

**12th Annual Meeting of the
European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring
(EN RLMM)**

The Importance of Governance in
Regional Labour Market Monitoring
for Evidence-based Policy-making
5 October 2017

Regional Labour Market Monitoring in
Developing and Emerging Countries

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Hotel Rogner

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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 involving the publishing of Anthologies and organising meetings, it seeks to further the concepts and instruments in regional and local labour market monitoring and to diffuse the common methods for research and analysis in this field.



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In 2017, the Annual Meeting of the EN RLMM will take place in Tirana, the capital of the Republic of Albania. It will be organised jointly with the GIZ, the German Development Cooperation.



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The annual topic of the EN RLMM is concerned with the importance of governance in RLMM. The second day of the conference will be enriched by perspectives of developing and emerging economies from North Africa, the Middle East, South-East Europe and Central Asia.



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The conference language is English and the participation is free of charge.

CONFERENCE FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME

4 October 2017



In the framework of the Annual Meeting of the European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring (EN RLMM), the GIZ will organise a visit to the **Regional Labour Office of Tirana**.

The participants will be introduced to the main work process of the Labour Office, which is part of a network composed of 12 Regional and 24 Local Labour Offices under the **Albanian National Employment Service (NES)**. The Management of the Office will summarise the key results of the transformation process called the **'New Service Model'** as well as share challenges and concerns that need to be further addressed, e.g. regarding labour market services in the light of migration to Europe. There will be sufficient time for questions and answers.

The Albanian National Employment Service (NES) is mandated by the **Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth (MSWY)** to execute core functions of a modern Public Employment Service, including provision of labour market information, counselling of job-seekers, job mediation and administration of active and passive labour market programmes. From 2012, the network of the regional and local offices is undergoing a deep transformation with the main purpose to increase its effectiveness and efficiency.

Meeting point for the visit: Hotel Rogner, Bulevardi Dëshmorët e Kombit, Tirana 1001, Albania (location and time tbc)

From 19:00

WELCOME DINNER (location tbc)

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There are over 560 regional and local labour market observatories in Europe, which provide reliable and targeted information on the current and future developments in the labour markets of their region or locality. Since the establishment of the European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring (EN RLMM), its members have discussed how this information can be brought to the attention of the policy-makers more efficiently. When considering good practice examples from different European regions we see that information more easily finds its way into the processes of policy-making and policy implementation if it matches the demands of regional/local policy-makers.

At the 12th Annual Meeting of the EN RLMM, we will explore further the mechanisms which ensure the relevance of labour market information for policy-makers on the regional and local level. To this end, we apply the analytical framework of governance to the good practice examples provided by the Network Members. We will explore different governance modes—hierarchy, market and network—and their possible combinations. We invite you to join these discussions in Tirana to reflect upon the context for labour market monitoring in your region/locality and the channels through which it contributes to evidence-based policy-making. There will be manifold opportunities to share these insights with your colleagues from different parts of Europe and bordering regions.

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The second day of the joint conference gives the opportunity of in-depth exchange among experts and practitioners from Europe, North-Africa and the Middle East as well as from Central Asia.

The lessons learned from the first day will be further reflected with regard to a possible adaption and transfer to developing and transition countries. Mutual learning and reflection on what role the Regional Labour Market Monitoring (RLMM) can play for employment policies in developing and emerging economies will be at the core of the discussions. Practitioners from national and regional level from public and private sectors institutions will share their experiences, concerns and views on RLMM in the development context.

Based on examples from three different regions (South-East Europe, North-Africa/the Middle East and Central Asia) the discussion will reflect the necessary legislative and organisational framework to ensure that Regional Labour Market Information (RLMI) is used for the design of employment policies on the regional as well as on the national level. The discussion will also shed light on the different stakeholders and users of RLMI, their interests and reflecting on the importance of effective skills needs assessments and forecasting as a basis for VET and labour market policies.

