



European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring

**16th Annual Meeting of the
European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring
(EN RLMM)**

**Transformations of Local and Regional Labour Markets
across Europe in Pandemic and Post-pandemic times.
Challenges for regional and local observatories**

22-24 September 2021

**Hybrid Conference hosted by WEST UNIVERSITY of TIMISOARA, Romania
and
IWAK of the GOETHE University Frankfurt am Main, Germany**



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Dear fellow researchers, academics, and partners of the European
Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring (EN RLMM),

The West University of Timisoara is highly honoured to host the 16th Edition of the Annual Conference of the EN RLMM, entitled "Transformations of local and regional labour markets across Europe in pandemic and post-pandemic times", between the 22-24 September 2021.

The topic of this edition is suitable for the wider context in which the whole society finds itself, along with the world economy and population, strongly influenced by the spread of the risks posed by the generalized Covid-19 pandemic. The changes are radical and will bear long-term consequences. There are already affected a wide range of industries, the transportation economics and services in general. Some commercial sectors report a decrease by 20-25% of their turnover, while others, especially in the hospitality industry, have seen their market segment shrunk by a quarter at most, as compared to the pre-pandemic period. At the same time, there are sectors that have achieved significant growth in a few months only, favoured by the need for digitization and remote operation of activities, sectors that are certainly the most important generators of jobs and new specializations, increasingly diverse in the years to come. However, in this very dynamic context, the true scale of the challenges remains unknown or difficult to predict.

Therefore, we strongly believe that the ENRLMM conference will bring new ideas and methodologies for getting to know and predicting developments on the labour market during this time and in the post-pandemic future, and also innovative proposals for the future of the European labour market, for which we are all responsible: academics, researchers, administration and business, local, regional or continental actors, active participants in the accelerating changes in contemporary Europe.

Professor Marilen Gabriel PIRTEA

Rector of the West University of Timisoara (WUT)



Information on registration & hybrid setting

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic 2021 conference will be held in hybrid format as this offers both possibilities to attend in person or in virtual format. We ask you to register upfront until the **19th September**.

To fill out the registration you will need the following data:

- E-mail
- Name
- Surname
- Title
- Organisation

During the registration you can also choose between different Working Groups for both days. Please note that only one selection per day is possible. For further information on the workshops please see the pages 8 -11. You will get a confirmation after the registration.

For registration please click [here](#)

For those who wouldn't be with us in person the link for the online participation will be send few days before the conference date.

Please be aware that **the time settings of the program are in the CET format**. You will receive the final version of the conference program some time before the event. If you have any questions please contact **Dr Gabriela Negoita (Phone: +40 747 244 625; e-mail: gabriela.negoita@e-uvv.ro)** or **Dr Jenny Kipper (Phone: +49 6101 5028708; e-mail: jenny@jennykipper.de)**.

We are looking forward to meet you all in September!

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



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.

In 2021, the Annual Meeting of the EN RLMM will take place in hybrid format. It will be organised jointly by the WEST UNIVERSITY of TIMISOARA, in Timisoara, Romania and the Coordination/ Management of the EN RLMM at IWAK from the Goethe-University of Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

TIMISOARA - aerial view



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22 September 2021

Big Data Working Group

Big Data, as a source for data provision in regional and local labour market monitoring, is of growing importance.



The Big Data Working Group prepared a Big Data Knowledge Hub to support network members in applying big data by providing information and practices on methods, quality criteria, areas of application and data sets.

The Big Data Knowledge Hub will be launched on the European Day, the first day of our meeting (23th September 2020).

17:30 -19:00

BIG DATA WORKING GROUP

19:30 – 21:30

Welcome dinner

23rd September 2021
**EUROPEAN DAY: Effects of the Pandemic on Regional and
Local Labour Markets**

Moderation: Christian Müller, SECO - State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (Switzerland)

11:30 – 12:00 Check In, Informal Welcome, Lunch

12:00 – 12:40

Opening Words

Professor Sorin Cîmpeanu, Ministry of Education (Romania)

Professor Cosmin Enache, Vice-Rector of the West University of Timisoara (Romania)

Aurel Laurențiu Plosceanu, President of the Employment, Social Affairs, and Citizenship section of the European Economic and Social Committee (SOC)

Ambassador Cosmin Boiangiu, Executive Director of the European Labour Authority (ELA)

12:40 – 13:00

Transformations of Regional and Local Labour Markets

State of the Art Observations from the EN RLMM

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

13:00 – 13:45

Panorama and Regional Perspectives, Target Group Orientation

EU and its Neighbouring States

Cristina Mereuta, ETF - European Training Foundation (Italy)

Disparities in Unemployment and Economic Activity in Switzerland during the COVID-19 Pandemic Health Crisis. Evidence at the Regional Level

Dr Moreno Baruffini, Università della Svizzera italiana, IRE - Institute for Economic Research (Switzerland)

Impact of the Pandemic on the Egyptian Labour Market

Nehal Taleb, GIZ, Employment Promotion Programme (Egypt)

Nada Kassem, GIZ, Employment Promotion Programme (Egypt)

13:45 - 14:00 Coffee Break

14:00 – 14:45

Young People, Occupations and the Pandemic in Italy: a Relationship on the Edge of Reality

Professor Renato Fontana, Sapienza University of Rome (Italy)

Dr Ernesto Calò, Sapienza University of Rome (Italy)

Women in Basque Country

Borja Pulido, LANBIDE - Basque Public Employment Service (Spain)

Enhancing the Economic Integration of Migrants in the EU: Lessons from Taskforce Project

