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# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



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**Social Inclusion, Social Innovation, Quality  
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**Conference in Bucharest - 16th of may 2024**

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ABSTRACTS IS 25TH OF  
FEBRUARY 2024.**

## CA20112

**PLATFORM OF POLICY EVALUATION COMMUNITY FOR IMPROVED  
EU POLICIES AND BETTER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (PROFEEDBACK)**

### **ABOUT PROFEEDBACK**

Policy evaluation is a key tool in understanding, developing and modernising EU policies, thus there is a growing demand for EU-wide and high quality evaluation services. The main challenge is that currently there is no bottom-up platform for European researchers and professionals working in policy evaluation. They have limited possibilities to discuss common problems, assess country specific practices and share their knowledge in a mutually beneficial and effective way.

The PROFEEDBACK Action aims to foster the networking of the policy evaluation community at EU-level, raise awareness on the importance of evaluation policy research and improve its impact on policy-making. The Action, following a bottom-up and open approach, gathers researchers and professionals from various scientific fields and sectors to present and evaluate theories, topics, tools and methods of policy evaluation. Results of the Europe-wide assessment of good practices provide direct and high-quality inputs for national and EU bodies responsible for policy evaluation.

## ABOUT THE CALL

QURES Quality Research and Support (<https://www.gures.ro/>) together with the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (<https://snspsa.ro/en/>) is glad to announce the launch of the call for abstracts for the International Conference “**Good practices and lessons learned in the evaluation of social policies. Social Inclusion, Social Innovation, Quality of Life and Public Health**” organized under the framework of the COST Programme - COST ACTION 20112 - PROFEEDBACK (Grant Holder Institute: HÉTFA Research Institute, Hungary). The Conference will be held in **Bucharest, Romania, on 16th of May, 2024.**

The Conference aims to create the opportunity for researchers, evaluation experts and civil servants to share ideas and examples of good practices and innovative methods used in evaluation in the areas of quality of life and social policies. Thus, the Conference maintains a balanced interest in both theoretical and applied research, with a particular interest in lessons learned and innovative research methods applied in evaluation. We especially welcome abstract submissions based on novel econometric techniques, original and extensive datasets, rigorous study designs, or important policy implications. The event is designed to allow time for a full presentation and discussion of each contribution. Doctoral students and young researchers are particularly encouraged to submit their papers.

The conference will be held in a face-to-face format. Presenters should attend the Conference in person, in Bucharest. Other participants may have the possibility to attend the sessions online, depending on the received requests. The official language of the Conference is English.

There is no conference fee, but each participant will be expected to arrange and pay for their own travel and accommodation, after the conference these expenses being reimbursed, following COST rules, available at (<https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2023/11/COST-094-21-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions-Level-C-VI.4-Final-.pdf>).

**IMPORTANT:** Travelling costs will be reimbursed within the limited of 350 Euros. Moreover, as per COST rules, daily allowance rate set for Bucharest is 187 Euros.

## CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The primary objective of the Conference is to gather academics, professionals, policymakers, and policy evaluators from Europe and around the world and create a facilitating context for sharing ideas and good practice examples in regards with the evaluation of public policies and programmes addressing the social area, e.g., social cohesion, social inclusion, social innovation, quality of life, social and political participation and other. The aim is to showcase the latest knowledge and developments in the aforementioned fields, as viewed through an evaluation lens.

As a secondary purpose, the conference aims to facilitate discussions on how the evaluation, through the evidence that it can gather, the conclusions that it may formulate on the effects and impact of a public intervention and the recommendations address to policy-makers, can contribute to the improvements of public policies and programmes in the social area.

## CONFERENCE TOPICS

Main areas covered by the conference will be:

- Evaluation of social inclusion policies and programmes
- Evaluation of social innovation policies and programmes
- Evaluation in the area of quality of life
- Evaluation of public health policies and programmes

Evaluation of social inclusion policies and programmes may include topics such as (non-exhaustive list):

- Social inclusion policies for disadvantaged children
- Access to public services (e.g., social, education and health)
- Poverty reduction
- Social protection
- Social economic rights
- Social cohesion
- Participation in public, social and political life of children and adolescents
- Participation in public, social and political life of disadvantaged groups
- Gender mainstreaming in social inclusion policies
- Measuring social inclusion

