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Between adaptation, corporatist interests and market logics: the dynamics of implementing EU employment policies regarding young jobseekers in Luxembourg

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About the webinar

Youth unemployment rates in the EU increased dramatically during the international financial crisis since 2008. The European Commission proposed in its 2013 Recommendation on a European Youth Guarantee a 'social partnership' to combat youth unemployment, thereby shifting responsibilities to trade unions, employer organisations and associations both at the EU and national level. Luxembourg constitutes, due to its peculiar labour market characterised by a large number of cross-border workers, its coordinated market economy and law-embedded neo-corporatist collective bargaining instruments, a laboratory to study forms of policy appropriation processes. The policy area of youth unemployment serves the purpose of analysing how Luxembourg responds to peer pressure at the various interacting levels of the policy implementation cycle (EU, national, social).

The first part presents the objectives and methodology and situates the research in its socio-economic context. Based on a qualitative research framework with semi-directed expert

interviews in Luxembourg and Brussels, the second part discusses critically dynamics between the involved actors (EU Commission, national government, EU social partners, etc.) by focusing on agendas, strategies of resistance and adaptation, as well as dynamics within bargaining arenas such as the Employment Committee EMCO, COREPER and EU social partners' committees on youth and employment. The last part assesses if traditions of policy implementation and collective bargaining processes in Luxembourg are circumvented or reinforced, and what elements of resistance national stakeholders mobilise when downloading EU policy.

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