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EU 2020 and beyond. The Case for Sustainable Work Organisation or broader policy fields as innovation, young labour, education, ageing etc...

- Sustainable resilient sustainable work systems is a must for the EU 2020
- No directive for sustainable work systems is desirable, but use the OCM and/or the Social Dialogue to implement it
- Comparative Research on sustainable work systems should be a priority in the Research and Innovation Framework Programmes
- The implementation of resilient sustainable work system on national level, such as pilot projects and reviews of good practise, should be supported by the Structural Funds
- How to deal with the broader issues – not only welfare, public health and work – but energy, environment, innovation, migration ...



Challenges for high-quality comparative research on work and labour in Europe

- Renewed European Employment Strategy and new role for European Social “Innovation” Funds
- Options for joint calls within ERA-Nets, ERCp, framework contexts, ad hoc collaboration or JP
- European Foundation and/or Academia as platform
- Policy driven and/or bottom up work place research
- Creating an arena for user involvement in comparative studies (MEADOWS, ESS etc)
- Social Partner Financial involvement – PPP-models
- Re-Generation of Work Place Studies in Europe
- Old ideas for new conditions – or the other way (is OSH being obsolete in Innovation Rethorics)

Next step for European Work Place research-some concluding remarks

- Stimulate research on/for the social dialogue
- Role WPR in EU SSH/FP+
- Work, welfare, migration-JP
- Increase European R&D-networking/COST/ERA-nets
- CEDEFOP/Eurofound roles
- Initiate collaboration within European Social Fund
- Create of consortium of comparative studies
- Build bridges between leading research centres
- Create a junior academy on work/labour studies
- Cross-continental network – global challenges to come!!



Is there nothing new under the sun, said Sir Paul, representing the collective memory of European workplace development the last four decades..



Yes, how come that so many persons have the answers, when we are so few knowing the questions, thinks Toumo, productivity coach from Finland, one of the grand pillars of WIN-progress..



**”If you walk in this direction – with support of work packages from the European Social Fund, major challenges will be reached, certified quality-indicators
” Friedhelm regional entrepreneur, said**



”I have never seen such a qualified mess of challenging ideas, having an integrated&cohesive structure and just falling into the heart of the EU2020 process, says Queen Elisabeth III.....”



”So, Zsuzsanna, if I put in ageing work force, innovation, diversity, productivity and gender and globalisation, we might get support in joint programming work...” asked Ilkka, a Finn Feelosopher,



”Is there any better way to finish a six years knowledge mission than to do it with joyful support from charming Finnish intellectual ladies and R&D-workers...”



”Thanks for these six years and looking forward to further collaboration...with you...and of course, with the Commission.....”

