

"SHAPING THE FUTURE: EVALUATING PROGRAMS AND POLICIES IN PUBLIC EDUCATION AND YOUTH POLICY"

EUROPEAN RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Budapest 18-19. June 2025

Novotel Budapest Danube (Bem rkp. 33-34, 1027 Budapest)

	Preliminary agenda	
18.June		Wednesday
	Registration	9:00-9:30
	Opening remarks	9:30-9:50
	Keynote speeches – Evaluating youth policy 1. Measuring the impact of interventions to promote youth employment <i>Niall O’Higgins, International Labor Organization</i> 2. Beyond Measurement: Evaluation as a Catalyst for Effective Youth and Education Policies <i>Dr. Rafael de Hoyos, World Bank</i>	9:50-10:30
MORNING	Panel 1 – Use of evaluation and research for better youth policies moderator: <i>Gábor Balás, HÉTFA Research Institute</i> <i>Daniele Vidoni, European Commission, Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, Policy Coordinator</i> <i>Dr. Tibor Bors Borbély-Pecze, Ministry for National Economy Hungary</i> <i>Lira Mikayelyan, European Youth Parliament</i> <i>Eszter Sandor, Eurofound, Senior Research Manager</i> <i>May Petigrew, European Evaluation Society President</i>	10:30-11:30
	Break + Poster presentations	11:30
	Panel 2 - Evaluator practices panel moderator: <i>Luca Koltai, HÉTFA Research Institute</i> <i>Irina Lonean, member of the Poll of the European Youth Researchers of the Partnership between the Council of Europe and the European Commission in the field of youth</i>	11:45-12:45

	<i>Petr Fanta</i> , IREAS/ Masaryk Institute of Advanced Studies at the Czech Technical University <i>Andreas Karsten</i> , RAY Research-based analysis of European youth programmes <i>Dorottya Meszner</i> , ECORYS		
Lunch			12:45-13:45
AFTER NOON	Parallel Sessions 1 Youth work and services supporting inclusion of young people	Parallel Sessions 2 Programs targeting NEET's	14:00-15:30
	Break		30m
	Parallel Sessions 3 Youth mental health	Parallel Sessions 4 School to work transition, work or working conditions of youth	15:30-17:00
DINER/ SOCIAL EVENT			

	Preliminary agenda		
19 June		Thursday	
MORNING	Registration		9:00-9:30
	Keynote speeches - Evaluation of educational policies		9:30-10:10
	1. Learning for tomorrow's world – insights from international comparisons <i>Andreas Schleicher, OECD Director for Education and Skills</i>		
	2. Reflexive Evaluation. Using Multi-perspective Mixed Methods to Address Child Educational Poverty and Promote Educational Communities <i>Gabriele Tomei, University of Pisa</i>		
	Panel 3 – Use of evaluation and research for better education policies Moderator: <i>Hanife Akar, Middle East Technical University</i>		10:10-11:10
	<i>Maryna Manchenko, CESIE ETS</i> <i>Bálint Herczeg, HÉTFA Research Institute</i> <i>Alena Lappo Voronetskaya, European Evaluation Society</i> <i>Juliet Tschank, Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI)</i>		
Break + Poster presentations		11:10-11:30	
	Parallel Sessions 5	Parallel Sessions 6	11:30-13:00
	Youth work and services supporting inclusion of young people	Evaluation of educational policies	
Lunch			13:00-14:00
AFTER NOON	Parallel Sessions 7	Parallel Sessions 8	14:00-15:30
	Social innovation in community development, community spaces for youth	Integration policies in education	
	Break		
	PROFEEDBACK network workshop Session dedicated for Action participants		15:45
	Closing remarks		16:45

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Parallel Sessions

DAY1 18. June 2025

Parallel Sessions 1 – Youth work and services supporting inclusion of young people
DAY1 14:00-15:30
Moderator: <i>Ajtene Avdullahi</i> , University Isa Boletini in Mitrovica <i>Anna Uster</i> , The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College, <i>Jurga Bučaitė-Vilkė</i> , Vytautas Magnus University, <i>Judit Kalman</i> , CERS and Corvinus University Budapest, Evaluating Cross-Cultural Implementation of Youth Services: A Comparative Analysis of Collaborative Governance Models in Lithuania, Israel, and Hungary <i>Milena Rajic</i> , University of Nis, <i>Zorana Stanković</i> , University of Nis, <i>Peđa Milosavljević</i> , University of Nis From classroom to start-up - Assessing the impact of university incubators on youth entrepreneurship in engineering <i>Ema Brunovská</i> , Who is missing? Inclusion through the eyes of youth <i>Eriona Shtembari</i> , <i>Eda Koni</i> Youth Unemployment and Education in Albania
Parallel Sessions 2 – Programs targeting NEET's
DAY1 14:00-15:30
Moderator: <i>Mihajlo Djukic</i> , Institute of economic sciences <i>Christoforos Pavlakis</i> , TU Crete/ Other Ways to Care Young-In Conference Input Holistic, co-created policy interventions for NEETs <i>Kinga Tóth</i> , HETFA Research Institute, <i>Eszter Szőnyi</i> , HETFA Research Institute, <i>Luca Koltai</i> , HETFA Research Institute

