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European Network of Regional Labour Market Monitoring\_Newsletter 03/2009

Dear Colleagues,

we would like to inform you about the current and past activities of the European Network of Regional Labour Market Monitoring since the last annual meeting.

### **1. Report on the Results of the Annual Meeting in Dublin 2008**

There is a summary of the discussions from the annual meeting of the network in Dublin available. Download:

[http://www.iwak-frankfurt.de/documents/annual\\_meeting\\_Dublin\\_2008.pdf](http://www.iwak-frankfurt.de/documents/annual_meeting_Dublin_2008.pdf)

These results were already presented at a meeting with representatives of the DG Education and Culture and the DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities at the 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2009 in Brussels. There was interest on this topic and there might be more exchange with the network. All the network members who are interested in a further discourse on a Regional/Local Skills Forecasting and Anticipation System are invited to get in touch with the network coordinators at IWAK (c.larsen@em.uni-frankfurt.de).

### **2. Annual Meeting 2009 in Kopenhagen (Malmö)**

The annual meeting of the network will be at the **8<sup>th</sup> (12:00 – 19:00) and 9<sup>th</sup> (09:00 – 15:00) of October 2009 in Kopenhagen (Denmark)**. Thomas Behrens from the Swedish Labour Service in Malmö (Border region with Denmark) will host the meeting. As we had good experiences focussing on one topic at the last meeting in Dublin, it is considered to have a specific topic at the Kopenhagen meeting, too. We will focus on **how Regional Labour Market Monitoring can be conceptualised to build Regional/Local Labour Market Intelligence. A special interest will be set on how communication tools which are already in use for monitoring can be further developed and what opportunities and aspects of the newly emerging social software and platforms could be relevant and be effectively applied for monitoring processes.**

More specific information about the programme and a call for papers will be sent out in May 2009. In May you will also receive more information on accommodation/hotels.

### **3. Relevant EU-Calls**

The calls from DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities should be monitored, in case they cover topics relevant for the network. If network members get information on

others calls, there is always the opportunity to spread the information via the network. If need, the coordinators will support you.

#### **4. New Monitoring-Project on Migration and Regional Labour Markets in Hessen, Germany (Follow-up project “Target Group Monitoring”)**

Following the EU Project “Target Group Monitoring”, the Institute of Economics, Labour and Culture is carrying out a pilot project in Offenbach County funded by the Hessen Ministry of Social Affairs, which aims at implementing a web-based labour market monitoring with migrants as the target group. This web-platform will offer labour market actors continuous information, which will help them follow developments more easily and identify both risks and opportunities. Subsequent to the pilot project in Offenbach County, an expansion to other counties in Hessen is planned. If you are interested in further information, please contact Vera Neisen (V.Neisen@em.uni-frankfurt.de).

#### **5. Network Homepage/ Facebookk**

The web site of our network (<http://www.regionallabourmarketmonitoring.net/>) has an “Intranet” for all network members in order to enable cooperation and communication. Interested members, who have not registered yet, can send an e-mail to Jenny Kipper ([Kipper@em.uni-frankfurt.de](mailto:Kipper@em.uni-frankfurt.de)). She will inform you about your personal password. Additionally to the exchange option of the homepage our network member Patrizio di Nicola was so kind to start a Facebookgroup ([www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)). If you are interested, please join Facebook and the group “Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring”.

#### **6. New Publications**

##### **1. A new book has been prepared and published by the working group ‘Regional Forecasting’:**

Knobel, Claudia / Kriechel, Ben / Schmid, Alfons (2008): **Regional Forecasting on Labour Markets**. Rainer Hampp Verlag, ISBN 978-3-86618-305-6

Abstract:

Regional Forecasting on labour markets is a regional approach to generate data about future developments that cover adequately the information needs of labour market actors. Approaches from different European regions are presented in this book. Furthermore, the central elements of these approaches are discussed with respect to their problems in data and / or methodology. Some solutions are discussed within the different models presented.

##### **2. There will be new edition of a network-anthology titled ‘Information Systems for Regional Labour Markets. State of the Art und Perspectives in Europe’ which will be published in October 2009 due to the Annual meeting in Kopenhagen/Malmö:**

Abstract:

One of the topics of the European Network of Regional Labour Market Monitoring is ‘web-based information systems’, which are in use for monitoring. This theme will be explored in detail in a new anthology of the network members. The book should provide a systematic overview on different types of information systems in Europe, for example regionally based

information tools or national systems with regional chapters which focus on labour market issues such as employment, qualification, education, labour market integration, etc.

We are looking forward to hear from you.

With kind regards,

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