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# 2019 Meeting of the Community of Practice on Counterfactual Impact Evaluation of ESF interventions (CoP-CIE-ESF)

7 June 2019

Venue: Clock Tower

Department of Education and Skills, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1

Dublin

## Purpose

*The purpose of this event is to foster the collaboration between DG EMPL, CRIE, ESF Managing Authorities, and other stakeholders, creating an appropriate environment for sharing experience and knowledge on the impact evaluation of ESF funded policy interventions.*

## Objectives

*The scope of the 2019 Meeting is to respond to the request from the Community of Practice members for sharing some good practice regarding CIE, in order to learn how to plan all the steps of evaluation, from intervention design to data collection and evaluation strategy.*

## Target participants

*Public administration officials and external evaluators currently working with the ESF Managing Authorities on CIEs of ESF-funded interventions*

**June 6, 2019**

**17.00 Welcome: guided tour of the National Gallery**

*The participants will be welcomed with a guided tour of the National Gallery of Ireland (<https://www.nationalgallery.ie>) of the duration of roughly one hour.*

*A private bus will pick up participants from the Gibson Hotel (Evaluation Partnership meeting location), leaving at 17.00.*

*After the tour, the bus will take participants either back to the Gibson Hotel or the city centre.*

June 7, 2019

**08.30 Registration**

**09.00 Welcome and introductory remarks**

- **Maria José Cueto Faus**, Head of Evaluation and Impact Assessment Unit, Directorate-General Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL)
- **Hugh Geoghegan**, Head of the Irish ESF Managing Authority

**09.30 Practices from Member States**

- **Why/How to evaluate**

*Benedict Wauters, ESF Department of the Flemish Ministry of Employment and Social Economy, Belgium*

- **How to select interventions for evaluation**

*Tom Lundström, Public Employment Office, Department of Analysis, Sweden*

**10.20 Coffee break**

**10.45 Keynote speech: Data for Counterfactual Evaluation**

*Prof. Johan Vikström, Uppsala University and Institute for Evaluation of Labour Market and Education Policy (IFAU)*

**11.45 Discussion**

**12.00 World Café – Part 1**

*The participants will be randomly divided into small groups to work together on two examples of ESF interventions, interacting also with the keynote speaker and the CRIE team. At the end of the session, one representative for each table will present the outcome of the discussion.*

**12.50**            **Presentation of the CRIE website**

**13.00**            **Lunch**

**14.15**            **Practices from Member States**

**How to prepare data for evaluation**

- **Jasmina Behan**, *Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, Ireland*  
**Hugh Cronin**, **Saidhbhin Hardiman**, and **Ciaran Judge**, *Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection, Ireland*
- **Normunds Strautmanis**, *Evaluation Unit of EU Funds Strategy Department, Ministry of Finance, Republic of Latvia*
- **Jakub Vrobel**, *Development and Education Operational Programme, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Czech Republic*

**15.30**            **World Café – Part 2**

**16.30**            **Coffee break and concluding remarks**