

CALL FOR PAPERS

International Conference on

Social Policy and Regional Development

30 November 2006, Zagreb, Croatia

**Organised by the Institute of Economics, Zagreb (EIZ)
& Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Croatia (FES)**

INVITATION

The Institute of Economics, Zagreb, as a scientific institute with a long tradition in economic research in Croatia, in cooperation with the German political foundation Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Croatia organises this international conference on "Social Policy and Regional Development", and invites all who are interested, either to submit an abstract for a scientific research paper or to participate in the conference.

THE 2006 CONFERENCE TOPIC

Social policy and regional development are often narrowly defined and treated as separate and distinct areas of scientific study. Indeed, in the context of transition and prospective membership of the European Union, reforms in each are considered necessary and are the subject of scientific and political debate in Croatia as in many other countries.

This conference aims to bring the topics together and to explore aspects of territorial cohesion, social inclusion and social justice. It will focus on *the regional (sub-national) dimensions of social policy, and the social dimensions of regional development policy.*

International key note speakers and paper givers will be drawn from social sciences, in particular from economics, social policy, sociology and planning.

TARGET QUESTIONS

The conference will address a range of questions regarding Social Policy and Regional Development, including:

- ⇒ *What are the impacts of regional inequalities on overall socio-economic development?*
- ⇒ *What are the likely social, economic and territorial implications of the new EU cohesion policy?*
- ⇒ *What is the relationship between regional competitiveness and social cohesion?*
- ⇒ *What is the role of social networks in regional economic development?*
- ⇒ *What are the problems and possibilities resulting from decentralisation of social policy?*

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

The organisers request abstracts for scientific papers (including policy and case studies), which address current issues in social policy and regional development. Single country and comparative studies in the European context, are welcome.

Please consider the following:

- Abstracts should be a maximum of 200 words with 3-5 keywords
- Include author's name, affiliation, address, phone & fax numbers, and e-mail address

Abstracts should be sent to the Conference Committee by **15th May 2006** to the following e-mail: [**conference@eizg.hr**](mailto:conference@eizg.hr)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Instructions for authors, registration forms and other conference related information will be available by mid April 2006 at the following web-site: [**www.eizg.hr**](http://www.eizg.hr)

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Submitted full papers will be double-blind reviewed. Conference proceedings will be published in early 2007.

CONFERENCE VENUE

Matica hrvatska, Strossmayerov trg 4, Zagreb, Croatia

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract submission deadline: by 15th May 2006
Abstract acceptance notification: by 31st May 2006
Full Paper submission deadline: by 15th September 2006
Full Paper acceptance notification: by 15 October 2006
Registration other participants: by 15 November 2006

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