level (Nuts 2 or below) providing data for systematic overviews of regional labour markets or their major elements (such as key branches, main qualifications and skills or target groups) in a continuing manner for third parties like respective politicians, enterprises, employees, educational and training institutions and placement offices. Regional Labour Market Observatories of this type will be invited to present their best practises as a first step toward considering common elements necessary to elaborate useful proposals to developing common instruments for Regional Labour Market Monitoring in Europe. The application of such common elements will ease trans-national and trans-regional comparisons as well as provide more transparency for labour mobility across Europe.

With this initiative the *European Network of Regional Labour Market Monitoring* will offer the Labour Market Observatories in Europe the contributions of its long experience in studies, analysis, periodical meetings, consulting and other services. This is intended to support and accelerate the communitarian processes to increase labour efficiency and employability based on applying common elements for Regional Labour Market Monitoring.

The first EUROPEAN DAY will specifically address successful solutions to the following issues: organisational structure, governance, ITC services, data and analysis, definitions, methodological approaches, communication with users, efficiency and results monitoring and evaluation. This will form the basis to elaborate an orientation proposal to delve deeper into remaining open questions with the goal of taking the first steps toward a common labour market in Europe. With this perspective, the expression "building bridges" will specifically work to make an effort to overcome the isolation which characterises many experiences in Europe of the Labour Market Observatories, even in this period of structural crisis. Therefore, participation in the Conference will be open to responsables, managers and experts directly engaged in or support with their services and studies the activities of the Regional Labour Market Observatories.

International and European Organisations (e.g., ILO, OECD Leed Programme, EU Commission, EU Parliament, EU Social and Economical Committee, Committee of the Regions, Eurostat and Special EU Agencies) will be also asked for their patronage, contributions and participation in the First European Conference of Regional Labour Market Observatories.

The conference will be organised by the CEREQ as the local hosts and by a secretary which will be located with the network coordinators at the Goethe-University in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. For further information please get in touch with Christa Larsen or Jenny Kipper (C.Larsen@em.uni-frankfurt.de/ Kipper@em.uni-frankfurt.de).