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PROFEEDBACK

# CONFERENCE BOOKLET

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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.

## 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 Zoom, we will send out the links based on the registration.

## LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

Conference Address: Budapest, NTAK: SZ19000074, Bem rakpart 33-34, 1027

Please note that participation in the conference is subject to prior registration. Additionally, attendees have the option to request lunch through the registration form.

- Profeedback Members: [Register here](#)
- Other Attendees: [Register here](#)

Useful documents related to the conference can be found on the [Profeedback website](#).



# Agenda

## DAY 1

### CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 18 June 2025

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9:00-9:30	<b>Registration</b>
9:30-9:50	<b>Opening remarks</b>  <i>Tibor Navracsics</i> , Minister for Public Administration and Regional Development, former European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport  <i>Gábor Balás</i> , action chair PROFEEDBACK network, HÉTFA Research Institute
9:50-10:30	<b>Keynote speeches - Evaluating youth policy</b>  1. Measuring the impact of interventions to promote youth employment <i>Niall O'Higgins</i> , International Labor Organization  2. Beyond Measurement: Evaluation as a Catalyst for Effective Youth and Education Policies <i>Dr. Rafael de Hoyos</i> , World Bank
10:30-11:30	<b>Panel 1 - Use of evaluation and research for better youth policies</b> <i>moderator: Gábor Balás</i> , HÉTFA Research Institute  <i>Daniele Vidoni</i> , European Commission, Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, Policy Coordinator <i>Dr. Tibor Bors Borbély-Pecze</i> , Ministry for National Economy Hungary <i>Eszter Sandor</i> , Eurofound, Senior Research Manager <i>May Petigrew</i> , European Evaluation Society President

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## DAY 1

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11:30	Break + Poster presentations	
11:45-12:45	<p><b>Panel 2 - Evaluator practices panel</b> <i>moderator: Luca Koltai</i>, HÉTFA Research Institute</p> <p><i>Irina Lonean</i>, 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</p> <p><i>Petr Fanta</i>, IREAS/ Masaryk Institute of Advanced Studies at the Czech Technical University</p> <p><i>Andreas Karsten</i>, RAY   Research-based analysis of European youth programmes</p> <p><i>Dorottya Meszner</i>, ECORYS</p>	
12:45-13:45	Lunch	
14:00-15:30	<p><b>Parallel Sessions 1</b></p> <p><b>Youth work and services supporting inclusion of young people</b></p>	<p><b>Parallel Sessions 2</b></p> <p><b>Programs targeting NEET's</b></p>
30 min	Break	
15:30-17:00	<p><b>Parallel Sessions 3</b></p> <p><b>Youth mental health</b></p>	<p><b>Parallel Sessions 4</b></p> <p><b>School to work transition, work or working conditions of youth</b></p>
	Dinner/ Social event	



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## DAY 2

### CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Thursday, 19 June 2025

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9:00-9:30	Registration
9:30-10:10	<p><b>Keynote speeches - Evaluation of educational policies</b></p> <p>1. Learning for tomorrow's world – insights from international comparisons <i>Andreas Schleicher</i>, OECD Director for Education and Skills</p> <p>2. Reflexive Evaluation. Using Multi-perspective Mixed Methods to Address Child Educational Poverty and Promote Educational Communities <i>Gabriele Tomei</i>, University of Pisa</p>
10:10-11:10	<p><b>Panel 3 – Use of evaluation and research for better education policies</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Hanife Akar</i>, Middle East Technical University</p> <p><i>Bálint Herczeg</i>, HÉTFA Research Institute <i>Alena Lappo Voronetskaya</i>, European Evaluation Society <i>Juliet Tschank</i>, Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI)</p>
11:10-11:30	Break + Poster presentations

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## DAY 2

**PROFEEDBACK**

11:30-13:00	<b>Parallel Sessions 5</b>  Youth work and services supporting inclusion of young people	<b>Parallel Sessions 6</b>  Evaluation of educational policies
13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:00-15:30	<b>Parallel Sessions 7</b>  Social innovation in community development, community spaces for youth	<b>Parallel Sessions 8</b>  Integration policies in education
	<b>Break</b>	
15:45	<b>PROFEEDBACK network workshop</b> Session dedicated for Action participants	
16:45	<b>Closing remarks</b>	



