
Monitoring of Regional Labour Markets in Europe A Transnational Workshop

8th and 9th March 2006
Frankfurt/Main, Germany

November 2005

We would like to invite you to a transnational workshop on REGIONAL LABOUR MARKET MONITORING IN EUROPE on the 8th and 9th March 2006 in Frankfurt/Main, Germany. The workshop is intended as a forum for experts from different European countries, who work in the field of Regional Labour Market Monitoring in research, planning and practice and for those interested in this field. With this workshop we want to initiate a transnational exchange on concepts, methods and practical experience. It is also intended to establish a **European Network** for a continuous communication.

In the workshop sessions a number of projects and concepts in the field of Regional Labour Market Monitoring will be presented. Firstly, there will be examples of projects from Western European Countries from the area of public administration. Secondly, there will be a group of projects which were developed for single regions. Whereas the first are generally characterised by a top-down approach, regional projects are mostly based on a bottom-up perspective. In addition to those two groups, concepts from some Eastern European States will be presented in order to find the similarities and differences to the Western European approaches.

There is a broad variety of projects and concepts dealing with Regional Labour Market Monitoring. In the workshop sessions we will only be able to consider a selection. Therefore, to all participants who cannot present their projects in the sessions we offer the opportunity to do so in a **market place**. The market place is also open for people who have already presented their projects in one of the sessions. It creates an additional forum for the exchange of information and for contacts between workshop participants.

Please let us know on the attached form before **13th January 2006** whether you will attend the workshop.

Furthermore, we would like to ask for your support. As this network is still in its infancy, we cannot be sure of reaching all interested individuals; therefore, we would like you to pass on the information to your colleagues. If you need more invitations please let us know.

We are looking forward to two interesting and productive days in March 2006.

Yours sincerely,



Prof. Dr. Alfons Schmid



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Participation:

- I will participate:
- 8th/9th March 2006
 - 8th March 2006 only
 - 9th March 2006 only

Name and address.....

Accommodation:

There is accommodation available in the centrally located Frankfurt Hotel Atlantic (www.hotel-atlantic-frankfurt.de). For the workshop participants there is a special price of 70€ per night (including breakfast).

- I will need accommodation in the Hotel Atlantic:
- 7th/8th March 2006
 - 8th/9th March 2006
 - 9th/10th March 2006

Dinner

On the evening of 8th March, there will be the opportunity to meet with other workshop participants for dinner in a Frankfurt restaurant.

- I would like to participate in the Dinner:
- yes
 - no

Marketplace

The marketplace is intended as a meeting point for information exchange about projects of regional labour market monitoring. If you are interested in presenting a poster and/or other material, please let us know. For further details, we will get in touch with you in mid-January 2006. If you have questions before mid-January, please contact Dr. Gregor Leclerque (leclerque@em.uni-frankfurt.de).

- I would like to present at the market place
- yes
 - no

Monitoring of Regional Labour Markets

Regional factors are crucial for the position of enterprises in highly competitive and turbulent markets. Namely, the efficiency of regional labour markets and effective labour market policies are important factors determining the position and perspectives of enterprises. A major precondition for the functioning of regional labour markets is adequate information for all actors involved. Respective data have to be current, future-related, fitting the needs of both actors and decision-makers. **Regional Labour Market Monitoring** as an on-going practice can be seen as an approach to meet these requirements.

A variety of projects in this area have been set up in several European countries. Their purpose is to develop and implement sets of indicators for actual and prospective regional employment, methods of data gathering and validation and instruments of reporting and dissemination. Although some of these approaches seem to be well-developed there is obviously a lack of interconnection and cooperation between them. There is no systematic exchange of concepts and experiences.

This workshop brings experts from different states together to initiate such an exchange. It is also understood as a kick-off for the building of a European network of research institutions and agencies in this area. This network can help to create synergies between different approaches and contributes to an effective dissemination of methodology and know-how.

Market Place

All workshop participants are invited to present their projects and/or their institutions in form of posters and/or by providing further information material. This applies to projects presented in the sessions as well as to further concepts which, due to time restraints, could not be considered in the program. Thus, the market place creates an additional forum for the exchange of information and experiences and for making contacts between the participants.

