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First European Conference of Regional Labour Market Observatories Confronting experiences and building bridges in the perspective of a common Labour Market in Europe

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The EUROPEAN DAY will be relevant for *Regional Labour Market Observatories*, working in Europe at the regional and local level (Nuts 2 or below). These Observatories may provide data for systematic overviews of regional labour markets or concerning their primary characteristics (such as key branches, main qualifications and skills or target groups) for third parties (such as politicians, enterprises, employees, educational and training institutions, regional or local governments and placement offices). Regional Labour Market Observatories producing this type of data will be invited to present cases of best practice. This will form the first step towards identifying common methodological and data issues which need to be considered if there is to be more effective and efficient Regional Labour Market Monitoring across Europe. Identifying these common issues will facilitate trans-national and trans-regional comparisons as well as providing more transparency for labour mobility across Europe. Hence it will support and accelerate increased labour efficiency and employability.

As part of this initiative the *European Network of Regional Labour Market Monitoring* will offer the Labour Market Observatories in Europe the benefit of its expertise derived from research, analysis, periodical meetings, consulting and other services (<http://regionallabourmarketmonitoring.net/>).

The first EUROPEAN DAY will specifically address successful solutions to the following issues: organisational structure, governance, ICT services, data and analysis, definitions, methodological approaches, communication with users, efficiency and results monitoring and evaluation. This will form the basis of addressing wider questions with the goal of taking the first steps towards a common labour market in Europe. By "building bridges" the isolation which characterises the experiences of many European Labour Market Observatories, even in this period of structural crisis, will be overcome. Therefore, participation in the Conference will be open to key decision makers, managers and experts directly engaged in, or supporting, 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 also be asked for their patronage, contributions and participation in the First European Conference of Regional Labour Market Observatories.

The conference will be hosted by CEREQ and a secretary working with the network coordinators at the Goethe-University in Frankfurt am Main, Germany will also help in the organisation. For further information please contact Christa Larsen or Jenny Kipper (C.Larsen@em.uni-frankfurt.de / Kipper@em.uni-frankfurt.de).