



European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring

5th EUROPEAN DAY

of the EN RLMM based on the

*Initiative for Networking Regional and Local
Labour Market Observatories Across Europe*

SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE LABOUR MARKET DEVELOPMENT:

**The Role of Observatories and Intermediaries in
European Regions and Localities**

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Page 1, Prof Mario Mezzanzanica, Scientific Director of CRISP

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**The Annual Meeting of the EN RLMM is hosted by the
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Dear conference delegates,



As the Scientific Director of CRISP, I am delighted that the University of Milano-Bicocca has the opportunity to host the 5th European Day of the EN RLMM. Since 2010, it has brought together researchers, policy-makers and practitioners for debates addressing regional and local labour market monitoring issues. In different constellations and

with various approaches, these actors have worked on improving the matching of labour supply and demand in their regions. In addition, different intermediaries have been involved in this process contributing to surmounting the shortcomings of the matching.

At the event **THE ROLE OF OBSERVATORIES AND INTERMEDIARIES IN EUROPEAN REGIONS AND LOCALITIES**, the EN RLMM will address the various forms of intermediaries and their contributions to aligning the VET and economic development strategies. We will discuss the good practice examples from different European regions in this respect, explore the framework conditions for their success as well as the mechanisms enabling to transfer these examples into other contexts. I am particularly pleased that the European Day will enable to support the exchange of the EN RLMM with the regional and local labour market practitioners from Italy and other European regions.

Yours,

Mario Mezzanzanica

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EN RLMM

The European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring (EN RLMM) focuses on innovative approaches for the monitoring of labour markets in regions and localities across Europe.

Through various activities such as issuing annual anthologies and organising conferences, it seeks to further the concepts and instruments in regional and local labour market monitoring and to diffuse the common approaches developed through discussions and co-operation.

In 2010, the EN RLMM started the *Initiative for Networking Regional and Local Labour Market Observatories Across Regions*. Meanwhile, the Initiative reaches over 550 labour market observatories in the regions and localities of 32 European countries. During the European Day, exchange between labour market researchers, policy-makers and practitioners takes place leading to mutual learning.



In 2015, the 5th European Day of the EN RLMM will take place in the Lombardy Region. It is located in the northern part of Italy — more precisely in Milan, the economic centre of the Italian nation.



MILANO 2015

From 1 May to 31 October 2015 the City of Milan hosts EXPO, the Universal Exhibition following the motto *Feeding the Planet — Energy for Life*.



The venue of the European Day of the EN RLMM is the University of Milano-Bicocca. It was established in 1998 to serve students from northern Italy and relieve some of the pressure on the overcrowded University of Milan. From the start, this very fertile academic climate became a unique training ground, which offered an innovative approach and thus an added value even in the most traditional disciplines. The University of Milano-Bicocca achieved 25th place in the ranking *THE 100 Under 50* published by the Times Higher Education in 2012.

The Topic of the EN RLMM European Day in 2015:

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The topic of the 5th EN RLMM European Day is concerned with the aligning of VET and regional/local economic development strategies and focuses on the role of labour market observatories and other intermediaries in these processes.

Our experience shows that information on the current and future developments in labour market — provided by regional and local labour market observatories — is crucial for devising and steering regional/local economic development strategies. At the same time, different intermediaries are needed to ensure the alignment of the various fields of the strategies.

This year's EN RLMM European Day is dedicated to the various types of intermediaries already existing in many European regions and localities as well as the differences in their constellations depending on the framework conditions and regional/local challenges. We will propose a typology of intermediaries, compare the patterns of their embeddedness and functioning across the regions/localities and explore the issues associated with their transfer to different contexts.

The topic will be approached from three different angles:

- Several EN RLMM members who are involved in the Erasmus+ project *Aligning Regional and Local VET and Economic Development Strategies (VET-EDS)* have collected good practice examples involving labour market intermediaries from nine European countries. At the European Day, in particular the role of labour market observatories as intermediaries in regional/local development strategies will be addressed.
- The role of intermediaries in aligning regional labour market policies with VET strategies will be discussed with policy-makers and intermediaries active in the field.
- Three regional good practice examples will show how intermediaries can contribute to aligning VET strategies with economic development strategies.

Researchers, policy-makers and practitioners are invited to discuss their experiences related to various kinds of intermediaries in the field of regional/local strategy-making processes in the workshops and the plenary session.

