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### **Skills and Labor Market Performance**

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Skills are critical for employability in the labor market and the business performance, as structural changes such as increased competitiveness, globalization and technological progress call for ever-higher and more labor market relevant skills for productivity growth and secure quality jobs. Having sufficient levels of basic skills is essential for young people to smoothly access the labor market and for adults to retain employment in high quality and stable jobs.

Research has shown that the *educational attainment* and the *socioeconomic background* are among the main skills needed in the labor market. Research has also shown that the importance of *foreign language use* for business purposes is increasing and that the inability to *communicate in the clients' language* or even a low-quality-communication are often the reason for poor performance of individuals and – sadly – of organizations. The problems arising could range from a mild misunderstanding cleared away easily with a smile to a total – irreparable -breakdown of the interaction. The perpetrators in many cases are either the limited knowledge of language skills or the lack or disregard of *intercultural communication* skills.

Apart from actual business performance both on business-to-business and business-to customer level, skills may also influence career choices since many jobs are extremely wanted. Therefore, various aspects of skills are considered to be the factors which affect the employment prospect and the social and labor market performance of an economy.

We welcome theoretical and empirical contributions to this issue focusing on the correlation between various aspects of skills and business and/or the labor market. We particularly invite authors from economics, business studies, human resources management, sociolinguistics, and psychology.

The Editorial Committee will particularly welcome papers relevant for evaluating national and/or international experiences on related topics such as:

- The impact of skills in promoting employment.
- The future of skill supply in Europe.
- Identifying skill needs for the future.
- The impact of language skills on employment probabilities.
- The effect of education and / or educational systems in the employability.
- The role of literacy, numeracy and technology in the labor market.
- Linguistic skills and career success.
- Labor relations and networking.
- Ability to work in a team environment.
- Proficiency in using new technology or internet tools.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate efficiently with businesses or organizations abroad.
- The labor market performance of immigrants and language skills.
- The role of intercultural communication in business and management studies in Greece.
- English as a lingua franca in business. English as a culturally neutral language.
- Native speakers versus non-native speakers in a company: language tensions and performance.
- The proficiency of English language skills in business communication.
- Corporate culture and communication skills in (multinational) organizations/companies.

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