

Institute for Employment Research and Deutsche Bundesbank

Joint Conference on

(European) Labour Markets and the Economic Crisis

on 12/13 June 2014, Eltville (near Frankfurt)

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Since the beginning of the recent economic crisis employment in advanced economies has fallen strongly. However, developments across European countries differed markedly. Southern European countries, with higher structural unemployment already before the crisis, experienced further deteriorations in labour markets, and unemployment is particularly high among specific segments, such as the young. By contrast, Germany observed a steady decline of unemployment rates, possibly the result of previous labor market reforms. These developments are a concern for central bankers as the divergencies in labor market performance pose ongoing challenges for the common monetary policy in the EMU.

Against this backdrop, the Institute of Employment Research (IAB) and the Deutsche Bundesbank hold a joint conference on the problems of the labour market performance during the crisis in Europe and also the U.S.

Of specific (but not exclusive) interest are submissions on

- The role of labor mobility for Euro Area macroeconomic adjustment
- The behaviour of labor force participation during the crisis
- Options for labor market reform in southern Europe
- The role of German labor market reforms during the crisis
- The effectiveness of cyclical and structural labor market policies
- The interaction between financial and labor markets
- Heterogeneous labor market performance within and across countries
- Investment and foreign direct investment to stimulate labor markets?
- The relevance of a common labour market for EMU

Keynote speakers: Christopher Pissarides (London School of Economics)
Jens Weidmann (President of the Deutsche Bundesbank)
Frank-J. Weise (Chairman of the German Federal Employment Agency)

Policy panel: Michael Burda (Humboldt University Berlin)
Juan Jimeno (Bank of Spain)
Alexandro Turrini (EU Commission)

Papers for submissions should be sent to submissionIABBBK@bundesbank.de.

Deadline for submissions: 15 April 2014

Accommodation and travel costs will be covered.