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- The need to deepen mutual awareness of local labour markets was evident.
- Sharing information among participating actors was lacking.
- There was a desire to enhance cooperation between the regional and local PES Labour Offices (LO) and relevant actors in the labour market in order to improve implementation of common goals.
- This cooperation needed to focus not only on ALMP or providing other support from the LO, but there was especially a need to transfer information between different bodies, strengthen the awareness of corporate social responsibility, and encourage greater involvement of local governments.
- In socially excluded areas, activities to strengthen cooperation with NGOs were few.

#### Advisory Boards (ABs)

**Name of the PES**

ÚP ČR  
Úřad práce České republiky  
Labour Office of the Czech Republic

**When was the practice implemented?**

Set by the Act. No 435/2004 Coll., on Employment  
Since 2014 performed at centralised level

**What were the practice’s main objectives?**

- To engage all regional and local actors of the labour market with the labour market management, e.g. social partners, regional authorities, municipalities, educational institutions, etc., including their representatives.
- To coordinate implementation of the ALMPs.
- To advise on the creation of socially beneficial jobs and community service work.
- To advise on programmes of structural and organisational changes.
- To advise on programmes of retraining and organisation of counselling activities.

**What activities were carried out?**

- Advisory boards coordinate the implementation of government employment policies and human resource development in the relevant administrative district.
- Local employment networks support.
- ALMPs coordination.
- Common activities to develop and increase the regional labour markets.
- Analyses, searches, projects, forecasting and other ancillary activities.

**What outcomes/results have been achieved?**

Concrete results are not yet measured, nevertheless in general we can cite the following outcomes:

- ABs are now central to ALMP implementation and criteria setting;
- ABs have refined the target groups for regional pilot and mainstream projects;
- Information sharing has been greatly facilitated by the ABs;
- ABs have improved the cooperation among key labour market partners;
- Increased communication efficiency on regional and local levels.
What are the lessons learnt and success factors?

- When working with partners, it is crucial to draw upon and address the issues identified by key players in regional and local labour markets. Members must have sufficient decision-making power in the organisation they represent.
- The main central success factor is the active participation of all members of the ABs, irrespective of their personal interests, and the development of the local empowerment.

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