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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 aim of the **PROFEEDBACK** COST Action-funded project, running between November 2021 and October 2025, is 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 Platform, 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. This objective will be achieved by the **assessment of good practices** that will provide direct and high-quality inputs for national and EU bodies responsible for policy evaluation.

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ABOUT THE PROFEEDBACK CONFERENCE

In the framework of the PROFEEDBACK Action, conferences are organized on a **half-yearly** basis. They provide opportunity to analyse specific topics in general and through different theories and methodologies. The goal is to maximise the outreach of the audience and reinforce the dialogue with general public.

ONLINE PARTICIPATION OVERVIEW

All sessions are going to be broadcasted via Teams. The Q&A via Teams will be facilitated with the help of on-site staff.

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME Tuesday, 1 October 2024

09:30-10:00	Registration
10:00-10:20	Opening remarks <i>Luca Koltai</i> PROFEEDBACK network, HÉTFA Research Institute <i>Prof. Ali GÜNES</i> , University of New York Tirana Assoc.Prof. Juna Miluka, Dean, University of New York Tirana
10:20-11:00	Keynote speeches The use of participatory methods in research and evaluation <i>Marijana SUMPOR</i> , Participatory action research: a tool of empowerment of disadvantaged social groups. <i>Eszter KOSA</i> , <i>Binda Consulting International</i>
11:00-11:15	Break

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Q&A

Panel no. 1

Evaluating the Importance of Families Wellbeing for Local Welfare Planning: A Case Study of the Veneto Region Using the Partecipatory FamILens© Approach Matteo MOSCATELLI, Nicoletta PAVESI and Elisabetta CARRÀ, Università Cattolica di Milano

An example of Community Based Participatory Research in health: The Healthy Environments Partnership Arzu KURŞUN and Mustafa ÖZKAN, Giresun University

11:15-12:45

Assessing Digitalisation: A Rural Stakeholder Engagement Approach Martina KUBÍKOVÁ, Prague University of Economics and Business

Eyes and Voices on the Street: Marginalized Communities and the Climate Crisis Ferlanda LUNA, University of Coimbra

Moderator: Eriona Shtembari, University of New York Tirana

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12:45-13:45

13:45-14:45

Lunch

Panel no. 2

Collaborative Curatorial Practices: Navigating Challenges and Leveraging Participatory Methods Andrea WANDINGER and João Rocha GOMES, HAW Hamburg

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Sustainable Evaluation of Wildfire Policies for Ecosystem Resilience: A Holistic Approach Renata MARTINS PACHECO and Vincent CARUANA, University of Lisbon

Participatory Evaluation in Sustainable Campuses: Case Studies from the University of Malta and Brazil Vincent CARUANA, University of Malta

Moderator: Ajtene AVDULLAHI, University Isa Boletini Mitoviceukshin Kovaçica Q&A

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14:45-15:00

Break

Panel no. 3 Pragmatic and Sustainable Models of Systems Thinking for Multidisciplinary Stakeholder Engagement: A Case Study on Food Value Chain Muhammad ASADUZZAMAN and Elena

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BORIANI, University of Oslo

Leveraging Participatory Methods for
Evaluating Digital Health Interventions: A
Case Study Approach15:00-16:00João Rocha GOMES and Rodrigo
VALDOLEIROS, University of Porto

Participatory Methods in China Discipline Assessment, Yang YANG, Eötvös Loránd University

Moderator: Luca Szoor-Fulop, HETFA Research Institute

Q&A

16:00-16:15

Closing remarks

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Keynote speakers



Luca Koltai is the Research Director of the HÉTFA Research Institute and has a degree in Social Policy and European Studies. Throughout her career, she has gained valuable experience working at Budapest Esély, the National Institute for Family and Social Policy, and as a director of the Hungarian branch of Habitat for Humanity. As a researcher, her main focus has been on employment and social issues, including public work programmes, youth and people excluded from the labour market, social inclusion and the social economy.

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Dr. Marijana Sumpor (marisumpor@yahoo.com) is an economist and expert in regional development, scenario and strategic planning, and policy evaluation with 29 years of professional experience as a researcher, consultant, university lecturer and executive trainer. She is the director of the consulting company Euro ekspertiza since 2019 and in her 2nd mandate in the City of Zagreb Assembly. Before she worked at the Institute of Economics, Zagreb (2001-2018), BNP-Dresdner Bank (Croatia) (1998-2000), and Croatian Ministry of Finance (1995-1998). She has co/authored over 60 scientific and professional publications and is editor in the open access Regional Studies, Regional Science (RSRS) journal (since 2014). Since 2015 Marijana coordinated the Croatian Evaluators Network (CEN), which is also part of the Western Balkan Evaluation Network (WBEN), and in March 2024 she became president of the newly established Croatian Evaluation Society.



Dr Eszter Kosa is a social worker and social policy expert who has been involved in various projects as a field worker, researcher and project manager. Eszter has worked in Hungary, in the Balkans and also in crisis areas like Armenia and Eastern-Ukraine. Her main interests are social inclusion, combating poverty (with special focus on child poverty), equal opportunities, human rights, civil society development and humanitarian aid. She settled in Malta in 2018, since then she has been working as a programme manager at Binda Consulting International contributing to projects focusing on women's rights, youth integration and election observation.