



NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2011

Dear Colleagues:

After a hopefully enjoyable summer we would like to inform you about the latest activities and work within the European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring and the Initiative for Networking Regional Labour Market Observatories across Europe.

Additionally we would like to announce that registrations for the European Day 2011 and the Annual Meeting are still possible. We would be delighted to meet you in Luxembourg!

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 upcoming annual network meeting will take place on 7 October 2011 in Luxembourg, hosted by CEPS/Institute for Economic Studies research institute. Two exemplarily case studies in measuring geographical mobility will be presented: "Luxembourg and the Greater Region" and "The Regional Labour Market at the Border Zone of Austria, Hungary, Slovakia and Czech Republic". Furthermore representatives from EURES, from politics and science as well as the former Prime Minister of Luxembourg will support the discussion of different issues and targets regarding geographical mobility in Europe. Six working groups will cover different topics to further the discussion. Participants will be able to choose between the following working group topics: "Labour Mobility from East to West in Europe", "Labour Mobility in Western Europe", "Mobility as a Multi-locality Concept", "Mobility of Skilled Workers in Europe", "Mobility of Unskilled Workers in Europe" and "Labour Mobility from outside the EU". The discussions will be oriented on the Network Anthology 2011 concerning the same topic.

Please find detailed information about the conference, the programme, the invitation letter, the registration form and information about the venues, hotels, etc. [here](#).

We hope to meet you next month for an interesting and productive discussion!



INITIATIVE FOR NETWORKING REGIONAL LABOUR MARKET OBSERVATORIES ACROSS EUROPE:

TOPIC 2: SECOND EUROPEAN DAY 2011: "PRACTICAL APPROACHES OF YOUTH MONITORS IN REGIONAL LABOUR MARKET OBSERVATORIES IN EUROPE"

The Second European Day, annual conference of the "INITIATIVE FOR NETWORKING REGIONAL LABOUR MARKET OBSERVATORIES ACROSS EUROPE", will take place in Luxembourg (preceding the annual meeting of the European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring) on 6 October 2011. It will be located at the University of Luxembourg and hosted by CEPS/Instead research institute. This conference will provide a framework for all representatives of Regional Labour Market Observatories to discuss current issues and developments in the field of youth monitoring with representatives of the European Commission Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, ETUC, politicians and other experts from science and practice.

You are invited to join the conference in Luxembourg. Information about the topic, the programme and the registration form are available [here](#). We also would appreciate if you could forward the invitation to your partner and interested person to meet up for a stimulating and lively European Day 2011.

TOPIC 3: INDICATORS APPLIED IN YOUTH MONITORING

The annual topic of the "INITIATIVE FOR NETWORKING REGIONAL LABOUR MARKET OBSERVATORIES ACROSS EUROPE" is exploring regional youth monitoring. The first step to approach the topic was done in January 2011, when all regional observatories were invited to test a set of indicators which could be applied for regional youth monitoring. Since August the online questionnaire is open for all labour market observatories and interested persons in the field of youth monitoring to fill in their experiences and comments.

By now about 50 per cent of labour market observatories and interested persons across Europe, who are working in this field, participated in this online exploration. This is a great result and we would like to thank everybody for supporting the "INITIATIVE FOR NETWORKING REGIONAL LABOUR MARKET OBSERVATORIES ACROSS EUROPE".

It is still possible to participate. The online questionnaire will be open until Tuesday, 13 September 2011. If you are interested in giving us your opinion and results we would be very delighted. To participate in this project please click [here](#). Further information is available [here](#) or please contact the European secretary located at IWAK; Ruth Hasberg (Hasberg@em.uni-frankfurt.de).

The results will be presented and discussed on the European Day 2011.



TOPIC 4: DATABASE OF LABOUR MARKET OBSERVATORIES

An online Database of labour market observatories was set up to support organisations, interested persons and institutes working in the field of labour market monitoring. As one of the main aims of the “INITIATIVE FOR NETWORKING REGIONAL LABOUR MARKET OBSERVATORIES ACROSS EUROPE” is to support a European wide communication, exchange and cooperation this Database was invented.

This shall help you and other interested persons, organisations and institutes to find experts, cooperation partner, labour market observatories with similar topics and persons for a comprehensive exchange. A registration to this Database will help other interested organisations, persons and experts to be able to find you, to get information about your themes and main topics, methods, regional working level, organisation type, partnerships or your contacts for a better communication or a possible cooperation.

To sign in this database and to profit by the European wide network please fill in your information by following this [link](#).

You are also very welcome to use the Database for finding other labour market observatories. As the Database is open to everybody you can easily find information about other labour market observatories and their work in various European countries. To use the Database please click [here](#).

Further information about the Database, its initiator and background information is available on this website: www.regionallabourmarketmonitoring.net.

MISCELLANEOUS:

TOPIC 5: UPCOMING EVENTS

The 3rd Inter Regional meeting CEREQ – DARES – Inter CARIF OREF will take place on 22 September 2011 in Rouen, France with the topic “Training and career paths, which lessons for action?”. The conference will be free of charge and held in French. For further information, to find the programme and to register for this conference, please go online: <http://rencontres.crefor-hn.fr/>

TOPIC 6: OTHER PROJECT: REGIONETWORK 2020

The European Commission had set up a platform for online collaboration for representatives of European regions and others who are interested in the European Union's regional policy. Best Practice examples and information about Regions are presented. Further information on this is available online:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/regionetwork2020/worklog/all>



TOPIC 7: OPEN DAYS – 9TH EUROPEAN WEEK OF REGIONS AND CITIES

On 10 October 2011 until 13 October 2011 the 9th Open Days will take place in Brussels, Belgium. Within three thematic priorities the head topic “Investing in Europe’s future: Regions and cities delivering smart, sustainable and inclusive growth” will be discussed: “Europe 2020”, “Better delivery” and “Geography matters”. The topic youth monitoring will be discussed in a working group as well.

Further information on the programme or the Open Days in general is available on this website: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/od2011/.

Sincerely,

Christa Larsen, Alfons Schmid and Ruth Hasberg

If you have any comments on this newsletter or if you do not want to receive the newsletter anymore please let us know. Contact: Ruth Hasberg (Hasberg@em.uni-frankfurt.de)