

# **Title: Labour market perspectives in the Central East European (CEE) countries in the context of the European Union (EU) enlargement.**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The goal of our contribution is to outline a conceptual framework and to suggest feasible economic policies to deal with the challenges related to the employment and unemployment in the Central East European (CEE) countries in the context of the extremely complex process of enlargement of the European Union (EU) towards the East.

The above questions have been analysed on the international institutions reports according to a neo-classical approach but in our view the elaboration and outline of economic policies for the employment is a controversial issue in social, politic and academic levels.

Therefore our contribution consist on the following parts:

1. Assessment of the situation: Diagnosis, causes and outcomes of the unemployment in the CEE countries. Polarisation, poverty, migration.
2. Design of a consistent conceptual framework to analyse the labour market in the transition process and the consequences of the EU enlargement on the working conditions for the Eastern and Western workers. In designing this conceptual framework, the Neo-classical approach must be completed (or radically modified) by the elements of the Marxist and Institutional analysis.
3. Testing the conceptual framework: Evaluation of labour market policies in the CEE countries, measuring the degree of success of policies that intend to improve the flexibility on the labour markets *versus* active policies in the job promotion (training, encouraging small and medium companies, initiatives to local job creation...). Alternative policies.
4. Proposals for the participation the economic agents and institutions (domestic and foreign) on the shaping a favourable environment for the employment.

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