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9:00-9:30
Registration and welcome coffee

9:30-10:00
KEYNOTE SPEECHES

Albanian Ministry of Labour (tbc)
Embassy of the German Federal Republic (Albania) (tbc)
DG Employment (Belgium) (tbc)

10:00-10:45
INTRODUCTION TO THE ANNUAL TOPIC
The Importance of Governance in Regional Labour Market Monitoring
Christa Larsen, IWAK/Centre of Goethe University Frankfurt am Main (Germany)

Moderation: Patrizio DiNicola, Italian Statistical Office (Italy)

10:45-11:00
Coffee Break

11:00-13:30
PARALLEL WORKING GROUPS*

Working Group 1: Outsourcing the Generation of Data and Knowledge to Experts (MARKET)

Ronald McQuaid, University of Stirling (UK)

Working Group 2: Integrating Top-down and Bottom-up Perspectives in Systematic Institution-Building (NETWORK)

Daniel Porep, Brandenburg Economic Development Board (Germany)

Working Group 3: Generating Data in Centralised Structures of Public Administration (HIERARCHY)

Željko Tepavčević, Public Employment Services of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Bosnia and Herzegovina) (tbc)

13:30-14:30

Lunch

14:30-15:30

PLENARY SESSION

Discussion of the results of the Working Groups

Moderation: Andrew Dean, University of Exeter (UK)

15:30-15:45

Coffee Break

15:45-16:45

BIG DATA IN LABOUR MARKET MONITORING

News from the Big Data Working Group

Eugenia Atin, Prospektiker (Spain)

Insights from the Project 'Real-time Labour Market Information on Skill Requirements: Setting up the EU System for Online Vacancy Analysis'

Jiří Branka, Cedefop (Greece)

Emilio Colombo and Mario Mezzanica, University of Milano-Bicocca (Italy)

16:45-17:00

RESUME

Marco Ricceri, EURISPES (Italy)

17:00-17:15

INVITATION TO EXETER 2018

Andrew Dean, University of Exeter (UK)

Moderation: Matteo Sgarzi, Céreq (France)

From 19:30

DINNER (cost-free for conference delegates)
Hotel Rogner, Bulevardi Dëshmorët e Kombit, Tirana 1001

DINNER SPEAKER

Ardian Hackaj, ShtetiWeb.org, Cooperation and Development Institute, (Albania)

Overview of the Working Groups on 5 October 2017

Following the concept of different governance modes of hierarchy, market and network involved in labour market monitoring, the following working groups will focus on working out the specificities and factors of their success. In each working group, a common framework will be applied to a good practice case from the Network demonstrating how the functionality of the dominant governance modes can be evaluated. We will discuss how the insights can be transferred to the examples and experiences of the participants.

Working Group 1

Outsourcing the Generation of Data and Knowledge to Experts (MARKET)

Presenter:

Ronald McQuaid, University of Stirling (UK)

Moderator:

Franz Clément, LISER (Luxembourg)

In the market mode of labour market monitoring governance, policy-makers commission generation of data to independent experts. The case of Scotland will demonstrate how the dominant governance mode of market is combined with those of hierarchy and network to produce labour market knowledge that is used for setting up policies and shaping decision-making processes.

* Please see pages 8-9 for a short description of the cases to be presented and discussed in the Working Groups.

Working Group 2

Integrating Top-down and Bottom-up Perspectives in Systematic Institution-Building (NETWORK)

Presenter:

Daniel Porep, Brandenburg Economic Development Board (Germany)

Moderators:

Jan Brzozowski, Cracow University of Economics (Poland)

Nina Oding, Leontief Centre (Russia)

Over the years, the Ministry of Labour of the Federal State of Brandenburg has developed a structure of organisational units concerned with the production and utilisation of labour market information in different fields of strategy-building and decision-making. The Working Group will discuss the ways to create connections between the different units within the dominant governance mode of network in combination with the mode of hierarchy.

Working Group 3

Generating Data in Centralised Structures of Public Administration (HIERARCHY)

Presenter:

Željko Tepavčević, Public Employment Services of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Bosnia and Herzegovina) (tbc)

Moderators:

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

Michel van Smoorenburg, Public Employment Services (Netherlands)

In this working group, we will discuss the typical case of public administration where the production of labour market information is hierarchically organised and involves centralised steering of decentral processes. Of particular interest is to assess how the structures of accountability between the actors in different units and on different levels of hierarchy influence the utilisation of labour market information for evidence-based policy-making.

