

„Active Labour Market Policy and Overcoming Social Exclusion – European Policy Strategies and Performance Measurement“

Final Conference of the Project EMDELA,
in Gießen, Germany, on March 1st and 2nd, 2007

Objectives of the Conference

Active labour market policy on a local level is considered an important approach within European social policy for overcoming poverty and social exclusion. The conference will bring the debates on Active Labour Market Policy and on Social Inclusion together. Furthermore the relevance of indicators, monitoring and evaluation in this field will be discussed.

On the first day of the conference, recent developments in the field of active labour market policies will be presented for different countries. To what extent do common tendencies in policy design and implementation exist? And how should they be assessed in view of European strategies for social inclusion and poverty reduction?

The discussions during the second day derive from the hypothesis that active labour market policies are becoming more important for strategies of social inclusion and – vice versa – that social exclusion may prevent labour market integration. This hypothesis raises the question if and how active labour market policies can be evaluated in view of social inclusion. Different projects in the field of labour market and social policy will be presented which have developed or used indicators, evaluation methods and instruments. Apart from debating methodical requirements, the main question should be how relevant monitoring and evaluation activities are for the development, implementation and revision of policies.

Background

The conference is part of the EU-funded project EMDELA „Emerging Designs of Active Labour Market Policies in Europe“ which is carried out in co-operation between the Chair for Comparative Health- and Social Policy at the Justus-Liebig-University Gießen and Zoom – Society for Prospective Developments e.V., Göttingen. EMDELA develops indicators to depict design, implementation and results of local active labour market policies and to assess their contribution to social inclusion. In an open approach, aspects are considered which go beyond the question of social inclusion through work integration. For the project case studies were carried out in Germany, Finland, Italy and Great Britain.

Participants:

50 Participants from Germany and Europe are expected.

There will be a simultaneous translation, German-English-German

Hosts:

Justus-Liebig-University of Gießen, Professor Dr. Adalbert Evers

Zoom – Society for Prospective Developments e.V.

Location:

Justus Liebig University of Gießen, Bismarckstr. 37

(Georg-Büchner-Saal at the „Institut für Wirtschaftslehre des Haushalts“)



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Schedule, March 1st 2007

Active Labour Market Policy in Context of European Inclusion Strategies

Chairperson: Adalbert Evers

- 13.00 Registration and Refreshments
- 14.00 Welcome and Introduction
- Adalbert Evers, Justus Liebig University of Gießen, Germany
 - Peter Lelie, European Commission, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Brussels, Belgium
- 14.15 The Basic Idea of EMDELA
- Niklas Forreiter, Zoom – Society for Prospective Developments e.V., Göttingen, Germany
Andreas D. Schulz, Justus Liebig University of Gießen, Germany
- 14.30 Active Labour Market Policies: Structures and Developments in Different European Countries – Brief Presentations
- Germany
Karsten Schuldt, Progress Institute for Economic Research, Teltow
 - Italy
Monica Loss, Research Institute Non Profit Organisations, University of Trento
 - United Kingdom
Mike Aiken, Research Institute Cooperatives, Open University, Milton Keynes
 - Finland
Pekka Pattiniemi, Idekoop (social cooperative for training and consulting), Helsinki
 - Slovakia
Martina Sekulova, Institute for Public Affairs, Bratislava
- Plenary discussion: Active Labour Market Policies – National and European Trends
- 16.30 Coffee Break
- 17.00 Panel Discussion
- Active Labour Market Policies in Europe – Do Local and Network Approaches Promote Social Inclusion of Long-term Unemployed?
- Anne Ames, BAG-SHI, Federal Organisation of Social Assistance Initiatives, Germany
 - Heiner Brülle, Office for Social Work, Wiesbaden, Germany
 - Angela Genova, Institute for Sociology, University of Urbino, Italy
 - Karsten McGovern, Head of Social Services Department, Marburg-Biedenkopf, Germany
 - Sari Toiviainen, Duuri Network (social and employment related support for unemployed), Helsinki, Finland
- 18.30 End of the Session
- 19.30 Dinner

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Schedule, March 2nd 2007

Performance Measurement of Active Labour Market Policy and Social Inclusion Policy

Chairperson: Thomas Mirbach, Lawaetz-Foundation, Hamburg (to be confirmed)

- 09.00 **Evaluating and Monitoring in the Field of Active Labour Market Policy and Social Inclusion: Design and Methodical Approaches in Different Projects – Brief Presentations**
- Social Indicators as OMC Related Instruments in the Field of European Inclusion Policy
Eric Marlier, CEPS/Instead Research Institute, Luxembourg
 - Project Mainstreaming Social Inclusion
Izabela Litewska, Combat Poverty Agency, Dublin, Ireland
 - EMDELA – Indicators to Evaluate Active Labour Market Policy in View of Social Inclusion
Sandra Kotlenga, Zoom e.V., Göttingen, Germany
 - Indicators of Social Exclusion in Concerned Persons Perspective
Walter Hanesch, University of Applied Science Darmstadt, Germany
- Plenary discussion: **Content and Method related Requirements on Performance Measurement of Labour Market Policies in View of Social Inclusion**
- 11.00 **Coffee Break**
- 11.30 **Panel Discussion**
Monitoring and Evaluation – Tools for Impact Assessment and Policy Development in Europe
- *Eric Marlier: CEPS/ Instead Research Institute, Luxembourg*
 - *Peter Lelie, European Commission, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Brussels, Belgium*
 - *Volker Baetghe-Kinsky, SOFI Göttingen, MONAPOLI Network (Monitoring Employment Market Policy), Germany*
 - *Regina Konle-Seidl, Institute for Employment Market Research (IAB), Nürnberg, Germany*
 - *Mike Aiken, Research Institute Cooperatives, Open University, Milton Keynes*
- 13.00 **Resumee**
- 13.15 **End of the Session**