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9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-9:50

WELCOME SPEECHES

Danilo Porro, Pro-Rector for the Enhancement of Research, the University of Milano-Bicocca (Italy)

Cristina Tajani, Municipal Counsellor for the Labour Market policies of the City of Milan (Italy)

Marco Ricceri, Eurispes (Italy) and **Birgit Blättel-Mink**, IWAK/Goethe University Frankfurt am Main (Germany)

9:50-10:40

KEYNOTE SPEECHES

Michela Meghnagi, OECD LEED Programme (France):

Boosting Quality Jobs at the Local Level

Cristina Mereuta, European Training Foundation (Italy):

Assessing, Anticipating and Responding to Changing Skill Needs in the South-East European Countries

Moderation: **Eugenia Atin**, Prospektiker (Spain)

10:40-11:00

INTRODUCTION

Christa Larsen, IWAK/Centre of Goethe University Frankfurt am Main (Germany)

Introduction to the Relevance of Intermediaries for Enhancing Regional Development

11:00-11:15 Coffee break

PRESENTATIONS

11:15-11:30

Regional Labour Market Observatories as Intermediaries

Andrew Dean, Marchmont Observatory, the University of Exeter (UK):

Understanding the Role of Labour Market Intelligence in Aligning Regional and Local VET and Economic Development Strategies

11:30-12:20

Agencies, Ministries and Sectoral Associations as Intermediaries

Gianpaolo Montaletti, Deputy Manager of Regional Agency for VET and Labour Policies (Italy):

Big Data for VET Decision-Makers

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Irene Vecchione, General Director of Formatemp (Agency for Training Temporary Workers) (Italy):

Informative Needs and Perspectives in the Experience of Lifelong Learning for Job Placement and Re-placement

Sophie Westenberger, IWAK/Centre of Goethe University Frankfurt am Main (Germany):

Aligning Enterprises' Qualification Requirements with the VET Sphere: Two Examples from Germany

12:20-13:15

Regional Labour Offices as Intermediaries

Miren Gotzone Sagardui, Lanbide - Basque Employment Service (the Basque Country):

Regional Strategy and Labour Market Information: Key Factors for Training and Education Planning in the Basque Country

Marta Sosnowska, Voivodeship Labour Office of Białystok (Poland):

Labour Market Intelligence in Poland: Diagnosis and Trends in Polish Regions

Andreas Mångs, Arbetsförmedlingen (PES) (Sweden):

Increased Polarisation of the Swedish Labour Market: New Challenges

Moderation: **Aleksander Surdej**, Cracow University of Economics (Poland)

13:15-14:15 Lunch

14:15-15:45

WORKING GROUPS (*further information is provided on page 6 of this programme*)

15:45-17:00

PLENARY DISCUSSION AND CLOSING REMARKS

Moderation: **Aline Valette-Wursthén**, Céreq (France) and **Moreno Baruffini**, IRE (Switzerland)

17:00-17:10

Mario Mezzanica, Scientific Director of CRISP, the University of Milano-Bicocca (Italy)

18:00-20:00

City tour of Milan (meeting point at Castello Sforzesco, Piazza Castello)

From 20:00

Dinner: La fabbrica, Alzaia Naviglio Grande, 70 (participants will have to cover the costs themselves)

WORKING GROUPS
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A Intermediaries in European Regions

Working Group 1: Regional and local labour market observatories as intermediaries: Bridging the gap between enterprises, the VET system, job placement and the employed/unemployed

Pagani Room – Building U7 – 3rd floor

Input: Lars Lauer, IWAK/Centre of Goethe University Frankfurt am Main (Germany)

Moderation: Andrew Dean, Marchmont Observatory/the University of Exeter (UK) and Daniel Porep, ZukunftsAgentur Brandenburg (ZAB) (Germany)

Working Group 2: Agencies, ministries and sectoral associations as intermediaries: Bridging the gap between enterprises and (further) education and training

Common Room – Building U7 – 2nd floor – Room 2047

Input: Sophie Westenberger, IWAK/Centre of Goethe University Frankfurt am Main (Germany)

Moderation: Ben Neild, Marchmont Observatory/the University of Exeter (UK) and Carmen Méndez de Castro, bizkaia:talent (the Basque Country)

Working Group 3: Regional labour offices as intermediaries: Bridging the gap between the unemployed and potential employers

Economic Seminar Room – Building U7 – 2nd floor – Room 2104

Input: Daniel Keller and Christian Müller, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), Labour Directorate (Switzerland)

Moderation: Nina Oding, the Leontief Centre (Russia) and Andreas Mångs, Arbetsförmedlingen (PES) (Sweden)

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B Intermediaries in Non-European Regions

Working Group 4: Establishing regional labour market observatories as intermediaries and platforms for a regional employment dialogue: Implementation knowledge from Egypt

Seminar Room – Building U7 – 4th floor – Room 4026

Input and moderation: Laura Schmid, Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) (Egypt/Germany)



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