

Some ideas on TURI future work

Different capacities

When planning the TURI future work and the future of TURI network it must to bear on mind that the participants' structural, financial and human capacities are far different. The Hungarian Economic and Social and Research Institute of Trade Union (ESRITU) – a public utility foundation with very low capital, zero employee and surviving on the base of projects – has different possibilities as other institutes with more financial capacities.

Despite of its handicap, ESRITU – and personally me – tries to take part in the network as more efficiently and usefully possible, considering the TURI network important and unique in some sense with a lot of possibility.

Presenting new member states

Despite of the potential inequalities among network members I feel the ESRITU participation in the network important also from the point of view to be able to present the Central and Eastern European problems and standpoints in the network.

Funding

As I see the Labour Institute for Economic Research, Helsinki also raised the issue of difference in financing capacities, and put the question „where is the funding expected to come?“ I do not think that WSI or ETUI or any other institute should bear all burden. In Madrid was suggested to try to use of financial opportunities provided by EC and the bigger institutes could present bids. It is a good idea if the equal opportunities for all members could or would be guaranteed.

What about moving forward a legal entity?

I know that TURI is now a casual network but what about raising the idea to move it forward having a legal (non-profit) entity? It could be (partly) solve such issues like financial independence (being entitled to present bids on its own); the governance of the network (as governing body includes the delegates of the founding institutions).

The tools

All tools mentioned (conferences, working groups, working papers, even Yearbook) are welcome (if the financing would be solved).

Some ideas:

- The conferences or seminars including all TURI members are very important first steps to be create a real network to exchange opinions and experiences .
- A concrete joint work, joint research (carried out by working group) could make the networking more intense.

- Working papers should not be some kind of individual papers but should be based on the joint work of working groups. Another possibility: working paper should recollect the ideas of all network members on a chosen topic (taking into consideration naturally the cross-country comparativity).
- The Yearbook could be not a yearbook but a 2-3 year book. I do not think that it would be realistic to plan to edit yearbooks.
- We could take into consideration the e-versions as well, e-working paper, e-book, etc.
- The NETWORK language is English. But how to disseminate the results? Translations of some materials, resumes would be needed.

The topics

In addition of topics mentioned in WSI letter I would propose also the following:

- Future of social dialogue
- Impact of (active and passive) labour market tool, tax and social security systems on the employment (rate)
- Role of Life Long Learning and Life Long Guidance on the employability an labour market inclusion

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