

## EN RLMM Newsletter – June 2017

Dear Members of the EN RLMM,

First of all, we would like to share with you information concerning the upcoming Annual Meeting of the EN RLMM.

### 1. Programme of the Annual Meeting

As the Annual Meeting of the EN RLMM is drawing closer, please find attached the programme for this year's conference taking place on **5-6 October in Tirana, Albania**. This year, the Network conference is organised in co-operation with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ, the German Development Agency). On 5 October we're going to talk about the importance of governance of regional labour market monitoring for evidence-based policy-making. We'll explore how the provision of labour market information is structured and governed in different regions/countries and analyse how this affects its use in policy development and political decision-making processes. On 6 October, we'll look closer at the setting up of regional labour market monitoring systems in developing and emerging countries and discuss the associated challenges and opportunities from different perspectives.

### 2. Accommodation and travelling

We suggest booking your hotel accommodation within the next two weeks so that you can profit from reduced prices for the conference delegates. You'll find list of conference hotels on page three of the attached Registration Form. We suggest booking Hotel Rogner as it is also the conference venue and will be the starting point for the events in the conference framework programme.

Please note that some of you might need a visa for travelling to Albania. We would like to ask you to check the entry requirements for Albania well in advance and let Sigrid Rand know if you need an invitation to the event.

### 3. Framework programme

Already on 4 October we'll have a field trip to the office of Public Employment Services in Tirana to hear more about the activities of the European Union and other international stakeholders in the field of managing migration in Albania (please see page 3 of the attached conference programme for more information). The trip will take place in the afternoon, so that the participants travelling in the morning can still participate in the event. We would like to encourage everybody to join us for the organised field trip. Like every year, we'll have a warm-up dinner in the evening. The traditional city tour will take place after the conference on Friday, 6 October and will be followed by dinner.

**As always, the participation in the Annual Meeting is free of charge. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions concerning the Annual Meeting!**

**We would like to draw your attention also to other developments in the EN RLMM.**

### **1. New projects in the Network**

This year, some Network Members started an ERASMUS+ project about STRENGTHENING KEY COMPETENCIES OF LOW SKILLED PEOPLE IN VET TO COVER FUTURE REPLACEMENT POSITIONS (REPLAY-VET). This is a strategic partnership supporting innovation, aimed at providing the disadvantaged and low- skilled people with targeted opportunities to acquire the VET skills to cover the replacement vacancies. During the next two years the partnership will work on the strategies for upskilling low-skilled people and will enable VET strategies to take advantages of the opportunities to be more closely aligned to the predicted and forecasted replacement needs of the labour markets. The partners have already started to identify those low-skilled positions in critical sectors that will have the greatest impact in the future. Next year REPLAY-VET will gather the best practice strategies in an Occupational Kit aimed at strengthening the key competencies of low-skilled people.

### **2. Acknowledgement of the work of EURISPES**

We are proud that one of the founding organisations of the EN RLMM – EURISPES in Rome, Italy – was included in the list of the best world Think Tanks, published annually in the United States. EURISPES was mentioned in the category “The best independent Institutes” (p. 146 of the Report (please click [here](#) to download the report)). We would like to congratulate Prof Marco Ricceri on this excellent result!

We are looking forward to meeting you in Tirana and wish you a wonderful summer!

With best wishes,

Christa and Sigrid

#### **Sigrid Rand**

Researcher, Manager of the European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring (EN RLMM)

[www.regionallabourmarketmonitoring.net](http://www.regionallabourmarketmonitoring.net)

#### **IWAK**

Institute for Economics, Labour and Culture

Centre of Goethe University Frankfurt am Main

Campus Bockenheim | Juridicum | 5th Floor | Room 567a

Senckenberganlage 31 | 60325 Frankfurt am Main | Germany

Phone: ++49/(0)69-798-25474 | Fax: ++49/(0)69-798-28233

E-mail: [s.rand@em.uni-frankfurt.de](mailto:s.rand@em.uni-frankfurt.de)

[www.iwak-frankfurt.de](http://www.iwak-frankfurt.de)