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"Shaping the Future: Evaluating Programs and Policies in Public Education and Youth policy"

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|  | **Preliminary agenda** |  |  |
| **18.June** |  | **Wednesday** |  |
|  | **Registration** | | 9:00-9:30 |
| ***MORNING*** | **Opening remarks**  *Tibor Navracsics*, Minister for Public Administration and Regional Development, former European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport  Gabor Balás, action chair PROFEEDBACK network, HÉTFA Research Institute | | 9:30-9:50 |
| **Keynote speeches – Evaluating youth policy**  **1. Measuring the impact of interventions to promote youth employment**  *Niall O’Higins*, International Labor Organization  **2. Beyond Measurement: Evaluation as a Catalyst for Effective Youth and Education Policies**  *Dr. Rafael de Hoyos,* World Bank | | 9:50-10:30 |
| **Panel 1 – Use of evaluation and research for better youth policies**  moderator: *Gábor Balás*, HÉTFA Research Institute  *Daniele Vidoni,* European Commission, Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, Policy Coordinator  *Dr. Tibor Bors Borbély-Pecze*, Ministry for National Economy Hungary  *~~Lira Mikayelyan,~~* ~~European Youth Parliament~~  *Eszter Sandor*, Eurofound, Senior Research Manager  *May Petigrew*, European Evaluation Society President | | 10:30-11:30 |
| ***Break + Poster presentations*** |  | 11:30 |
| **Panel 2 - Evaluator practices panel**  moderator: *Luca Koltai*, HÉTFA Research Institute  *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  *Petr Fanta,* IREAS/ Masaryk Institute of Advanced Studies at the Czech Technical University  *Andreas Karsten*, RAY | Research-based analysis of European youth programmes  *Dorottya Meszner*, ECORYS | | 11:45-12:45 |
| ***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*** |  |  |  |

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

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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,*  **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**  *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 Univeristy *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

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| **Parallel Sessions 5– Youth work and services supporting inclusion of young people** |
| DAY2 11:3013:00 |
| 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 11:3013:00 |
| Moderator: *Eriona Shtembari*, University of New York Tirana  *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 Manchesterand 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 Żółtal, 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 Szöőr-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**