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# 2024 Meeting of the Community of Practice on Counterfactual Impact Evaluation of ESF interventions (CoP-CIE-ESF)

12 June 2024

Sofia, Bulgaria  
Grand Hotel Sofia (1, General Gurko)

## Agenda

### 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.*

### Target participants

*Public administration officials currently working on Counterfactual Impact Evaluations (CIEs) of ESF-funded interventions*

**June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**9:15                    Registration**

**9:30                    Welcome and introductory remarks**

**9.45                    Key note speech**

*“Increasing the Effectiveness of Social Policies in the EU.”*

**Rafael de Hoyos**, Program Leader in Human Development for EU member states, World Bank

**10.45                    Coffee break**

**11.05                    CRIE presentation.**

**11.20                    Presentation by participants & Discussion in groups**

*This part of the event will be devoted to discuss how to foster the use of CIE evaluation within Managing Authorities. Few participants will give a presentation on how the evaluation governance works in their country, on practices to promote the use among Intermediate Bodies, and how to successfully contract out a CIE evaluation, including terms of reference drafting and selection of a quality contractor. Small groups discussion on the different topics will follow.*

Presentations by:

1. **Ireland.** Evaluation governance and promotion of CIEs
2. **Sweden.** Tendering CIEs

**13.00                    Lunch**

**14.30**                    **Presentation by Managing Authorities on methodology and data planning**

*Managing Authorities will present case studies on the evaluation planning and methodology of upcoming evaluation. Presentations will be followed by a Q&A.*

Presentations by:

1. **Sweden.** Upskilling intervention
2. **Czech Republic.** Update of evaluation of support to schools projects

**15.15**                    **Hands-on case studies on CIE planning**

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

**16.45**                    **Wrap up and conclusion**

**18.00**                    **Sofia walking tour**

Meeting point: Grand Hotel Sofia, 1, Gurko Str., 1000 Sofia, Bulgaria

**19.30**                    **Event dinner**

Hadjidraganovite Izbi Restaurant