CAWIE 3 Fieldwork

Promoting an inclusive growth strategy: Facts and dilemma’s between theory and practice

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The reality check

• Inclusive growth is not well known
• Growth equals productivity
• Precariousness is a concept for workers
  “Any job is a good job”
Time for a new model

• “A lost decade”
• “Time for a pay rise”
• Build-up of frustration after austerity
• Measure did not deliver
Yes, we can’t?

- Pillar of social rights calls for voluntarism
- Redistribution as an excuse?
Question 1

• Does inclusive growth = social market economy?
  – Direct seizure of capital gains
  – Missing link in inclusive growth debate: collective bargaining
Question 2

• Centralisation and coordination no substitutes?
  – Centralisation = wage moderation / ceilings
  – Coordination = upward dynamic / natural practice
Question 3

• Wages or more?
  – Centralisation: spurring non-wage debates
  – Coordination: limited to wages
Question 4

• Coordination is implicit pattern bargaining, does it forego more sophisticated rule-based systems?
Question 5

• Is there a *contradictio in terminis*:
  – International (everybody wants it)
  – Coordination (nobody supports it)

• Which system to internationalize:
  pre/redistribution

• Weak link between theory and practice
Question 6

• Can the public sector be a wage leader?
  – No, because of export
  – Yes, for internal stabilization