

## A new Regional Studies Association Research Network started at the RCEA: GLUN LAB

GLUN Lab is a new research network organised by the RCEA - Rimini Centre for Economic Analysis (Italy) - [www.rcfea.org](http://www.rcfea.org) - and the Department of Economics of the University of Macedonia co-funded under the Regional Studies Association Research Network Scheme.

GLUN Lab stands for Geographical Localisation, intersectoral reallocation of LABour and UNemployment differentials, summarising the main concern of the network: to investigate and to explain regional differentials in unemployment and migration flows between European states.

The network wish to collect multidisciplinary both qualitative and quantitative approaches: regional economics, economic geography, labour economics, econometrics, international economics, etc. and it is open to scholars and researchers from all over world.

In particular, the network started to investigate labour market flows within an equilibrium spatial configuration of economic activities, but other approaches are welcomed.



In the first cases, labour market flows are interpreted as the outcome of regional specialisation involving the geographical agglomeration or dispersion of firms. Therefore, ones could combine aspects of the “New Economic Geography” (NEG) with the analysis of the aggregate effects of job reallocation (*the sectoral shifts hypothesis – SSH - and the job creation and destruction spatial factors - JCD*). In this way, the research could results in finding relationship of the impact of job reallocations with the processes of regional specialization and localization.

The research network would start its activity in February 2008 and will carry on until October 2009 and two main open seminars are planned at the University of Macedonia in Greece (31st October 2008) and at the RCEA in Rimini (planned in summer 2009). Calls for paper will be issued accordingly.

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