

Poverty and labour market transitions - getting a job does not always help getting out of poverty.

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Abstract

The paper discusses the dynamics of getting into and out of poverty with a special focus on the relationship between changing employment status and exiting poverty.

The paper highlights the fact that entries into and exits from income poverty vary across European Member States. It also explores the changes in labour market situations for both out-of-work and in-work people, and the associated exits from poverty. It highlights the fact that taking up a job helps to get out of poverty in half of the cases.