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ERSA/CORE-UCL INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

Theoretical and empirical analysis of labour markets

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Aim and Structure

The idea of the workshop is to gather together three recognised researchers who will make individual presentations on a policy relevant topic, and to make them then interact with policy-makers from international and Belgian institutions during a roundtable. We want to discuss the interactions between the local, national, and why not, supra-national levels to conduct policies fostering local growth and employment.

What policies should be put in place to create jobs in lagging regions? Should we try to attract firms or to raise human capital? Are their multiplier effects at play and if yes, are there some jobs that policy-makers should favor when implementing their policies? What is the right level of government to implement such policies? Are there some pre-requisite in terms of institutions and environment for such policies to be efficient?

A further question is whether targeted measures in certain areas are detrimental to others. In other words, are local economic development policies a zero-sum game? Or on the opposite, does the development of certain places benefit to the others? Under which conditions? Understanding the possible macroeconomic or general equilibrium effects of spatially targeted policies is crucial to identify the right level of government to implement these policies.

The first part will be the three talks from the invited guests on their views on the labour markets across Europe.

There will be a questions and discussion period after each presentation.

The second part is a panel discussion with our invited guests and people from the EU commission and OECD.

Target Groups

The main audience will be composed of both academics and practitioners, researchers and representatives from European Institutions and organisations that are active at EU level in the field of labor markets. Also policy makers at European, national, regional and urban levels that are interested in this topic and the reasons behind the labour markets are more than welcome.



9.00-9.30 - **Registration** and Welcome coffee / tea

9.30-9.45 - **Welcome Introduction by** – Philippe Chevalier (CORE & IMMAQ President), Jouke van Dijk (ERSA President) and Chair of the Workshop - Jacques Thisse (CORE/UCL)

9.45-10.45 - **Session 1:** Bruno van der Linden - on the reform of the Belgian labour market policies.

10.45-11.00 - Coffee / tea

11.00-12.00 - **Session 2:** Yves Zenou on the relationship of networks and labour markets.

12.30-13.30 – Buffet Lunch at CORE/UCL

13.45-15.00 - **Session 3:** Andres Rodriguez-Pose on the interaction between regional policies and labour market outcomes.

15.00-15.15 - Coffee / tea

15:15-16:30 – A group of panellists on the discussion of “**Theoretical and empirical analysis of labour markets**” - Jouke van DIJK (University of Groningen), Alexander Lembcke (OECD), Damiaan Persyn (JRC-IPTS), Jorg Peschner (DG Employment), Andres RODRIGUEZ-POSE (LSE), Yves ZENOU (Stockholm University)

16:30 - Conclusions and Closure - Jacques Thisse & Jouke van Dijk