

The European Commission
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with

DG Employment,
Social Affairs
and Inclusion (DG EMPL)

announce the

2018 Meeting of the Community of Practice on Counterfactual Impact Evaluation of ESF interventions (CoP-CIE-ESF)

14 June 2018

Venue: Titania Hotel

52, Panepistimiou, 10678

Athens

Purpose

The purpose of this event is to foster the collaboration between DG EMPL, CRIE, ESF Managing Authorities (MAs), 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 2018 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 perform all the steps of evaluation, from intervention design to evaluation strategy.

Target participants

Public administration officials and external evaluators currently working with the ESF MAs on CIEs of ESF funded interventions.

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19 Welcome: tour in Ancient Athens

The participants will be welcomed with a walking tour in the center of Athens at a beautiful lush green area that includes remarkable monuments such as what is considered the "Socrates Prison", "Kimoneia Graves", "ancient Kili Street" - an ancient commercial avenue - Filopappos Monument, as well as a great view of Parthenon and Acropolis. An attention to the handmade cobbled road, which leads to Saint Dimitrios Loubardiaris church, is crucial for understanding the history and myth of the area. A visit to Pnika, located between Muses Hill, where Filopappos Monument stands, and Nymphs Hill with the homonym sanctuary, where today's National Observatory is located, will reveal the secrets and the glorious story of Athenian Democracy. The walking tour offers a chance for a renewed or fresh Athens experience under the blue Athenian sky.

A private bus service will pick up the participants who did register for the tour at 18 from the Novotel (4 Michail Voda, Athens).

Those who did not register can participate in the tour but will have to meet directly at Dionysos Zonars parking (43 Robertou Galli, Athens) at 19.

One or two English speaking guide(s) will guide participants through the walking tour.

The tour will last after approximately 1.5 hours.

At the end of the tour, the private bus service will drive back the registered participants to the Novotel. For those who prefer not to go back to Novotel by bus, Dionyssos or Plaka are nice central areas recommended for dinner.

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08.30 **Registration**

09.00 **Welcome and introductory remarks**

***Maria José Cueto Faus**, Head of Unit, Directorate-General Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL)*

***Eni Koukoula**, Head of ESF Evaluation Unit, Greek Ministry of Economy and Development, General Secretariat of NSRF, National Coordination Authority*

09.30 **Policy Design Lab**

Keynote speech: Policy Design and Counterfactual Evaluation

***Enrico Rettore**, Professor of Economic Statistics, University of Trento and Research Institute for the Evaluation of Public Policies (IRVAPP)*

11.00 **Coffee break**

11.15 **Working tables – Part 1**

The MAs will have the opportunity to present real case examples of policies to be implemented in their country/region to receive feedback from the keynote speaker, the audience, DG EMPL and CRIE team.

- ***Gülay Özcan**, Research and Evaluation unit of the Swedish Public Employment Office*
“Effects of intensified job search assistance on youth unemployment – Evidence from a randomized trial in Sweden”
- ***Vilija Šemetienė**, Lithuanian Financial Policy Department, Economic Analysis and Evaluation Unit*
“Experiment or quasi experiment: success and failure. Lithuanian case”

12 **Working tables – Part 2**

Following the presentations, the MAs will be separated in 5-6 people groups to work together on the design of a labour market policy to be implemented in their country/region. During the working groups, the MAs of each working table will interact with the keynote speaker and the CRIE team, to receive some suggestions in terms of design elements which could make the program suitable for the implementation of a counterfactual methodology. At the end of the session, one representative for each table will present the design plan prepared, in order to receive comments and suggestions in a final open discussion.

Case study 1

- 12.45** **Lunch**
- 14.15** **Working tables – Part 2**
Case study 2
Case study 3
- 15.45** *Concluding remarks, questions and discussion*
- 16.15** **Coffee break**
- 16.30** **CIE projects**
Presentations on various CIEs conducted in several Member States:
- **Miroslav Stefanik**, *Institute of Economic Research of the Slovak Academy of Sciences*
"Net Effects of Slovak Active Labour Market Policy Programmes – an overview of available evidence"
- Presentations on 2018 Data Fitness Initiative for CIE - Future:***
- **Greek project:**
Evgenia Ringa, *Managing Authority of Operational Programme Competitiveness, Entrepreneurship and Innovation 2014-2020 (EPANEK)*, and **Leonardos Kantsos**, *Greek Ministry of Economy and Development, National Coordination Authority for ESIF, ESF Coordination and Monitoring Authority*
 - **Czech project:**
Jakub Vrobel, *Development and Education Operational Programme, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic*
- Presentations on 2017 Data Fitness Initiative for CIE - Ready:***
- **Irish project:**
Saidhbhin Hardiman, *Irish Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection*
- 17.45** **Q&A session**
- 18** **Farewell**