



CELEBRATION OF THE

“20 years of international cooperation”

September 18, 2025 at 19:00 h



Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

We cordially invite you to the **celebration of the 20th anniversary of the European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring on September 18, 2025 at 19:00 h, in the Festsaal of Goethe University, Campus Westend in Frankfurt am Main.**

For 20 years, the members of the European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring (EN RLMM) have been inspired by the exchange of ideas and innovations from labour market and economic experts from over 30 European and Asian regions. "Looking beyond one's own horizon" has proven to be valuable for us and our clients. **On the occasion of the network's 20th anniversary, we warmly invite you to take part in its lively and inspiring culture.** Immerse yourself in international perspectives for an enjoyable evening. English will be the main language, but feel free to engage in lively conversations using other languages as well.

<https://www.iwak-frankfurt.de/galaveranstaltung-20-jahre-europaeische-zusammenarbeit-im-regionalen-arbeitsmarktmonitoring/>

We are delighted that **Heike Hofmann, the Hessian Minister for Labour, Integration, Youth and Social Affairs, Prof. Dr. Bernhard Brüne, Vice President of Goethe University, and representatives of the network, Prof. Marco Ricceri and Prof. Ciprian Panzaru,** will personally welcome you. A special highlight of the evening will be the keynote by **Thorsten Schäfer-Gümbel, Chair of the Management Board of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).**

Afterward, we will take you on a time travel to places, people and topics – giving you the opportunity to learn more about the network and its members. The evening will culminate with the **symbolic passing of the baton to the Minister of Labour from the Province of Biscay in the Basque Country.** In 2026, the 21st Annual Conference of the network will take place in Bilbao, Basque Country.

There will be many opportunities to connect during the celebration. All speeches will be held in English. You will find the full program on the next page.

We look forward to your participation. Please register by **September 2nd, 2025** via the following link:

<https://iwak.idloom.events/Gala-Abend>

For questions, please contact Julia Boerner-Krekel at +49 (0)69 798 25466 or by email at boerner-krekel@em.uni-frankfurt.de.

With warm regards,

Marco Ricceri (Chair of the Scientific Committee) and Christa Larsen (Coordinator EN RLMM)



18:30 - Arrival and Reception

19:00	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">Prof. Dr. Bernhard Brüne, Vicepresident of Goethe-University Frankfurt a.M.Heike Hofmann, Minister of Labour, Integration, Youth and Social Affairs in HesseProf. Marco Ricceri, Eurispes Rome/ Prof. Ciprian Panzaru, West University of Timisoara, Romania – Chair/Vice Chair of Scientific Committee of European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring
19:20	Keynote <ul style="list-style-type: none">Thorsten Schäfer-Gümbel, Chair of the Management Board, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
19:40	Experiencing 20 Years of European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring: Time Travel to Places, People and Topics
20:15	Passing the Baton - Annual Meeting 2026 in Bilbao <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr Theresa Laespada, Minister of Employment, Social Inclusion and Equality of the Provincial Council of Biscay, Basque Country, Spain
20:30	Musical Finale
20:40	Dinner
	Networking