### **CONFERENCE TOPICS**

Evaluation of social innovation policies and programmes may include topics such as (non-exhaustive list):

- Social innovation in regards with working conditions
- Social innovation in education
- Social innovation in community development
- Social innovation in regards with the health sector
- Social innovation and gender equality
- Measuring social inclusion
- Digitalization in social policies

Evaluation in the area of quality of life may include topics such as (non-exhaustive list):

- Developments of the concept of quality of life and their application in evaluation
- Public policies in the area quality of life, including: material living conditions, productive activity, education, health, leisure and social interaction, economic and physical safety, governance and basic rights, natural and living environment
- The impact of Covid19 in regards with the quality of life
- Effective policies in improving quality of life
- Measuring the quality of life in the evaluation process

Evaluation of Public Health policies and programmes may include topics such as (non-exhaustive list):

- Prevention policies in public health
- Digitalization in public health
- Vaccination policies
- Public health programmes for children and adolescents
- Successful public health programmes and policies
- Measuring public health

## **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

The presenters of the Conference will be selected based on extended abstracts (1 ½ - 2 pages) structured as it follows: brief overview of the theme of the study or evaluation, objectives of the study / evaluation, methodological approach and types of data that were used or will be used in the analysis, preliminary results, limitations and concluding remarks.

We encourage and highly welcome critical, multi and interdisciplinary abstracts related to the wide spectrum of Social Policies.

**You can submit your extended abstract by email to: [socialconference@hetfa.hu](mailto:socialconference@hetfa.hu). The deadline for submitting abstracts is 25th of February 2024.**

**Selected participants will be informed of the committee's decision by 10th of March 2024.**

The reimbursement of conference costs will depend on you submitting a full paper based on the presentation prepared for the conference, no later than 15 days after the conference.

Nevertheless, the reimbursement of the traveling and accommodation costs will not be conditioned by the quality of the submitted paper or its publication in the Conference Proceedings.

## **REGISTRATION**

**Registration for the conference will be required after your acceptance. Please register [HERE](#).**

Members of the PROFEEDBACK Cost Action are encouraged to submit their abstracts.

**The deadline for E-COST registration is 15th of April 2024.**

Funded by COST, this event is free of charge for all participants. In person participants will pay for their own meals. Daily allowances and travel reimbursement is available as per [COST regulations](#), only for the presenters of the Conference.

## **VENUE**

The event will take place in Bucharest, Romania at the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration.

Adress: Expoziției 30A Street, District 1, Bucharest

## **PUBLICATIONS**

All accepted abstracts / full papers will be published in Conference Proceedings Book.

The authors will be invited to publish in a dedicated chapter of the next number of the academic journal **EUROPOLITY - Continuity and Change in European Governance** (Vol.18, no. 1 (2024) - <https://europolity.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/call-for-papers-18.1.2024.pdf>), issued by the Center for European Studies, Romania. The journal is indexed in the following international data bases: Web of Science Core Collection- Emerging Source Citation Index (ESCI), Index Copernicus Journals Master List, ERIH Plus, CEEOL, DOAJ, EBSCO, HeinOnline, RePEc, SSRN and Ulrichsweb.

See more information about the journal at the following link: <https://europolity.eu/>.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Deadline for submission of abstracts: 25th of February 2024**

**Deadline for registration: 15th of April 2024**

**Deadline for submitting full papers: 2nd of June (15 days after the Conference)**

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Detailed information will be available soon at <https://profeedback.eu/conferences/>

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## RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

<https://profeedback.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Grant-awarding-processes.pdf>

## USEFUL DOCUMENTS

COST Annotated Rules:

<https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2022/12/COST-094-21-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions-Level-C-VI.3.pdf>

PROFEEDBACK Memorandum of Understanding:

[https://e-services.cost.eu/files/domain\\_files/CA/Action\\_CA20112/mou/CA20112-e.pdf](https://e-services.cost.eu/files/domain_files/CA/Action_CA20112/mou/CA20112-e.pdf)

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

<b>19-20th Sept, 2024</b>	<b>Business Development, SMEs, Entrepreneurship, Competitiveness</b>
<b>4-6th Dec, 2024</b>	<b>Research and Innovation, Digitalization</b>

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



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