

Location

**Herbert Park Hotel
Ballsbridge
Dublin 4**

The conference is free of charge.
The conference language will be English.

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Information about the Network

The European Network of Regional Labour Market Monitoring was founded in March 2006 in Frankfurt am Main. The structure of the network was built up in September 2006 with a workshop in Brussels.

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 the Regional Labour Market Monitoring as an essential instrument for labour market strategies according to the European Employment Strategy.

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European Network of Regional Labour Market Monitoring

Annual Meeting 2008

Dublin

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The European labour market is undergoing a process of rapid structural change. There has been a significant increase in output and employment in high value-added sectors such as bio-technology, pharmaceuticals, software development, financial services and telecommunications and a concomitant decline of production in labor intensive low value-added manufacturing activities.

This process of change is often referred to as the 'transition to the knowledge economy' because typically the products and services provided by these sectors entail a much greater level of intellectual input than the activities associated with the more traditional business sectors.

The quality of human capital is critical to the development of the knowledge economy. In general, the knowledge economy requires a higher level of skills and qualifications and a workforce, which is competent in a range of technical and generic skills-sets, some of which may transcend the traditional skill boundaries.

It is important, therefore, that the Member States of the European Union develop models which are capable of identifying, in both quantitative and qualitative forms, the type of skill-sets and qualifications which are required by the developing knowledge economy in Europe.

The focus of the annual meeting of the European Network of Regional Labour Market Monitoring will be on discussing and analysing models for identifying prospective qualification/skills needs at the regional and local level.

One of the main goals is to introduce regionally customised monitoring approaches by the way of Best Practices models. Therefore, examples of regional/local approaches are presented for the successful identification of prospective qualification/skill demands.

Furthermore, it is planned to compare the successful operating systems from the various European regions with respect to their similarities and differences in order to draw conclusions about how such systems can be further developed and deployed within the framework of the European Network of Regional Labour Market Monitoring.

Thursday, 02nd of October 2008

20:00 h Get Together

The Programme

Friday, 03rd of October 2008

- 09:00 h Greetings and Introduction
John McGrath, FAS/ Alfons Schmid, IWAK
- Chair: John McGrath FAS, Dublin*
- 09:30 h Local Employment and Skills – and the Interaction with Corporate Social Responsibility
Susan Bird, European Commission
- 10:00 h Best Practice Models for the Identification of Prospective Qualification and Skills Demand
Working Sessions 1 and 2
- 13:30 h Lunch Break
- 14:30 h Results from the Working Sessions
Presentation and Discussion
- 15:30 h New Skill – New Jobs. The New Initiative of the EU - *Presentation*
Alena Zukersteinova, CEDEFOP
- Requirements from the Perspective of the Employment Services - *Statement*
Wolfgang Müller, European Representation of the German Federal Employment Agency
- Meeting Demands from the Local/ Regional Point of View - *Discussion*
All Participants
- 16:30 h Coffee Break
- 17:00 h Report on Past and Prospective Network Activities
Jenny Kipper/ Christa Larsen, IWAK
- 17:45 h Closing Speech
John McGrath, FAS/ Alfons Schmid, IWAK
- 20:30 h Get Together

Working Sessions

Session 1 – Information Systems in Operation

Moderation: Franz Clement, CEPS/INSTEAD, Luxembourg

RegioPro – Midterm Forecast of Qualifications and Professions in selected Counties of the Rhine-Main-Area in Germany - *Claudia Knobel, IWAK, Frankfurt*

Detecting Qualification Needs in the Domain of Green Energy in the Region of Kempen (Belgium) - *Eddy Donders, Stafdienst Competentiecentra, Brussels*

The Labour Market Observatory in Lombardy and Tuscany Region and the Approach for Regional Medium-Term Skill Needs Forecasting (Italy) - *Mattia Martini, CRISP, Milano/ Riccardo Romano, Roma*

The AMS Skills Barometer and its New Implementations for Regional Skills Demands Forecast (Austria) - *Stefan Humpl/ Maria Kargl, 3s Unternehmensberatung, Vienna*

Systems for the Early Identification of Skills Needs in Ireland - *John McGrath, FAS, Dublin*

Session 2 – Methodological and Conceptual Aspects

Moderation: Christa Larsen, IWAK Frankfurt

Identifying Skills' and Qualification Needs for Territories: Two Statistical Complementary Methods (France) - *Bernhard Hillau, CEREQ Marseille/ Yvette Grelet, CEREQ Caen*

Exploring Employers' Skills Needs and VET Provision in Scotland and Northern Ireland - *Ronald Mc Quaid, Employment Research Institute, Edinburgh*

Local and Sub-Regional Medium-Term Skills Forecast in the UK - *Rob Wilson, Warwick Institute for Employment Research, Coventry*

Identifying Prospective Skill Needs in the Framework of Regional Labour Market Monitoring in Mecklenburg-Western-Pomerania (Germany) - *Jan Ulatowski, Gesellschaft für Strukturentwicklung, Schwerin*

Monitoring of Skilled Workers in the Border Region of Austria with Slovakia - *Marc Bittner, Paul-Lazarsfeld-Gesellschaft for Social Research, Vienna*