Empowering Europe's Lost Youth: A comprehensive review of the evaluation of selected initiatives for NEETs aged 25 and over

Gabriela Neagu, Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy, *Muhammet Berigel*, Karadeniz Technical University *Antonella Rocca*, University of Naples Parthenope

Clustering Analysis of the Youth Guarantee Program: Insights into NEET Reduction Across EU Member States

Salome Dolidze, The Caucasus Research Resource Center (CRRC-Georgia)

Evaluating Municipal Policies for NEET Youth in Georgia

Zuzana Kostalova, Slovak Academy of Sciences, *Miroslav Stefanik*, Slovak Academy of Sciences

Evaluation of activation policies targeting youth employment

Parallel Sessions 3 – Youth mental health

DAY1 15:30- 17:00

Moderator: tbc.

Eglantina Dervishi, University of Tirana, *Fatjona Qeti*, University of Tirana,

The impact of internet addiction and social isolation on well-being among youth

Maria Coelho Rosa, Between - partnerships 4 development, *Natacha Gonçalves*, Sigmamente, *Rosa Coelho*, MARCA - Associação de Desenvolvimento Local

“Around the Conversations' project”: Civic participation as a strategy for promoting young people's mental health

Mihajlo Djukic, Institute of Economic Sciences, *Dejana Pavlovic*, Institute of Economic Sciences, *Dusko Bodroza*, Institute of Economic Sciences

Evaluation of the alcohol control policies among European youth

Besa Shahini, University of Tirana

Evaluating the impact of digital platforms on youth mental health: opportunities for intervention and policy making

Parallel Sessions 4 - School to work transition, work or working conditions of youth

DAY1 15:30- 17:00

Moderator: tbc.

Ajtene Avdullahi, University Isa Boletini in Mitrovica, *Vivien Surman*, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, *Altina Avdullahi*, ELTE University, Budapest

Lifelong Guidance as a Tool for Empowerment and Inclusion

Veneta Krasteva, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology,

Analysis of a policy instrument for school to work transition in bulgaria: its strengths and weaknesses

dr. Rūta Brazienė, Lithuanian Centre For Social Sciences, *Justina Krauledaitė*, Lithuanian Centre For Social Sciences

Experiences of NEET Youth Transition from School to Work in Lithuania and Italy

Claudia Petrescu, Research Institute for Quality of Life, *Voicu Bogdan*, Research Institute for Quality of Life, *Adriano Mauro Ellena*, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore,

Policy measures for stimulating school-to-work transition and the work integration of youth

DAY2 19. June 2025

Parallel Sessions 5- Youth work and services supporting inclusion of young people
DAY2 11:30-13:00
<p>Moderator: <i>Anna Uster</i>, The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College</p> <p><i>Irina Lonean</i> Evaluation of the EU Youth Dialogue</p> <p><i>Danijel Baturina</i>, University of Zagreb Assessment of the pathways of inclusion of youth in Croatian welfare state</p> <p><i>Revaz Charkviani</i>, The University of Georgia, <i>Kartlos Karumidze</i>, The University of Georgia Evaluating the Impact of Youth Work on Emancipative Values and Democratic Development in Post-Soviet Societies: Case of Estonia</p> <p><i>Katarína Čavojská</i>, Comenius University, Unaccompanied Minors in Slovakia: A Challenge for the Slovak Care System</p> <p><i>Petrescu Claudia</i>, Research Institute for Quality of Life, <i>Negut Adriana</i>, Research Institute for Quality of Life, <i>Mihalache Flavius</i>, Research Institute for Quality of Life, Youth Inclusion through Participation – Challenges and Opportunities</p>
Parallel Sessions 6 - Evaluation of educational policies
DAY2 11:30-13:00
<p>Moderator: <i>Eriona Shtembari</i>, University of New York Tirana</p> <p><i>Zsuzsa Blaskó</i>, Independent Researcher, <i>Valeria Ansaloni</i>, ICF Measuring individual level impacts of Erasmus+ mobilities – three meta-analyses as part of the ERASMUS+ Programme Evaluation</p> <p><i>Bálint Herczeg</i>, Hétfa Research Institute Effect of universities' programs on the tertiary drop-out probability in Hungary</p> <p><i>Hanife Akar</i>, Middle East Technical University, <i>Sedef Akgüngör</i>, Dokuz Eylül University, Evidence-based skill Mismatch and Education Mismatch to Transform Educational Systems for Inclusive Adult Learning</p> <p><i>Dr. Eriada Çela</i>, University of Ebasan, <i>Aleksander Xhuvani</i> "Despite being a girl, she..." Evaluating Gender Mainstreaming in Basic Education in Albania</p>
Parallel Sessions 7 – Social innovation in community development, community spaces for youth

