

Facing unemployment. Work and social integration in Europe

Introduction to the program

Why is unemployment a question for us?

- Eurojess to address key social issues of common concern all over Europe.
 - Democracy and politics during the last congress in Vienna
- Work and unemployment at the core of major social changes in Europe.
 - In societies moving away from old fordist or communist approaches to industry and labor force.

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- In societies more and more linked together with new opportunities and new competitions at the global level.
- In societies, where work and unemployment was part of a deep change from rural to urban economies.
- In societies where work and unemployment was at the center of a common social consensus maintained with dialogs between different social forces (political parties, trade unions...)

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- Finally, in societies, where work and employment is the locus of strong solidarities, either formally (social security, health care,...)
- Hence, with that question, we are brought to one of the major change affecting our societies and economies, in a world that will soon experience new scarcities (primary resources, energy..)

How are we going to address the question?

- Three steps :
 - Today, an assessment of the situation. Two levels of entry :
 - This morning, a global assessment
 - Economic questions with Pep Maria
 - A sociological approach.
 - And a reflection on Eastern economies
 - This afternoon, with workshops :
 - Population at greater risks :
 - Living in deprived areas.
 - Roms
 - Young adults.

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- Tomorrow , toward a response :
 - Key questions to be addressed :
 - The meaning of work
 - Alternative approaches and ways of promoting more decent activities .
 - Responses regarding population at greater risks .
 - Societies responses
 - Specifics jesuits projects .

How are we going to address the question?

- Friday, a dynamic to collect our reflections, and to enter a debate.
 - Bringing together general approaches, workshop focus, and different national experience.
 - Bringing together suggestions, controversies, arguments.