

## FINAL PROGRAMME

### **BREAKING THE WAVES –RETHINKING THE LABOUR MARKET**

There is currently a debate in the European Union on how the European member states can meet the challenges of globalisation, including the important issue of the need to reform the labour markets in the European member states.

Different countries deal with this important challenge in different ways corresponding to national traditions and political frameworks. It is a process which involves not only governments but also the social partners in the labour market, i.e. the labour unions as well as the employers' federations.

In Denmark this challenge has been met through the development of the so-called Danish model where a high level of social security for the employees goes hand-in-hand with a high level of flexibility for the employers. The Danish model has been highlighted by leading economists and politicians in Europe as an effective vehicle in order to create jobs and growth in light of the growing challenges stemming from increased international competition.

It is recognised that not one size fit all; this symposium seeks to define components of successful policies, which might inspire and contribute towards the development of the Greek labour market in order to reduce unemployment and increase growth in Greece.

The symposium includes parallel roundtable workshops, which will allow in-depth discussions on best practices as a source of inspiration to elaborate possible pathways to new strategy policies.

The symposium is organised by THE DANISH EMBASSY IN GREECE in cooperation with ELIAMEP and KANEP.

The symposium will be conducted in English with interpretation into Greek.

## **PROGRAMME OF THE SYMPOSIUM**

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7<sup>th</sup> November 2007

Venue: Conference Centre “Athinais” -Kastorias 34-36 Votanikos

- 9.30 - 10.00**                      **Coffee**
- 10.00 - 10.15**                      **Welcome by** The Danish Ambassador to Greece Mr. Tom Nørring
- Introduction** - “The European Dimension” - by the President of ELIAMEP Prof. Mr. Loukas Tsoukalis, who will also chair the plenary session.
- 10.15 - 11.45**                      **PLENARY SESSION**  
**Breaking the Waves – Rethinking the labour market**  
**Danish and Greek experiences and ideas**
- MP Mr. Jan Petersen, former Spokesman on Labour Market Policy
  - MP Mr. Dimitris Kontos, Secretary General, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection
  - Former Minister, Mr. Stephanos Manos, independent
  - Mr. Henning Gade, Chief Consultant in the Danish Employers’ Confederation DA
  - Mr. Michalis Kouroutos, Chief Consultant and Secretary of Education of The Labour Academy KANEP.
  - Mr. Christian Sølyst, Political Consultant in the Danish Employees’ Federation LO
- 11.45 - 12.15**                      **Coffee break and refreshments**
- 12.15 – 13.15**                      **Workshop “Mapping new Pathways” (2 groups)**
1. Dialogue between labour market parties – *boxing or dancing relations*
  2. Prerequisites for returning to the labour market – *Life long learning*
- 13.15 – 14.00**                      **Lunch**
- 14.00 – 15.00**                      **Continuation of workshops - “Mapping new Pathways”**
- 15.00 – 15.30**                      **Coffee break and refreshments**
- 15.30 – 16.00**                      **Summing up**  
By The President of the scientific Committee of KANEP Prof. Mr. Nikos Mouzelis and The Danish Ambassador to Greece Mr. Tom Nørring