

LOCALISE Event

Labour market policies from development to implementation

LOCALISE (Local Worlds of Social Cohesion), funded by the European Commission 7th Framework Programme, has analysed the coordination of social and employment policies during the development and implementation stages, at the local level within a regional, national and European context.

As the research programme is coming to an end we warmly invite you to the LOCALISE closing dissemination event on:

Friday 23rd May 2014 – 12 until 3pm - Edinburgh

The event will be hosted in Room G4 at Merchiston Campus, Edinburgh Napier University, 10 Colinton Road, Edinburgh, EH10 5DT.

The event will be introduced by Professor Robert Raeside from Edinburgh Napier University and Professor Ron McQuaid from the University of Stirling, and will feature a number of expert speakers on social policy.

Programme

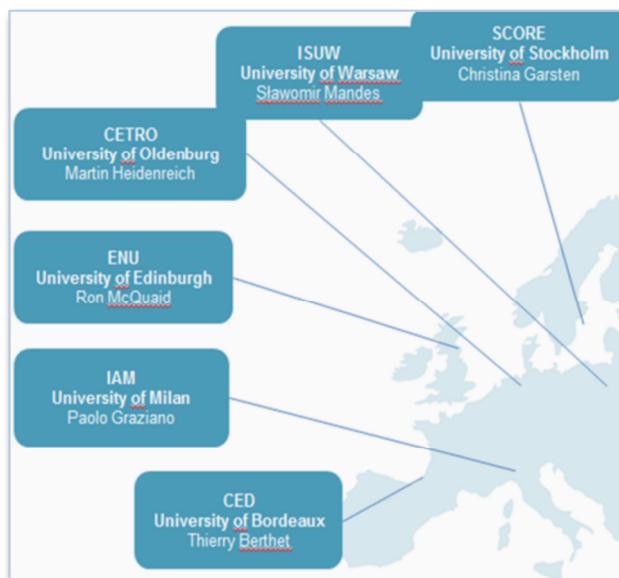
- 12:00 Lunch and refreshments
- 12:30 Introduction – *Prof George Stonehouse and Prof Robert Raeside*
- 12:40 **The local arena for combating poverty** – *Dr Hayley Bennett*
- 13:20 **Conditional welfare reform: context, agency and responsibility** – *Dr Sharon Wright*
- 14:00 **Findings from LOCALISE** – *Vanesa Fuertes & Prof Ron McQuaid*
- 14:40 Question and answer session
- 15:00 Close

For catering purposes please confirm attendance by emailing Vanesa Fuertes at v.fuertes@napier.ac.uk. If you have any requirements (dietary, mobility, parking space, etc.) please let us know.

About the day and speakers:

Dr Hayley Bennett is a Research Fellow at the University of Edinburgh, and is currently working on COPE (Combating Poverty in Europe Project), an EU 7th Framework Programme (www.cope-research.eu). *Dr Sharon Wright*, a Senior Lecturer in Public Policy at the University of Glasgow, is working extensively on the implications of welfare policies for citizens. Both are experts in social policy, and will present findings and thoughts from their research projects. Professor *Ron McQuaid*, Professor of Work and Employment at the University of Stirling, and *Vanesa Fuertes*, a researcher at Edinburgh Napier University, will also present the findings from the LOCALISE study. There will be opportunity for questions after the presentations.

About the LOCALISE project



The LOCALISE project (June 2011 to July 2014) has brought together researchers and stakeholders from six European countries: Germany, Italy, France, the United Kingdom, Sweden, and Poland.

The research group analysed how European programmes, national governance patterns, and the regional socioeconomic context affected the local governance of employment and social cohesion policies. The LOCALISE teams studied how 18 cities in six European countries coped with the challenges of integrating social cohesion policies. The

three localities studied in the UK were Cardiff, Edinburgh and Newcastle. The research teams also assessed the individual effects of integrated social cohesion policies on long-term unemployed groups.

We are very grateful to everyone that participated in LOCALISE in one way or another, for making this programme possible.

More information about the project including reports can be found at:
www.localise-research.eu