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## Call for papers for the DIME WP 2.3 Workshop

### Network dynamics and the performance of local innovation systems

October 25-27, 2007 in Jena

Jointly organized by the Chair of Microeconomics at the Friedrich Schiller University Jena and the Max Planck Institute of Economics in Jena

#### Background:

The main focus of work package 2.3 “Local Innovation Systems, Knowledge Flows and the Interaction of Research Competences” is the relationship between innovation, knowledge flows and research competencies within local innovation systems. While we observe successful regions where actors – in pursuing the goal of innovative success – frequently cooperate on a formal or informal basis in R&D with co-located but also with external actors, it is not clear how the network structures resulting from these interactions evolve and what the driving forces for such an evolution are. We also perceive a research gap between theoretical work on the influence of the network structure/position on innovative or economic success and empirical work on this relationship, which we would like to narrow during the workshop.

#### Objective:

More specifically, we want to tackle the following questions which are all related to interactions within local innovation systems, the evolution of interaction structures and the performance of innovation systems as well as the actors within these systems:

Question 1: What can we say about the **evolution** of local, innovative networks in terms of structure, actors and relations?

Question 2: What determines the **innovative success** of actors with respect to their integration and position within local innovation systems?

Question 3: How can we evaluate the **performance** of local innovation systems and what characteristics of interactions and interactive structures provide an explanation for innovative success?

We would like to invite empirical, methodological, as well as theoretical contributions taking a network perspective on innovation which address one of these questions and help us to get a better understanding of the role interactions in the process of innovation.

**Deadlines:**

Abstract submission:	<b>July 18, 2007</b>
Papers/notes acceptance:	July 27, 2007
Submission of final paper:	October 12, 2007

**Scientific Committee:**

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Travel and accommodation costs of the participants will be covered according to standard DIME arrangements for one author per paper from DIME-partners and for invited speakers.

**Submissions:**

Please send extended abstracts (max. 1000 words) and contact details to [holger.graf@uni-jena.de](mailto:holger.graf@uni-jena.de) and specify whether you are eligible for funding by DIME.