



## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

# Labour Market Institutions and Public Regulation

### – A CESifo and ISPE Conference –

Many explanations for the European unemployment experience point to the role of highly regulated labour contracts, high tax burdens on labour, collective bargaining arrangements, excessive firing costs, generous unemployment insurance and other features of labour market regulations. Based on these explanations—and reference to experience in the United States—a reduction in the amount of labour market regulation is a common policy advice. On the other hand, part of these regulations may well be beneficial in protecting workers from excessive shocks and economic uncertainty, counter-acting market failures and serving equity objectives. Thus the key question arises as to which fiscal arrangements, labour market institutions and public regulation best serve a modern market economy.

CESifo and the International Seminar in Public Economics (ISPE) invite the submission of extended abstracts (300-500 words) dealing with the costs, benefits and effects of labour market institutions. Preference will be given to policy oriented-papers with a theoretical background and to applied work concentrating on the evaluation of particular labour market institutions or international comparisons.

The selection of papers will follow a two-stage process. At the first stage, authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to give short presentations of their full papers at a workshop meeting in Munich, 26-27 October 2001. Selected authors are then invited to present (possibly revised) versions of their papers at a conference meeting in Villa La Collina, Cadenabbia, Italy, 02-05 June 2002. To ensure wide international dissemination, the papers will be published in the CESifo Seminar Series with MIT Press. There will be external refereeing of papers after both stages.

Please submit your abstracts by **28 February 2001**. Abstracts should be sent in triplicate to:

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Alternatively, please e-mail abstracts to [office@CESifo.de](mailto:office@CESifo.de). Submitters will be notified of the decision to accept their abstract for the Munich meeting by the end of March 2001. Authors with accepted abstracts/papers will have their meals and accommodation provided and their economy travel costs reimbursed.

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