

"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
MORNING	Opening remarks <i>Gabor Balás</i> , action chair PROFEEDBACK network, HÉTFA Research Institute <i>Tibor Navracsics</i> , Minister for Public Administration and Regional Development, former European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport	9:30-9:50
	Keynote speeches – Evaluating youth policy 1. Measuring the impact of interventions to promote youth employment <i>Niall O'Higgins</i> , International Labour Organization 2. Beyond Measurement: Evaluation as a Catalyst for Effective Youth and Education Policies <i>Dr. Rafael de Hoyos</i> , World Bank	9:50-10:30
	Panel 1 – Use of evaluation for better youth and education policies moderator: <i>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	10:30-11:30
	Break	11:30
	Panel 2 – Evaluator practices panel moderator: <i>Luca Koltai</i> , HÉTFA Research Institute	11:45-12:45

	<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 <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	14:00-15:15
	Break	Poster presentations	30m
	Parallel Sessions 3 Youth mental health	Parallel Sessions 4 School to work transition, work or working conditions of youth	15:45-17:00
	RECEPTION		

	Preliminary agenda		
19 June		Thursday	
MORNING	Registration		9:00-9:30
	Keynote speeches - Evaluation of educational policies		
	1. Reflexive Evaluation. Using Multi-perspective Mixed Methods to Address Child Educational Poverty and Promote Educational Communities <i>Gabriele Tomei, University of Pisa</i>		9:30-10:10
	2. Learning for tomorrow's world - insights from international comparisons <i>Andreas Schleicher, OECD Director for Education and Skills</i>		
	Panel 3 – Use of evaluation and research for better education policies Moderator: <i>Hanife Akar, Middle East Technical University</i> <i>Bálint Herczeg, HÉTFA Research Institute</i> <i>Oto Potluka, European Evaluation Society</i> <i>Juliet Tschank, Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI)</i> <i>Judit Lannert, T-Tudok</i>		10:10-11:10
	Break		11:10-11:30
Lunch	Parallel Sessions 5	Parallel Sessions 6	
	Youth work and services supporting inclusion of young people	Evaluation of educational policies	11:30-13:00
AFTER NOON	Parallel Sessions 7	Parallel Sessions 8	
	Social innovation in community development, community spaces for youth	Integration policies in education	14:00-15:15
	Break	Poster presentations	30m
	PROFEEDBACK capitalisation workshop Session dedicated for future projects		15:45
	Closing remarks <i>Gabor Balas</i>		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 14:00-15:15
<p>Moderator: <i>Ajtene Avdullahi</i>, University Isa Boletini in Mitrovica</p> <p><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</p> <p><i>Milena Rajic</i>, University of Nis, <i>Zorana Stanković</i>, University of Nis, <i>Peda Milosavljević</i>, University of Nis From classroom to start-up - Assessing the impact of university incubators on youth entrepreneurship in engineering</p> <p><i>Ema Brunovská</i>, Slovak Youth Council Who is missing? Inclusion through the eyes of youth</p> <p><i>Eriona Shtembari</i>, <i>Eda Koni</i> Youth Unemployment and Education in Albania</p>
Parallel Sessions 2 – Programs targeting NEET's
DAY1 14:00-15:15
<p>Moderator: <i>Mihajlo Djukic</i>, Institute of economic sciences</p> <p><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</p>

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

Parallel Sessions 3 – Youth mental health

DAY1 15:45- 17:00

Moderator: *Adrienn Kiss*, HÉTFA Research Institute

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 15:45- 17:00

Moderator: *Katalin Oborni*, HÉTFA Research Institute

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

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

Zsuzsa Blaskó, Independent Researcher

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 14:00-15:15

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 14:00-15:15

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 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

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

Yaşar Selman Gültekin, Düzce University

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