DAY2 14:00-15:30

Moderator: *Irina Lorean*

Vincent Caruana, University of Malta

Evaluating Social Innovation in Community Spaces for Youth: A Focus on the Social Economy in Manchester and Glasgow, UK

Nicolae Semitar, CPI - Center for Policies and Initiatives

The Role of Social Innovation Centers in the Implementation of the "Youth 2030" Strategy: An Analysis of Sustainable Development of Youth Organizations and Social Innovation

Mihajlo Djukic, Institute of Economic Sciences, Kosovka Ognjenovic, Institute of Economic Sciences
Assessment of the capacity of local youth offices in the implementation of YG in Serbia

Nazife Öztürk, Antalya Training and Research Hospital

Exploring Social Innovation: The Role of Community Spaces in Supporting Youth Mental Health

Parallel Sessions 8 - Integration policies in education

DAY2 14:00-15:30

Moderator: *Jaroslav Dvorak, Klaipėda University*

Juliet Tschank, Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI), Leonie Dworsky, Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI), David Pipke, Kiel Institut für Weltwirtschaft

Assessing the impact of the classroom-based co-teaching intervention "RAISE-UP" integrating digital and green skills within the curriculum on student motivation to reduce early school leaving in Turin, Italy - a quasi-experimental DiD design

Meldina Kokorovic Jukan, University of Tuzla

Impact evaluation of life skills curriculum implementation in primary schools in BIH

Marta de Oliveira Rodrigues, University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro (UTAD)/ Centre for Research and Intervention in Education (CIIE), Armando Loureiro, University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro (UTAD)/ Centre for Research and Intervention in Education (CIIE), Ana Carvalho, University of Porto (FPCEUP)/ Centre for Research and Intervention in Education (CIIE)

Atypical Academic Pathways: Addressing Educational Challenges in Portugal

Tomasz Płachecki, Educational Research Institute - NR, Tomasz Żółtał, Educational Research Institute - NR,

The usefulness and limitations of the Polish secondary school graduate tracking system in the eyes of its stakeholders

POSTER Presentations

Antonio Sianes, Universidad Loyola Andalucía, Laura Serrano, Universidad Loyola Andalucía, Laura Díaz-López, Universidad Loyola Andalucía

Applying SROI to measure the social impact of an International Internship Program for NEET's living in deprived neighbourhoods

Burçak Müge Vural, Dokuz Eylül University, Sedef Akgüngör, Dokuz Eylül University,

Quality of Life of Youth in Türkiye: A Regional Analysis

Dehua Xia, Corvinus University of Budapest

Board gender diversity and ESG disclosure in the Visegrád group countries

Diana Kun, National Development Centre

Public Education and Youth Development Project Evaluation Is it a different kind of ball game?

Luca Szöör-Fülöp, Hétfa, Katalin Bördős, Hétfa

An example of good practice for integrating youth into the labor market in Hungary

Mirela Tase

Sustainability and Science Diplomacy in HEIs Education Institutions in Western Balkan countries. Case study Albania

Muradiye Ates, Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University, Çilem Taşkın, Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University,

Transforming Disability Policy in Türkiye: Socio-Economic Impacts and the Path to Inclusion

Nadiia Pavlyk, Aarhus University, Zhytomyr Ivan, Franko State University

Shared Reading Among Young People Affected by War: Assessing Its Impact on Mental Health and Well-Being

Neha Basnet, Wittenborg University of Applied Sciences, Claudia Tejada Gallardo, University of Lleida, Marta Borreuco Carmona, University of Barcelona

Scoping Review of interventions aimed at promoting, protecting and reducing mental health issues among students

Noemia Bessa Vilela, IPZ

Impact Assessment of Integration Policies in Education for Refugees in Europe

Pınar Gültekin, Düzce University

Evaluation of new working spaces for rural youth with the practises of ethno village and archaeovillage in Çanakkale

Şeyda Kır, Yozgat Bozok University, İrem Erdem Aydın, Anadolu University

Analysis of Strategies and Policies for Open Educational Resources in Turkish Higher Education: Trends and Implications

Suat Aksu, Lithuanian Center for Social Sciences

Assessing the Effectiveness of Migration Policies on School-to-Work Transition for International Graduates in Lithuania

Yaşar Selman Gültekin, Düzce University

Assessment of ecotourism perception of rural youth for rural development: a case study of Yiğilca

Zuhal Unalp Cepel,

Empowering Youth in European Civil Society: A Case Study from Turkiye