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**19th ANNUAL WORKSHOP - TALLINN (ESTONIA)
8-10 SEPTEMBER 2011
CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS**

The 19th annual workshop of the European Research Network on Transitions in Youth will take place in Tallinn (Estonia) on the 8-10th of September 2011.

The Network welcomes contributions on **all aspects of the transition from youth to adulthood**, and particularly the transition from education to the labour market. Contributions are particularly welcome on the theme for this year's workshop, which is:

Labour Market Challenges to Educational Systems: comparative perspectives

Despite moderate signs of economic recovery, European labour markets are still suffering from the aftermath of the economic crisis, which brought mass redundancies and large scale dismissals in many countries. The recent crisis has highlighted the problems of a policy strategy that fosters employment growth almost exclusively through the development of temporary and other forms of 'atypical' contracts. Such strategies increase employment volatility and in the long run the risk of low economic growth due to insufficient investment in human capital. As the flexibilisation of the labour market particularly took place on the margins, young people were especially hit by the recession. As a result, young people, in particular, encounter increasingly volatile labour markets, which result from the increased inflow of jobseekers combined with increased transitions both in and out of the labour force and between jobs. What conclusions can be drawn from different policy responses? How can the educational system smooth the transition, for example, through internships, work experience etc.?

We would especially welcome comparative papers addressing the issues of how and why youth transitions have changed over time or the differential impact of institutional context on youth transitions. In particular, the following topics are of special interest:

- What impact have changing economic conditions and expanding tertiary education had on young people's labour market chances?
- How do new risks affect old inequalities: is the role of gender, ethnicity and class in youth transitions changing?

- What kinds of labour market or educational measures have been put into place to facilitate young people's transition into employment? How effective have they been?

Contributions are also welcome on all aspects of the transition from youth to adulthood or the transition from education to the labour market. Papers are welcome on topics such as the transition between school and work, the returns to vocational education and training, and youth unemployment.

Anyone who wishes to present a paper at the workshop should send a one-page abstract by email to the address indicated below by **April 1st, 2011**. In keeping with our usual procedures, abstracts will be assessed for selection by the members of the Network Committee on the basis of their quality and relevance to the theme of the workshop. Authors will be notified of the decision on their paper by **April 18th, 2011**.

The conference fee is set at **€500** and includes 4 nights of accommodation (single room), lunches and social events. Since only a limited number of places will be available, anyone who wishes to attend the conference without presenting a paper should notify the conference organizers as soon as possible. In order to ensure the smooth running of the workshop, participants should register (and pay their registration fee) before **May 15th, 2011**, to be guaranteed accommodation organized by the workshop secretariat. Accompanying persons will not be charged for accommodation but should register and pay €50 to attend the conference dinner. For papers to be made available in advance to workshop participants, final (electronic) versions should reach the local organizers at the very latest by **August 20th, 2011**.

Local organisers:

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SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Abstracts should be sent by post or preferably by email to:

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