

The Reform of Joint Regulation and Labour Market Policy During the Crisis

4 - 5 December 2014, NH Hotel Brussels du Grand Sablon

Join us at this conference and explore country experiences of change in the structure, content and outcomes of collective bargaining and social dialogue in the manufacturing sector during the crisis.

The conference will present the final reports and findings of a project led by The University of Manchester that sheds light on how the crisis-driven policy reforms have translated into changes in EU Member States affected by the crisis (Greece, Ireland, Italy, Romania, Portugal, Slovenia and Spain).

The conference will debate the challenges facing social partners and the effects on their strategies at national, sectoral and company level as well as on state agencies and workers. It will also profile new research evidence, funded by the European Commission, on the incidence, character and content of bargaining in manufacturing.

The conference will feature prominent speakers, roundtables on key themes and facilitated discussions for representatives from trade unions, employer bodies and governments. Presentations from leading negotiators across Europe and experts in bargaining in the private sector will stimulate discussion about the lessons for social dialogue, strategies for wage determination and the implications for the future of national bargaining systems in the context of economic austerity.

The participants

The conference will be attended by government, trade union and employer representatives, as well as research experts from the project countries. Three roundtable discussions among European and national level social partners will respond to new research findings on the structure of collective bargaining, the content and outcomes of bargaining in terms of wages and employment conditions, and the continuity and change of national industrial relations systems. Keynote speakers include Paul Marginson (University of Warwick) and Stavroula Demetriades (European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions). A roundtable panel with European social partners and policy experts will debate the challenges and prospects for Europe's social and industrial relations policy.

Project leaders

Dr Aristeia Koukiadaki, Dr. Isabel Tavora, Professor Miguel Martínez Lucio (The University of Manchester)

There is no charge to attend, but spaces are limited. To register email nihat.din@manchester.ac.uk

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