Developments in Dutch Labour Market Forecasting

Abstract:

Labour market forecasts in the Netherlands have evolved over almost two decades. The paper lays out the basic underlying model of labour market forecasting in the Netherlands. Both components of labour demand forecasting –replacement and expansionary demand– are discussed in the context of the difficulties arising: within expansion demand the changing of the skill demand and updating, and within replacement demand the problem of changes in participation and the greying of the workforce. The use of the skills demand methodology on different than the national level, especially for regional skills demand, is explained using the case of a Dutch province. Furthermore, new developments in the data availability are presented to provide insights in possible future developments.