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As part of the PROFEEDBACK COST Action (CA20112), the Centre for Social and Psychological Sciences of the Slovak Academy of Sciences announces a call for paper abstracts for the 3rd PROFEEDBACK conference to be held on 18 May 2023 in Bratislava, Slovakia.

ABOUT PROFEEDBACK

The PROFEEDBACK COST Action (CA20112) aims to foster networking of the policy evaluation community at the EU level, raise awareness on the importance of evaluation policy research and improve its impact on policy-making. The initiative, following a bottom-up and open approach, gathers researchers and professionals from various scientific disciplines and sectors to present and evaluate theories, topics, tools and methods of policy evaluation. Follow the website to know more: <https://profeedback.eu/>

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The topic of the 3rd PROFEEDBACK conference is a critical consideration of the evaluation practice on rural and territorial development, urban development.

To stimulate discussion and link the cross-sectoral and multidisciplinary perspectives, we would particularly encourage authors to submit papers that address the evaluation of policies, programs and measures of regional development from the perspectives of some of the following thematic lines:

- Quadruple approach to regional development governance
- Effectiveness of local governance methods and practices
- Regional competitiveness challenges with the perspective of lagging regions
- Entrepreneurship, innovations and creative industry as a driver of regional development
- Human capital as the main force of regional development and the demographic challenges
- Young people and social inequalities in the context of regional disparities
- Evaluation of policies supporting international, internal and cross-border labour migration and labour mobility
- Labour market and social inequalities
- Evaluations focusing on the social and human aspects of lagging-behind regions, rural, peripheral and disadvantaged areas
- Regional differences the COVID pandemic
- Evaluations of regional cohesion policy measures targeting rural or peripheral areas

The cross-cutting issues of evaluation methodology, data mining and the formulation of indicators against which regional development is assessed, are simultaneously relevant to all above mentioned thematic lines.

We welcome submissions that consider the subject of the evaluation policy in a comparative sense across time or space, or on more narrowly defined topics related to regional development.

During the conference, we aim to discuss evaluation results on regional development policies to understand:

- the factors influencing the effectiveness of these policies at the national or regional level
- strengths and challenges of the methodologies applied to measure the success of regional development policies
- the challenges of policy evaluation in distinguishing between short-term versus long-term effects of social inclusion policies
- the role and efficiency of social innovation in the regional development
- impact of the global megatrends on the issues related to fair regional development

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We encourage and highly welcome critical, multi and interdisciplinary abstracts related to the topic of regional development policies implemented at local, regional, national or European levels. Special attention will be given to contributions that seek to link these levels.

The paper abstract should not exceed 500 words (including references) and should include:

- title of the paper
- contact to the author
- the conference's thematic line addressed (not obligatory, only if the abstract links with defined lines)
- the main argument of the paper
- a statement of the main conclusions and their relevance to an international audience

If you would like to organise a Special Session, please send a proposal with the title of the topic and the organizers to the address: profeedbackconfregional@hetfa.hu

Timeline

- 2 January 2023 – Abstract submission opening
- 2 January 2023 – e-COST invitations opening
- 28th February 2023 – Abstracts submission closing
- 1st March 2023 – Conference registration opening (Google Form)
- 24th March 2023 – Notification of abstracts acceptance
- 28th April 2023 – e-COST invitations closing
- 28th April 2023 – Conference registration closing (Google Form)
- 10th May 2023 – Extended abstract submission
- 18th May 2023 – Conference day
- 19th May 2023 – MC meeting, WG meeting day (only for members)

Who should apply?

The call is open both to members of the PROFEEDBACK COST Action and the widest possible community of researchers and evaluation professionals.

Members of the Management Committee and the Working Groups of PROFEEDBACK are strongly encouraged to submit their abstracts.

How to apply?

You can submit your paper by email to:

profeedbackconfregional@hetfa.hu

The deadline for submitting abstracts is 28th February 2023.

Selected participants will be informed of the committee's decision no later than 24th March 2023.

Conference proceedings

The reviewed conference proceedings (extended abstracts and bios) will be published in a PROFEEDbook. The PROFEEDbook will be published at the PROFEEDBACK website and at the COST website. Please see previous versions of PROFEEDbooks here: <https://profeedback.eu/deliverables/>

In addition, the organisers of the event aim to ensure the participation of editors of selected academic journals from the V4 countries at the conference.

PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE

When & where?

The event will take place on 18 May 2023 in Bratislava, Slovakia.

The event will be held in a hybrid format, online participation is also possible, however face-to-face participation is highly encouraged.

Registration

Registration is required for the conference.

1) E-COST invitation

You must accept the e-COST invitation to the conference to be eligible for reimbursement. E-COST invitations will be sent out to everyone registered in the PROFEEDBACK Action.

2) Conference registration (Google Form)

A conference registration will be sent out by the Local Organiser by email to everyone who accepted the e-COST invitation. Registration (Google Form) will be open from 1st March 2023. The deadline for registration is 28th April 2023.

Reimbursement eligibility rules

Face-to-face participants

Face-to-face participants are eligible for reimbursement (travel costs maximum 350 EUR and daily allowance based on COST regulations) if they fulfill the following criteria:

- they apply for the call for abstracts until 28 February, as such they participate in the conference as a presenter/speaker (participants who don't participate as speakers/presenters are not eligible for reimbursement)
- they submit their extended abstract until 10 May 2023

The reimbursement claims are to be submitted through e-COST.

Online participants

Online participants are not eligible for reimbursement.

WG and/or MC meeting participants

Please note that after the conference day, there will be MC meeting and WG meetings on 19 May. All participants in the MC and WG meeting are eligible for travel costs (max. 350 EUR) and daily allowance reimbursement for 19 May. (If WG and MC meeting participants are not submitting abstracts, they will receive travel costs reimbursement (max. 350 EUR) and daily allowance reimbursement for 19 May. If they submit their abstracts, they receive travel costs reimbursement (max. 350 EUR) and daily allowance reimbursement for both 18 and 19 May).

SUPPORTERS

This conference is organized under the COST Action CA20112 Platform of policy Evaluation community for improved EU policies and Better Acknowledgement (PROFEEDBACK).

In addition, the conference receives financial support from the project VEGA 2/0079/21 "Causes and consequences of labour market inequalities in the context of the Corona pandemic in Slovakia".

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NEXT PROFEEDBACK CONFERENCES

In the framework of the PROFEEDBACK COST Action, there will be five more conferences organised.

2023/2	Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation, Green Transition, Circular Economy 5 October 2023 - Belgrade, Serbia
2024/1	Social Policy, Social Innovation, Quality of Life, Public Health
2024/2	Business Development, SMEs, Entrepreneurship, Competitiveness
2025/1	Research and Innovation, Digitalization
2025/2	Public Education, Youth Policy

If you are interested in our future events, please follow our website and social media.



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