

European Network of Regional Labour Market Monitoring



Dear Colleagues

It is some months ago that we sent an E-Mail to you informing what will be the next steps concerning a European Network of Regional Labour Market Monitoring, see Network Newsletter 10/2007.

Today we would like to provide some information about the current state of activities within the network. It is about

1. Events,
2. Activities,
3. Further Information, and includes also some
4. Attachments

1. Events:

(1) Two Workshops within the Mutual Learning Project "Target Group Monitoring":

The Project "Target Group Monitoring" within the Mutual Learning Programme of the European Employment Strategy will present its results in June 2008. There will be two final workshops. Firstly, a European Expert Workshop in Brussels is planned. This international workshop will have its major focus on conceptual aspects including all type of questions related to data. Secondly, there will be a workshop in Frankfurt organised which centers on the transferability of the concept with special attention to German Regions. All network work members are very much invited to join these events. The European experts' workshop will be conducted in English and take place the 24th of June 2008 at the Committee of the Regions in Brussels (Belgium). Further information about this meeting, see attachment No. 1 of this E-Mail.

The Transfer Workshop in Frankfurt has more a national focus and will be conducted in German. It will take place the 2nd of June 2008 at the University of Frankfurt am Main (Germany). Further information about this meeting, see attachment No. 2 and 3 of this E-Mail.

The project descriptions can be found at <http://www.targetgroupmonitoring.net/>. If you are interested in these meetings or if you want receive further information, please get in touch with Waldemar Mathejczyk: mathejczyk@em.uni-frankfurt.de and Jenny Kipper kipper@em.uni-frankfurt.de. An invitation letter for these events will be sent soon.

(2) Labour Market Conference in South Italy:

A conference on regional labour markets will be held in Basilicata (South Italy) 22nd and 23rd of May 2008. The primary interest is to discuss flexible work, labour precarity, and governance of labour market. Rosario Palese, the President of Eurispes invites to take part in this conference. The conference will take place in Potenza and Matera, the two most important cities of the Region. The conference has appointed an organising secretariat: Chiara Perretti, Eurispes Basilicata, Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II, 14 - 85100 Potenza, Tel. 00349 / 6484505, segreteria.conferenza@eurispes.basilicata.it, Web Site: <http://www.eurispes.basilicata.it/> Further information about this meeting, see attachment No. 3 of this E-Mail.

(3) Annual Meeting of the European Network of Regional Labour Market Monitoring in October 2008:

The annual meeting of the European Network of RLMM Labour Market Monitoring 2008 will take place in Dublin, Ireland. John McGrath from FÁS, Ireland's National Training and Employment Authority, see <http://www.fas.ie/en/>, will organise the meeting that will be at Friday, the 3rd of October 2008. Further information will be available soon. Contact: John McGrath, john.mcgrath@fas.ie.

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2. Activities:

(1) European Research Group and Working Groups:

The European Research Group is still preparing ideas for proposals to enable new projects within the network. Further information: Ron McQuaid, r.mcquaid@napier.ac.uk and Christa Larsen, c.larsen@em.uni-frankfurt.de.

The working groups (i.e. 1. "Regional Forecast", 2. "Standardisation", 3. "Communication / Dissemination Strategies", 4. "Specific Target Groups") are planning further activities, especially preparing contributions for the next annual meeting. The working groups 1., 2. and 4. organised "newsgroups" to inform each other. (The 3. group is not active at the moment.) Contact: (1.) c.knobel@em.uni-frankfurt.de, (2.) c.larsen@em.uni-frankfurt.de, (4.) mathejczyk@em.uni-frankfurt.de

As the speaker of the working group Regional Forecasting, Claudia Knobel took part in the Agora Conference of Skillsnet "Skills for Europe's Future – Anticipating Occupational Skill Needs" in Thessaloniki, Greece from 21st to 22nd of February 2008. At the conference the results of medium-term forecast of occupational skill needs in Europe on a national level carried out by Cedefop were announced and discussed with policy-makers, social partners, practitioners and all other relevant stakeholders. Please find further information under <http://agora.cedefop.europa.eu/skillsnet2008/>.

(2) Publication about "Target Group Monitoring":

The target group monitoring project will end in June 2008. To bring all the results of the interesting discussions together, IWAK is planning an anthology about concepts of target group monitoring as a specific variant of regional labour market monitoring. The book is expected to come out of print in October 2008.

(3) Partner of EWNE:

The European Network of Regional Labour Market Monitoring now has become formal member of "East West Network Europe" that was presented by his president Miguel Bernal in Rome. EWNE offers the opportunity to disseminate information about all network activities to further interested parties. The connection will provide more closeness to contact EU institutions. Although there is a connection, the European Network of Regional Labour Market Monitoring will remain its independent status. Further information: Christa Larsen, c.larsen@em.uni-frankfurt.de, mbernal@ugtextremadura.org, monika.stricker@t-online.de.

(4) Contact to EU-institutions in Brussels:

In February, IWAK presented the network and its activities, especially the current state of affairs of the European research group and the working group as well as results of the project "Target Group Monitoring" at the Committee of the Regions, at the EU Commission, DG Employment, and at the permanent representation of Hessen in Brussels. Further Information: c.larsen@em.uni-frankfurt.de, mathejczyk@em.uni-frankfurt.de

3. Further Information:

(1) Web Site of the Network:

The web site of our network (<http://www.regionallabourmarketmonitoring.net/>) has a new "Intra-net" for all network members in order to enable cooperation and communication. Interested members who have not registered yet, please send an e-mail to Markus Lohr, from the translake GmbH at Lake Constance Area (see <http://www.translake.org/>) will inform you about your personal password. Contact and further information: Markus Lohr, markus.lohr@translake.org

(2) Further Information about the Rome Conference:

The Annual Meeting of the European Network of Regional Labour Market Monitoring that took place in on 27th and 28th of September 2007 in Rome has prepared some documents for the internet. Patrizio di Nicola and his team provide specific information. The full registration of the first day of the

conference is on the internet at <http://www.radioradicale.it/scheda/236034/fotografie-dalla-flessibilita-del-lavoro>

A video made from students from the University of Rome about the conference can be downloaded at http://knowledge.lablav.it/video/TRAILER_flexjob.avi (Please note that the size is 173 MB, and you will need some time to download this Divx video)

(3) Project results coming from network members:

The documentation of the EMDELA conference on active labour market and social inclusion policies, which took place at the Justus-Liebig-University in Gießen (Germany) could be of interest for experts in this field. The English version is available under: http://www.prospektive-entwicklungen.de/english/pdfs/ConferenceLabourMarket_SocialInclusion_PoliciesMarch2007.pdf
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4. Attachments:

(1) Information (English language) about a European experts' workshop about "Target Group Monitoring" at 24. June 2008 in Brussels (Belgium): Programme_Workshop_Brussels_June_2008:

(2) Information (German language) about a National conference about "Target Group Monitoring (Zielgruppenmonitoring)" at 02. June 2008 in Frankfurt am Main (Germany):

"Frankfurt_Tagung_Ankündigung_English_Version.doc", "Frankfurt_Tagung_Ankündigung.doc"

(3) Information (English language) about an International conference about labour market research at 22. and 23. May 2008 in Potenza and Matera (Italy): "Conference_South_Italy.doc"

This is all for today. We are looking forward to an ongoing cooperation. If you have any comments or questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

With kind regards,

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If you have any comments to this newsletter or if you do not want to receive the newsletter any more, please let us know.

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