

Faces of joblessness

– understanding barriers to higher employment and activity

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Polish labour market has improved substantially over the past 20 years, but still over 6 mln people remain jobless. In the face of the population ageing, labour force participation will have an increasing significance both for the economy and also for individuals – due to the level of retirement benefits in the future. The aim of this seminar is to share the results of research that aims at assessing various employment barriers, and discuss the potential effective policy response, with a particular focus on Poland.

Agenda

- 9:00 – 9:30 Registration & welcome coffee
- 9:30 – 10:00 Challenges for Polish labour market – the perspective of the European Commission
Rafał Janas (DG Employment & Social Affairs – DG EMPL)
- 10:00 – 10:30 Understanding and assessing the variety of employment barriers
Herwig Immervoll (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development – OECD)
- 10:30 – 11:00 What stands behind low labour market participation of prime age women in Poland?
Iga Magda (Institute for Structural Research – IBS, Warsaw School of Economics – SGH)
- 11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15 – 11:45 Employment of people with disabilities: A policy puzzle
Paweł Kubicki (Warsaw School of Economics – SGH)
- 11:45 – 12:45 Panel discussion: How to tailor activation and employment policies?
- *Lech Antkowiak (Warsaw Labour Office)*
 - *Piotr Błędowski (Warsaw School of Economics – SGH)*
 - *Ewa Flaczyńska (Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Policy)*
 - *Cezary Miżejewski (Working Community of Associations of Social Organisations – WRZOS)*
- 12:45 – 13:15 Questions & discussion
- 13:15 – 14:00 Lunch

The seminar will be held in Polish and English, with simultaneous translation provided.