Regional Labour Market Monitoring in Developing and Emerging Countries

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9:00-9:30

Registration and welcome coffee

9:30-9:40

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Moderation: Natasha Walker

09:40-10:00

WELCOMING ADDRESS

Albanian National Employment Service (NES) (tbc)
GIZ Country Office (Albania)

10:00-10:45

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Relevance of RLMM for Employment Policies in Developing and Emerging Economies

Samir Radwan, economist (Egypt)

10:45-11:00

Coffee Break

11:00-12:30

PANEL DISCUSSION

RLMM in Developing and Emerging Countries

Mourad Bentahar, Millenium Challenge Corporation (Morocco) (tbc)

Daniela Zampini, International Labour Organization (Hungary)
Wael Kholi, Director Investors Association Sixth of October City (Egypt)

12:30-13:30

Lunch

13:30-15:30

PARALLEL WORKING GROUPS*

Working Group 1: (R)LMM to foster evidence-based policy-making in the MENA region: Motivation, Skills Requirements and Dissemination Tools

Working Group 2: From Data to Action—Better Evidence-Based Decision on Skills and Employment Policies: The Experience of South-Eastern European countries

Etleva Vertopi (GIZ Albania), N.N. (GIZ Kosovo) (tbc), Daniela Zampini, International Labour Organization (Budapest) (tbc)

Working Group 3: Labour Market Analyses for VET and labour market policy in transition economies: Experience from Central Asia

Agnes Wollschlaeger (GIZ Kyrgyzstan), Darjusch Tafreschi (GIZ Germany), N.N. (GIZ Kazakhstan)

15:30-15:45

Coffee Break

15:45-16:30

PLENARY SESSION AND RESUME

Christa Larsen (IWAK) and Tilman Nagel (GIZ)

16:30-16:45

OUTLOOK

Invitation to Join the Community of Practice RLMM in Development Co-operation

16:45-17:00

CLOSING OF THE DAY

Moderation: Natasha Walker

17:30-19:00

CITY TOUR

Meeting point at Hotel Rogner, Bulevardi Dëshmorët e Kombit, Tirana 1001

19:30-open end

DINNER (location tbc)

Overview of the Working Groups on 6 October 2017

Working Group 1

(R)LMM to foster evidence-based policy making in the MENA region: Motivation, Skills Requirements and Dissemination Tools

Moderators:

Heike Hoess (GIZ Germany)

Laura Schmid (GIZ Egypt)

Public and private (R)LMM decision makers and practitioner from Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Palestinian Territories will give insights about the objective, framework and main players involved in (R)LMM in their countries. The exchange will focus on the main capacity development instruments and measure for public and private actors involved in (R)LMM as well as the so far used dissemination channels for the collected (R)LMI will be outlined. This will be followed by a discussion focusing on drawing on the lessons learned and experiences gained in developed countries and how these experience can support the advancement of (R)LMM and evidence-based policy making in developing countries.

Working Group 2

From Data to Action—Better Evidence-Based Decision on Skills and Employment Policies: The Experience of South-East European countries

Etleva Vertopi (GIZ Albania), N.N. (GIZ Kosovo) (tbc), Daniela Zampini, International Labour Organization (Budapest) (tbc)

Moderator:

Cristina Mereuta, European Training Foundation (Italy)

Over the years, the South-East European (SEE) countries have developed effective strategies to make education and training responsive to labour market needs and to allow smoother transition from school to work. Initiatives ranged from making regular employers' surveys, improve comparability and comprehensiveness of Labour Force Surveys and administrative labour market data sources, testing

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new approaches to sectoral skills assessment and development of tracer studies as well as research on youth transition to work. The objective of this working group is to reflect on the key ingredients to ensure a more fluid process of translating skills identification results into policies and programmes aimed at skills development. Contributors will share practical approaches from the region to developing new or refine existing instruments for scanning labour market needs, labour market outcomes of education and the way results inform policy action.

Working Group 3 Labour Market Analyses (LMI) for VET and labour market policy in transition economies

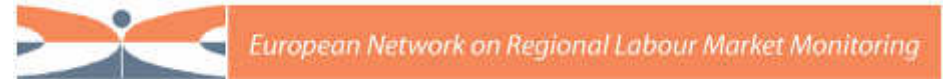
Agnes Wollschlaeger (GIZ Kyrgyzstan), Darjusch Tafreschi (GIZ Germany), N.N. (GIZ Kazakhstan)

Moderators:

Anna Lazor (GIZ Germany)

Anja Habersang (GIZ Kyrgyzstan) (tbc)

The situation in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan is characterised – in different proportions – by poverty, adverse economic conditions and weak public institutions, with increasing labour migration streams. The employment rate has declined: while the number of available jobs has barely increased, the working-age population has grown strongly. The majority of institutional and data collecting patterns for labour market information (LMI) and analyses reflect the strong centralized culture. As a consequence the national VET-systems demonstrate strong inadequacy as to demand of the national and local labour market. Labour market service providers and supervision are likewise deficient. The working group seeks to reflect on how under given conditions the skills needs assessment and forecast can be introduced and be used for LMI and VET and labour market policy using the examples of Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan.



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