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Latest issue of *Transfer*

JOBS ON THE MOVE THE CHALLENGES OF RELOCATION

- Relocation has had a more limited impact on aggregate employment in Europe than is commonly supposed although some specific sectors and regions have been seriously affected.
- Relocation is increasingly affecting more sophisticated, high value-added production. This may lead to an intensification of relocation in the future.
- High wage countries are and can be highly competitive provided their institutional structure is coherent. Successful adjustment to global competitive pressures does not necessarily imply a downscaling of wages and working conditions – countries and companies have a choice between taking a high-road or low-road strategy.

These are just a few of the conclusions that are put forward in the latest issue of *Transfer*, the quarterly publication of the Research department of the ETUI-REHS, that has just been published.

The issue analyses relocation from a number of different angles and provides the reader with an overview of both the extent of the phenomenon and what policy makers, including trade unions, can do to deal with its negative impacts.

Issues examined include:

- how the threat of relocation can dramatically shift the balance of power between workers and capital to the benefit of the latter;
- foreign direct investment trends in Europe and an assessment of the significance of the relocation of production and workplaces from western to eastern countries;
- China: its impact on the European economy, labour markets, workers and future opportunities for European companies;
- possible trade union strategies for dealing with relocation beyond picking up the pieces.

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