

## > Network Coordination and Services

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## > Web Site

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A virtual forum for the exchange between network members is available:

[www.regionallabourmarketmonitoring.net](http://www.regionallabourmarketmonitoring.net)

## > Newsletter

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The European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring sends out a Network Newsletter with information about events and activities. To subscribe, please contact the coordinator.

## > Experts

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A pool of international experts with sound backgrounds in theories, methods and application of regional labour market monitoring is available for lectures, presentations, consulting or evaluation purposes. For further information:

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## > Background

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Regional factors are crucial to enterprises and agencies in highly competitive and turbulent markets. A major precondition for the functioning of regional labour markets is the availability of adequate information for all actors involved.

Such information has to be both current and future-related, and fit the needs of various decision makers - employers, individuals and policy makers. Regional Labour Market Monitoring is an on-going practice which can help meet these requirements.

Regional Labour Market Monitoring is an instrument for enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of regional labour markets and labour market politics. It generates and disseminates information that is turned into knowledge and intelligence for actors in the regional labour market. To that extent it contributes to more effective decision making and actions.

A variety of projects in this area have been set up in several European countries, but there is obviously a lack of interconnection and cooperation between them.

At a European level the network supports the further development of methods and concepts by bringing scientists and practitioners from different countries together and supporting the development of a common European Labour Market.

## A Brief Introduction to the



# European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring

## History – Structure – Activities

## > Objectives

The European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring was founded in March 2006 at Goethe University Frankfurt a.M. in Germany.

The network is a non-profit organisation to further concepts and instruments in the field of Regional Labour Market Monitoring and to diffuse common methods for the study, research and analysis of this issue.

The overall objective is to promote a better understanding of the functioning of regional labour market monitoring as an essential instrument for improving labour market strategies and operations according to the EU 2020 Strategy.

## > Conferences

- Sept. 2005 National Conference on "Regional Labour Market Monitoring in Germany", Frankfurt a.M. (Germany)
- March 2006 International Conference "Monitoring of Regional Labour Markets in European States", Frankfurt a.M. (Germany)
- Sept. 2006 "Monitoring of Regional Labour Markets" at the Committee of the Regions, Brussels (Belgium)
- Sept. 2007 International Conference and Annual Meeting, Rome (Italy)
- Oct. 2008 Annual Meeting and conference, Dublin (Ireland)
- Oct. 2009 Annual Meeting and conference, Copenhagen (Denmark)
- Oct. 2010 1st European Day, Marseille (France)  
Annual Meeting, Marseille (France)
- Oct. 2011 2nd European Day, Luxembourg  
Annual Meeting, Luxembourg
- Oct. 2012 Annual Meeting, Prague (Czech Republic) *tbc.*

## > Annual Anthologies

- 2007 Monitoring of Regional Labour Markets in European States. Concepts, Experiences, and Perspectives. (All anthologies are published by: Rainer Hampp Verlag, Muenchen)
- 2008 Target Group Monitoring in European Regions. Empirical Findings and Conceptual Approaches.
- 2009 Information Systems for Regional Labour Market Monitoring. State of the Art and Perspectives.
- 2010 Regional Monitoring Approaches for the Reduction and the Prevention of Youth Unemployment in Europe.
- 2011 *Measuring Geographical Mobility in Regional Labour Market Monitoring (work in progress)*

## > Network Members

Everybody who is interested in the field of Regional Labour Market Monitoring can join the European Network without any obligation. Currently, diverse experts from science, labour administration and consulting branch (200 persons from 80 institutions in more than 20 countries) are network members:

- > CEREQ - France
- > EURISPES, Italy
- > I&O Research, Netherlands
- > Edinburgh Napier University / Employment Research Institute, United Kingdom
- > Paul Lazarsfeld Society for Social Research, AU
- > Universita' di Roma La Sapienza, Italy
- > LASA Brandenburg, Germany
- > Economic University of Cracow, Poland
- > Arbejdsmarkedsstyrelsen, Denmark
- > University of Lodz, Poland

## > Project of the Network: Initiative for Networking Regional Labour Market Observatories across Europe

There are around 400 regional labour market observatories located in Europe. The last few years have seen a significant increase in their number, a trend that continues unabated. The methods applied for data generation and distribution are extremely heterogeneous, greatly complicating trans-regional or international comparisons. Through isolated, parallel developments in single regions, possible synergies have not been realized. A significant improvement in this current situation is expected through a systematic, European-wide networking of the observatories. This allows methodological knowledge and operative experiences to be exchanged and it promotes the likelihood that common paths of development will be taken. This will enhance the progress towards standardization and thereby, permit inter-regional, international and European comparisons. Therefore, the **Initiative "Networking European Labour Market Observatories"** was started in October 2010. It is oriented towards bringing together all regional labour market observatories in Europe in one network to make possible comprehensive, quick and systematic access to the newest methods and practices. At the same time, it is important to provide a channel for a lively exchange between the observatories on the empirical application of these methods via the forum of its data bank.

### Scientific Committee

A group of international scientists provide a continuously sound basis for this initiative.

### Special Development in 2011

Special advice and guidance on how to build regional and local youth monitoring can be gained from the experts in the European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring and participation in the network's events.

### European Day 2011:

The European Day is an annual workshop for representatives of observatories and interested experts who seek personal exchange on selected topics. The topic for 2011 is "Youth Monitoring in Regional Labour Market Observatories".