Creating educational and labour market opportunities for socially vulnerable youth
Current policy approaches and alternative perspectives

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The dramatic effects of the financial crisis are disproportionally hitting Europe’s young population. Existing educational and labour market policies aimed at the young have not proved effective especially in relation to the most vulnerable, such as, for example, those with a background of migration or socio-economic disadvantage. 15 young research fellows - working in different European countries in the framework of the EU funded Marie Curie programme Education as Welfare (EduWel) - have critically researched the transition pathways of socially vulnerable youth after compulsory schooling. Embedded into international scientific communities and international stakeholders, the young researchers have explored vulnerabilities and opportunities of young people in Europe and the role education and welfare can play in enhancing those opportunities. The research fellows will present their findings and engage in discussion with European policymakers, social partners and civil society thereby revealing their alternative solutions towards a more equal and just society.

Agenda

13.00   Sandwich lunch

13.30 – 13.45
Welcome and presentation of the EduWel research network
Hans-Uwe Otto and Susanne Gottuck, Bielefeld University
Maria Jepsen, ETUI

13.45 – 15.15
Session 1: Migration, education and labour market
Speaker: Sara Bonfanti, EduWel Research Fellow
Discussants: Thomas Heidener, European Parliament and Agata Patecka, SOLIDAR
Chair: Maria Jepsen, European Trade Union Institute

Session 2: Educational aspirations, opportunities and social exclusion
Speaker: Agnese Peruzzi, EduWel Research Fellow
Discussants: Birgitte Birkvad, Danish Teacher Trade Unions and Vincent Caron, EAPN
Chair: Guntars Catlaks, Education International

15.15 – 15.40 Coffee break

15.40 – 16.30
Session 3: School-to-work transitions and labour market outcomes
Speaker: Stephan Dahmen, EduWel Research Fellow
Discussants: Salvatore Marra, ETUC Youth Committee and Wilhelm Vukovich, DG Education and Culture
Chair: Janine Leschke, Copenhagen Business School

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