

CALL for PAPERS on impact evaluations of ALMP for youth international research seminar in Budapest, on 12-13 May 2022

The EU Youth Employment Initiative has provided ample funding for labour market programmes for youth, and has also encouraged research on the impact of these programmes. This seminar aims to create a forum for analysts and policy-oriented academic researchers to have an in-depth discussion of the recent evidence on youth programmes, focussing especially on labour markets where (1) youth unemployment or the NEET rate is average or high and there is a fairly large subgroup of vulnerable youth who struggle to enter the labour market and/or where (2) the public employment service is not very efficient /effective.

The seminar will have two main strands. One will focus on **lessons for policy design**: on what works well, why, and in what institutional context. The other strand will focus on **data and methodology**, especially the potential use of administrative data for counterfactual quantitative evaluations.

We welcome both completed papers and work-in-progress that evaluate the impact of a youth measure (or the impact of a mainstream measure on youth) implemented in Europe, using a counterfactual quantitative approach. We will give priority to papers using data since 2011, those evaluating types of measures for which existing evidence is thin, and those that test the effectiveness of alternative designs (e.g. regarding the length of hiring subsidies). We will not accept project ideas or papers in a very early stage, but will have some space for non-presenting participants. Multiple papers by the same author might be accepted.

Confirmed keynote speakers include Jochen Kluge (Head of Evaluation, KfW Development Bank and Professor of Economics, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin) and Veerle Miranda (Senior Economist, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD).

The venue is Budapest, and we hope that the seminar will be in person, but will flexibly convert to a hybrid or fully on-line format, if necessary. There is no participation fee. We can cover costs of travel and accommodation for 10-12 participants.

To apply, please [fill in this form](#) by 7 February 2022, indicating:

- (a) country, type of measure, type of data source, abstract
- (b) preference for coming in person, presenting online if not selected to present in person
- (c) need for us to cover travel/hotel costs, if yes, estimated cost of travel to Budapest
- (d) and provide a link to the full draft or presentation of your paper or send it by email.

We will notify applicants by February 28, 2022 and will ask accepted authors to confirm their participation by March 31, 2021. For further assistance, please contact judit.lederer@budapestinstitute.eu

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The seminar is part of the [Youth employment partnerSHIP project on outreach and ALMP to tackle youth unemployment](#) in Italy, Hungary, Poland and Spain. Policy evaluations and methodology papers published in the project include:

Csillag et al. [Can a short-term job trial programme kick-start young jobseekers' career?](#)

Magda etl al. [What works for whom? Youth labour market policy in Poland](#)

de la Rica and Gorjón: [Evaluation of internship contract in Spain](#)

Trentini et al: [Counterfactual impact evaluation of hiring incentives and EPL reduction on youth employment in Italy](#)

Csillag et al: [Counterfactual evaluation of youth employment policies](#). Methodological guide

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