



Well functioning labour markets represent a significant prerequisite in the successful economic development of regions. However, in many regions there is insufficient labour market data for public and private sector actors to draw upon. Regional labour market observatories help to address this problem. They offer continuously differentiated labour market information.

The last few years have shown a significant increase in their numbers, a trend that continues unabated. The methods applied for data generation and distribution are extremely heterogeneous. This complicates interregional and transnational comparisons and cooperation.

A significant improvement in this current situation can be expected through systematic and European-wide networking between the observatories. The first EUROPEAN DAY will therefore specifically address the following issues: organisational structure, governance, ITC services, data and analysis, definitions, methodological approaches, communication with users, efficiency and results monitoring and evaluation.

These aims can be realised in three steps

1. Focusing on European perspectives: the main questions are - what data European actors need, what data they can get from regional observatories, what is important for them to know about local labour markets and where, or if, they see a need for standardisation.
2. Focusing on regional perspectives: presenting examples and projects from different regions using the perspectives of public employment services, unions, research, consulting and local politics. The main questions are - what data they use, what projects have been conducted, what type of analysis is used and where, or if, they see a need for standardisation.
3. Discussion of further perspectives of the initiative.

The conference is free of charge. The conference language will be English. The plenum discussions and presentations will be transferred into French.

This conference will be immediately followed by the Annual Meeting of the European Network of Regional Labour Market Monitoring from 15:00 on 7th October to 17:45 on 8th October 2010 on: Reduction of Youth Unemployment through Regional Labour Market Monitoring

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EUROPEAN DAY 2010

First European Conference of

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Confronting Experiences & Building Bridges

in the Perspective

of a Common Labour Market in Europe

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Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur

Wednesday, 6th October 2010

9:30 h Arrival

OPENING

- 10:00 h Greetings and Introduction
 Michel Vauzelle President of the Region of Provence - Alpes - Côte d'Azur
 Frédéric Wacheux, Director CEREQ, France
 Alfons Schmid, Director IWAK, Germany
- 10:20 h Introducing the Initiative, Ron McQuaid, Employment Research Institute Edinburgh Napier University, UK

Expectations towards Regional Labour Market Observatories - European Perspectives -

- 10:35 h Introduction, Christa Larsen, IWAK, Germany
- 10:40 h Egbert Holthuis, European Commission, Belgium (tbc)
- 11:40 h Coffee Break
- 12:00 h Georges Dassis, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Belgium
- 12:15 h Xavier Verboven, Labour Market Observatory of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Belgium (tbc)
- 12:30 h Claude Denagtergal, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), Belgium
- 13:00 h Lunch Break
- 14:00 h Wolfgang Müller, German Labour Office, Belgium
- 14:30 h Katia Travkina, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), France (tbc)
- 15:00 h Jens Johansen, European Training Foundation (ETF), France
- 15:30 h 4 parallel Round-Table-Discussions
 1. Round Table: Role of Observatories for Developing Regional Databases
 2. Round Table: Forms of Communication used by Observatories
 3. Round Table: Organisational Settings
 4. Round Table: General Functions of Observatories
- 17:30 h Presentation of Results & Discussions
- 18:00 h Outlook to second Day, Bernard Hillau, CEREQ, France

Thursday, 7th October 2010

Expectations towards Regional Labour Market Observatories - Regional Perspectives -

- 09:00 h Introduction
 Christa Larsen, IWAK, Germany
- 09:10 h Perspective of Research & Consulting
 Eric Verdier, National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), France
 Oliver Nüchter, IWAK, Germany
- 10:00 h Perspective of a Network of Observatories
 Bruno Berenguel, Inter Carif-Oref, France
 Françoise Amat, Conseil National de la Formation Professionnelle tout au long de la Vie (CNFPTLV), France
- 10:45 h Coffee Break
- 11:00 h Round Table: Perspectives of Acteurs
- Perspective of Public Labour Service*
 Stefan Luther, Autonomous Province of South Tyrol, Italy
- Perspective of Administrative Bodies*
 Jiri Branka, National Training Fund / National Observatory for Employment and Training (NTF/NOET), Czech Republic
- Perspective of Regional Actors*
 Serenella Molendini, Regione Puglia, Italy
 Alessandro Brizioli, JOBNET, Italy
- Perspective of Local Politics*
 Mathias Schulze-Böing, City of Offenbach, Germany / Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), Belgium
- Moderator:* Ron McQuaid, Employment Research Institute Edinburgh Napier University, UK

CLOSING

- 12:30 h Perspectives of the Initiative
 Marco Ricceri, European Institute of Political, Economic, and Social Studies (EURISPES), Italy
- 12:45 h Outlook & Closing Speech
 Bernard Hillau, CEREQ, France / Christa Larsen, IWAK, Germany