Workshop Location

Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University,
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Registration

before 13th January 2006

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Program

First Day - 8th March 2006

9:00 Registration and Refreshment

Welcome

10:00 Prof. Dr. Rudolf Steinberg, President, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University, Frankfurt

10:15 Member of the Hessian Government

Introduction

10:30 **Objectives and Structure of the Workshop**

Prof. Dr. Alfons Schmid, Institute for Labour Sciences, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University, Frankfurt

11:00 **Benefits of a European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring. A Perspective from the European Union**

Odile Quintin, Director, Employment and Social Affairs, EU-Commission, Brussels – *TBC*

11:30 *Coffee Break*

Session I

The Western European Experience I: Systematic and Nationwide Regional Labour Market Monitoring through Public Administration

11:45 **Regional Labour Market Monitoring in Great Britain. A Scientific Perspective on Models, Databases, Processes of Dissemination and Institutionalisation**

Prof. Dr. Robert M. Lindley, Director, Warwick Institute for Employment Research, University of Warwick, Coventry

12:30 **Regional Labour Market Monitoring in Sweden. A Perspective on Applications and Empirically Induced Modifications**

Thomas Behrens, Labour Market Analyst, County Labour Board, Malmö

13:15 *Lunch Break*

14:15 **Regional Labour Market Monitoring in Denmark. Regional Restructuring and its Consequences for Systemic Adaption**

Morten Fonsskov Greising, Principal, The Labour Market Authority of Denmark, Kopenhagen

15:00 **Discussion**

Session II

The Western European Experience II: Regional Labour Market Monitoring integrated in Regional Communication Networks

15:15 **Dialog-Oriented Labour Market Monitoring in the Region of Twente in the Netherlands. Genealogy of the Concept and Applications**

Peter de Bruin, Director, Activa Research, Enschede

16:00 *Coffee Break*

16:30 **Labour Market Monitoring in the Region Rhine-Main in Germany. An Information and Communication Approach**

Dr. Christa Larsen, Senior Researcher, Institute for Economics, Labour and Culture (IWAK), Frankfurt/
Marco von Mevius, Researcher, Institute for Applied Informatics and Formal Description Methods (AIFB), University of Karlsruhe

17:30 **Observation Formation-Emploi: Quelle Action dans les Territoires?**

Guy Sapin, Director, Centre Régional de Ressources pour le Travail, L'Emploi et la Formation en Bourgogne, France

18:15 **Discussion**

18:30 **End**

Dinner at a Frankfurt Restaurant

Second Day - 9th March 2006

9:30 **Introduction**

Prof. Dr. Alfons Schmid, Institute for Labour Sciences, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University, Frankfurt

Session III

Eastern European Approaches to Regional Labour Market Monitoring

9:45 **Labour Market Monitoring in 28 Regions of Bulgaria. Genesis, Practice and Perspectives**

Borislav Stoyanov, Senior Expert, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Sofia

10:30 **Labour Market Monitoring in Selected Regions of Poland. Framework and Perspectives**

Dr. Iwona Kukulak-Dolata, Scientist, Department of Economic Policy, University of Lodz

11:15 *Coffee Break*

11:30 **The Regional Labour Market at the Border Zone of Hungary, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Austria. A Cross Border Monitoring**

Dr. Michaela Hudler, Senior Researcher, Paul-Lazarsfeld-Gesellschaft, Vienna

12:15 **Diversity in Concepts and Performance of Regional Labour Market Monitoring**
Discussion

13:15 *Lunch Break*

Session IV

Initiation of a European Network on the Furthering of Regional Labour Market Monitoring

14:15 **Experiences and Strategies for the Foundation of a European Network**

Speaker I: Christoph Hilbert, Research Fellow, Social Science Research Center (WZB), Berlin

Speaker II: Olga Strietska-Ilina, Skillsnet Expert, European Center for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP), Thessaloniki

15:15 **Building of a European Network: Structure, Work Organisation, Subject Areas**
Discussion

16:15 **Closing Speech**

Dr. Christa Larsen, Senior Researcher, Institute for Economics, Labour and Culture (IWAK), Frankfurt

16:30 **End**