# Parallel Sessions

**DAY 1 - 18 June 2025**

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## **Parallel Sessions 1 – Youth work and services supporting inclusion of young people**

**DAY1 14:00-15:30**

*Moderator: Ajtene Avdullahi, University Isa Boletini in Mitrovica*

*Anna Uster, The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College, Jurga Bučaitė-Vilkė, Vytautas Magnus University, Judit Kalman, CERS and Corvinus University Budapest,*

### **Evaluating Cross-Cultural Implementation of Youth Services: A Comparative Analysis of Collaborative Governance Models in Lithuania, Israel, and Hungary**

*Milena Rajic, University of Nis, Zorana Stanković, University of Nis, Peđa Milosavljević, University of Nis*

### **From classroom to start-up - Assessing the impact of university incubators on youth entrepreneurship in engineering**

*Ema Brunovská, Rada mládeže Slovenska*

### **Who is missing? Inclusion through the eyes of youth**

*Eriona Shtembari, Eda Koni*

### **Youth Unemployment and Education in Albania**

## **Parallel Sessions 2 – Programs targeting NEET's**

**DAY1 14:00-15:30**

*Moderator: Mihajlo Djukic, Institute of economic sciences*

*Christoforos Pavlakis, TU Crete/ Other Ways to Care*

### **Young-In Conference Input Holistic, co-created policy interventions for NEETs**



# Parallel Sessions

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*Kinga Tóth*, HETFA Research Institute, *Eszter Szőnyi*, HETFA Research Institute, *Luca Koltai*, 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 (CRRG-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**

# Parallel Sessions

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*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**

# Parallel Sessions

**DAY 2 - 19 June 2025**

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## **Parallel Sessions 5- Youth work and services supporting inclusion of young people**

**DAY2 11:30-13:00**

*Moderator: Anna Uster, The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College*

*Irina Lonean*

### **Evaluation of the EU Youth Dialogue**

*Danijel Baturina, University of Zagreb*

### **Assessment of the pathways of inclusion of youth in Croatian welfare state**

*Revaz Charkviani, The University of Georgia, Kartlos Karumidze, The University of Georgia*

### **Evaluating the Impact of Youth Work on Emancipative Values and Democratic Development in Post-Soviet Societies: Case of Estonia**

*Katarína Čavojská, Comenius University,*

### **Unaccompanied Minors in Slovakia: A Challenge for the Slovak Care System**

*Petrescu Claudia, Research Institute for Quality of Life, Negut Adriana, Research Institute for Quality of Life, Mihalache Flavius, Research Institute for Quality of Life,*

### **Youth Inclusion through Participation - Challenges and Opportunities**

## **Parallel Sessions 6 - Evaluation of educational policies**

**DAY2 11:30-13:00**

*Moderator: Eriona Shtembari, University of New York Tirana*



# Parallel Sessions

**DAY 2 - 19 June 2025**

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*Zsuzsa Blaskó*, Independent Researcher, *Valeria Ansaloni*, ICF  
**Measuring individual level impacts of Erasmus+ mobilities - three meta-analyses as part of the ERASMUS+ Programme Evaluation**

*Bálint Herczeg*, Hétfa Research Institute  
**Effect of universities' programs on the tertiary drop-out probability in Hungary**

*Hanife Akar*, Middle East Technical University, *Sedef Akgüngör*, Dokuz Eylül University,  
**Evidence-based skill Mismatch and Education Mismatch to Transform Educational Systems for Inclusive Adult Learning**

*Dr. Eriada Çela*, University of Ebasan, *Aleksander Xhuvani*  
**"Despite being a girl, she..." Evaluating Gender Mainstreaming in Basic Education in Albania**

**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**

# Parallel Sessions

**DAY 2 - 19 June 2025**

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*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**

# Parallel Sessions

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*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

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*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 Bördös, 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**



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*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 Türkiye**