Professor Jan Brzozowski, Cracow University of Economics (Poland)

14:45 – 15:00 Coffee Break

15:00 – 16:15

Parallel Workshops

WG1: Target Groups & Digitalisation

- in partnership with the ESCALATE Network Project

WG2: Sectors & Digitalisation

- in partnership with the ACSOL Network Project

WG3: Regions & Digitalisation

16:15 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 16:45

Conclusions on Working Groups

Moderator

Dr Andrew Dean, University of Exeter (United Kingdom)

16:45 – 17:00

Look ahead to the Evening Programme and Launch of the Big Data Knowledge Hub

19:30

Evening Event: Opening of the Big Data Knowledge Hub

Overview of the Working Groups on 23rd September 2021

Working Group 1

Target Groups & Digitalisation (in Partnership with the ESCALATE Network Project)

Higher Education Institutions Responses to the New Demands of Labour Markets in the Context of Digitalisation

Moderators/Presenters:

Professor Gratiela Noja, West University of Timisoara (Romania)

Professor Ciprian Panzaru, West University of Timisoara (Romania)

Working Group 2

Sectors & Digitalisation (in Partnership with the ACSOL Network Project)

The Impact of the COVID-19 Crisis on Employment and the Opportunities, Barriers and Strategies on Hybrid Jobs in the Social Care Sector and the Arts, Entertainment and Culture Sector

Moderators/Presenters:

Maria Leonor Jalon, LANBIDE-Servicio Vasco de Empleo (Spain)

Javier Armaolea, LANBIDE-Servicio Vasco de Empleo (Spain)

Working Group 3

Regions & Digitalisation

Shortages of Skilled Labour and the Labour Market Impact of the Corona-Crisis in Brandenburg

Daniel Porep, WFBB - Wirtschaftsförderung Brandenburg (Germany)

Digitalisation and the Rural Economy in South West England

Gabrielle Climie, University of Exeter (United Kingdom)

Moderators/Presenters:

Adam Biernat, Regional Labour Office in Krakow (Poland)

24 thSeptember 2021
NETWORK DAY: Methods & Data to Monitor
Transformation Processes

Moderation: Dr Aline Valette-Wursthén, Céreq (France)

09:00 – 09:15 Check In

09:15 – 09:40

Opening Words

Professor Ciprian Pânzaru, West University of Timisoara (Romania)

The Relevance of Transparency in the Transformation Process

Professor Marco Ricceri, EURISPES (Italy)

9:40 – 10:20

Keynote Speeches

Data and the Role of Regional and Local Labour Market Observatories

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

Using Novel and Big Data for Regional Labour Market Analysis – the OECD LEED Programme

Dr Lukas Kleine-Rüschekamp, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD LEED (France)

10:20 – 11:15

Parallel Workshops

WG1: Extensions and Modifications of Methodological Design: Combining Qualitative and Quantitative Data in Labour Market Research

WG2: Different Sources of Real Time Data on Labour Market Dynamics

WG3: Different Sources of Real Time Data on Employees and Unemployed

11:15 – 11:20 Coffee Break

Overview of the Working Groups on 24th September 2021

Working Group 1

Extensions and Modifications of Methodological Design: Combining Qualitative and Quantitative Data in Labour Market Research

Professor Igor Shichkin, Plekhanov Russian University of Economics (Russia)

Professor Viacheslav Bobkov, Institute of Socio-Economic Studies of Population, Russian Academy of Sciences (Russia)

Dr Elena Odintsova, Plekhanov Russian University of Economics (Russia)

Combining Methods: Employment Forecast and the Occupational Barometer

Dr Tjaša Žakelj, Employment Service of Slovenia (Slovenia)

Moderator

Professor Vadim Kvachev, Plekhanov Russian University of Economics (Russia)

Working Group 2

Different Sources of Real Time Data on Labour Market Dynamics

Moderators/Presenters:

Professor Mario Mezzanzanica, University of Milano-Bicocca (Italy)

Professor Ciprian Pânzaru, West University of Timisoara (Romania)

Working Group 3

Digitalising Live Performance: A Pathway for Post-Pandemic Recovery in the Performing Arts

Dr Aleksandra Webb, School of Business and Creative Industries, University of the West of Scotland (United Kingdom)

Tracking Dutch VET-School-Leavers by Register Data: a Way to Improve the Quality of LMI

Dr Michel Smoorenburg, UWV - (Netherlands)

Moderator

Dr Franz Clement, LISER - Luxembourg Institute of Socio Economic Research (Luxembourg)

11:20 – 11:35

Conclusions on Working Groups

Moderator

Professor Ronald McQuaid, Stirling Management School University of Stirling (United Kingdom)

11:35 – 11:45

The New Working Group on Labour Market Intelligence (LMI)

Claudia Plaimauer, 3s Unternehmensberatung (Austria)

11:45 – 12:10

Demand for Support of Regional and Local Labour Market Observatories. Opportunities of Support from the European Network on Regional Labour Market Monitoring

Marta Sosnowska, Voivodeship Labour Office in Bialystok and Lomza State University of Applied Sciences (Poland)

Professor Ciprian Pânzaru, West University of Timisoara (Romania)

Dr Andrew Dean, University of Exeter (United Kingdom)

12:10 – 12:25

Report of the Big Data Working Group

12:25 – 12:35

Closing Words and Invitation to the Annual Conference in 2022 in Sardinia

Professor Marco Ricceri, EURISPES (Italy)

12:35 – 12:45

Good Bye and Thanks

12:45 – 14:00 Goodbye Lunch in Timisoara

14:00-16:00

Scientific Committee



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