

**The future of the TURI network:  
remarks from FTU**

Here are some comments of the proposal from WSI, which is very constructive and promising.

***Thematic working groups***

It is an efficient idea, which could foster thematic cooperation. The conditions proposed in the summary of the Madrid discussion (i.e. at least 2 TURI members + ETUI) seem convenient. The issue of financing (cost sharing) is however not solved (see below).

Concerning the selected themes: the theme of climate change and environmental policies should be more focused on issues related to work and employment, for example impacts on the labour market, on vocational training, on R&D work, etc.

***Working papers series***

We also support this proposal. In order to avoid overlapping with scientific articles in *Transfer*, the series should be designed as a lower-threshold format of publications – i.e. without a too heavy procedure of peer review. An internal reviewing process (within the TURI network) should be sufficient.

***Yearbook***

This is a heavier work, certainly not achievable without specific financial means. As mentioned in the comments from FAFO, the reasons why similar publications have been stopped must be evaluated. A yearbook is not necessary for the visibility of the network, if the working papers series is well alive.

***Resources***

As several other TURI members, FTU has very little own funding and is quite dependent on contract research. We have virtually no significant resources to put into TURI projects. So, the idea to seek for external funding for the network, for example through projects in the “social dialogue” line of DG Employment, is really welcome. Such external financing might be easier to find at the level of thematic working groups, rather than at the level of the whole network.