



NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2011

Dear Colleagues,

At the end of this year we would like to inform you once more about current activities within the European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring as well about news and developments within the Initiative for Networking Regional and Local Labour Market Observatories across Europe.

Furthermore we would like to thank you for a great cooperation and successful work in the year 2011. We are looking forward to continue this in 2012.

EUROPEAN NETWORK ON REGIONAL LABOUR MARKET MONITORING:

TOPIC 1: ANNUAL MEETING: "MEASURING GEOGRAPHICAL MOBILITY IN REGIONAL LABOUR MARKET MONITORING – STATE OF THE ART AND PERSPECTIVES"

The Annual Meeting of the European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring took place on 7 October 2011 in Luxembourg, hosted by CEPS/Instead. Around 50 participants, including EURES representatives, the former prime minister from Luxembourg Jacques Santer, scientists and representatives from regional labour market observatories met for a comprehensive discussion. Current issues, opportunities, developments and best practice examples in the field of regional and local labour market monitoring related to geographical mobility were aspects of the conference. Six working groups covered different aspects in this topic and provided the possibility for a lively, comprehensive and successful exchange.

The documentation of the *results* of the annual meeting 2011 is attached to this email and available [here](#). There, also the *programme* and the *presentations* hold on the conference including notes from the working groups are ready for downloading.



TOPIC 2: OUTLOOK 2012: "REGIONAL AND LOCAL SKILLS MONITORING"

The next Annual Meeting will take place in Krakow, Poland, hosted by the "Regional Labour Office in Krakow – Labour Market and Education Observatory of Malopolska" on **12 October 2012**.

The European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring will focus on skills monitoring applied in regions and localities. Hence, the anthology 2012 of the European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring will cover this topic as well.

Further information about the topic and the call for articles for the anthology will be sent in January 2012.

Timetable for the activities within the European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring

January 2012	Call for Articles on the topic of skills monitoring for the Anthology 2012
May 2012	Deadline for Articles for the Anthology 2012
June 2012	Preliminary programme for the annual meeting 2012 in Krakow
12 October 2012	Annual Meeting in Krakow

INITIATIVE FOR NETWORKING REGIONAL AND LOCAL LABOUR MARKET OBSERVATORIES ACROSS EUROPE:

TOPIC 3: SECOND EUROPEAN DAY 2011: "PRACTICAL APPROACHES OF YOUTH MONITORS IN REGIONAL LABOUR MARKET OBSERVATORIES IN EUROPE"

The Second European Day took place in Luxembourg (preceding the annual meeting of the European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring) on 6 October 2011 hosted by CEPS/Instead. About 70 participants discussed current developments, challenges and opportunities in the field of youth monitoring. Among the group of participants were representatives of the European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), politicians and other experts from science and practice.

The documentation of the *results* of the European Day is attached to this email and available [online](#). There also the *programme* and the *presentations* held on the European Day 2011 including the notes from the working groups are available.



TOPIC 4: THE 3RD EUROPEAN DAY 2012 AND NEXT TOPIC OF THE INITIATIVE FOR NETWORKING REGIONAL AND LOCAL LABOUR MARKET OBSERVATORIES ACROSS EUROPE

The 3rd European Day will take place on **11 October 2012**, hosted by the “Regional Labour Office in Krakow – Labour Market and Education Observatory of Malopolska” in Krakow, Poland.

The “Initiative for Networking Regional and Local Labour Market Observatories across Europe” has chosen to further the topic from the European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring 2010/11. Based on the last anthology and the results of the annual meeting 2011 the Initiative will focus on geographical mobility during the next year.

Hence the topic of the 3rd European Day will be “Practical Approaches of Measuring Geographical Mobility in Regional and Local Labour Market Observatories”.

TOPIC 5: CONCEPTS OF GEOGRAPHICAL MOBILITY APPLIED IN REGIONAL AND LOCAL LABOUR MARKET OBSERVATORIES 2012

Focussing on the topic of geographical mobility within the “Initiative for Networking Regional and Local Labour Market Observatories across Europe” this topic shall be explored in an applied manner by all regional and local labour market observatories in Europe.

In January all observatories will be informed about the state of the art and will be asked to explore the concepts of measuring geographical mobility in regional and local labour market monitors. To assess their experiences all regional and local labour market observatories in Europe will be surveyed in June/July 2012. The results will be presented and discussed on the next European Day in Krakow 2012.

TOPIC 6: WORKING GROUP YOUTH MONITORING

A working group to deepen applied concepts in youth monitoring was founded in Luxembourg. Within this group, binding standards for indicators and data will be developed. During the next month the working group will meet on a regular basis to work on a standardization of the indicators applied in youth monitoring, specification of necessary data, implementation and testing in the individual regions and an evaluation of these steps. The results of this working group will be presented on the next European Day 2012 in Krakow.

Everybody, who is interested in monitoring youth employment and unemployment, is welcome to join this working group. For further information please contact the secretary of the “Initiative for Networking Regional and Local Labour Market Observatories across Europe”, Ruth Hasberg (Hasberg@em.uni-frankfurt.de).



TOPIC 7: DATABASE OF REGIONAL AND LOCAL LABOUR MARKET OBSERVATORIES

To further the cooperation, communication and exchange between regional and local labour market observatories a database with information on observatories was invented. On the website of the European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring this database is available to register, but also to search for other regional and local labour market observatories across Europe. Everybody who is interested in a European wide exchange, cooperation and information about other observatories, experts and monitoring systems is welcome to sign in by answering the short questionnaire online (please click [here](#)). For using the database to search other observatories, information about their work, topics and knowledge please click [here](#).

General information about the purpose of the database is available [online](#).

Timetable for the “Initiative for Networking Regional and Local Labour Market Observatories across Europe”

December 2011	Start of the working group on “Youth Monitoring”
January 2012	Invitation of all regional and local labour market observatories across Europe to explore concepts for measuring geographical mobility in regional labour market monitors
June / July 2012	Survey among all Regional and Local Labour Market Observatories to access experiences with exploring concepts of geographical mobility
11 October 2012	3 rd European Day in Krakow



MISCELLANEOUS:

TOPIC 8: PUBLICATIONS

Currently a working paper about regional unemployment in the EU before and after the global crisis was published. This document is attached to this email.

Marelli, Enrico; Patuelli, Roberto; Signorelli, Marcello: Regional Unemployment in the EU before and after the Global Crisis. Working Paper. University of Bologna.

Sincerely,

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