



EvEUCoP 2022

Evaluating challenges in the implementation of EU Cohesion Policy

Scope and Objectives

The European Union (EU) cohesion policy aims at attaining the convergence of economic, social, and territorial cohesion across EU Member States (MS). The funds dedicated to the EU cohesion policy constitute the second-highest group of expenditures in the EU budget. Therefore, the evaluation of their implementation assumes a prominent role in cohesion policy formulation because it helps supporting policy design, also providing sound evidence on the results and impacts of the actions undertaken. During the 2014-2020 programming period, MS became obligated (for the first time) to conduct evaluations to appraise the effectiveness, efficiency, and impact of each programme's objective. These rules apply to the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund.

Most of these assessments are focused on implementation matters and evaluate progress regarding targets achievement, being mainly concerned with the alignment of the projects and actions with the programmes' objectives as well as with the effectiveness and efficiency of their implementation. These evaluations also focus on whether the existing funding is spent or not and if the targets established, particularly those of the performance framework, are achieved. The impact assessments are performed later in the programme cycle when most actions already took place and have also generated impacts.

This workshop aims at bringing together scientists, policymakers, managing authorities, evaluation experts, academics, and other stakeholders, to share recent research, stimulate discussion and disclose new research directions regarding the use of models and methods to address the challenges arising in the evaluation of the EU cohesion policy.

Contributions to the workshop are expected to cover a wide range of topics including (but not limited to) the monitoring data; the clearness of indicators in measuring the impact of interventions; evaluation methods; case studies and applications on evaluations of the thematic objectives under scrutiny of the cohesion policy, namely:

- Research, Technological Development and Innovation;
- Information and Communication Technologies;
- Competitiveness of Small Medium-Sized Enterprises;
- Shift towards a low-carbon economy;

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- Climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management;
- Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency;
- Sustainable transport and key network infrastructures;
- Employment and labour mobility;
- Social Inclusion, combating poverty and any discrimination;
- Education, training and vocational training for skills and lifelong learning;
- Enhancing Institutional Capacity of public authorities and stakeholders and efficient public administration.

Workshop Venue

Due to the pandemic, the conference will be hosted virtually at Coimbra Business School|ISCAC.

Guidelines for Authors

Abstracts (one page, 2500 char. max) must be written in English and should be formatted according to the template available at <http://adept.iscac.pt/eveucop2022>.

Abstract should be submitted in pdf format. Files should have the name XaaaYbbbZccc.pdf, where Xaaa, Ybbb, Zccc are the last names of authors and should be submitted through <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=eveucop2022>.

Each participant can present just one paper, although he/she may co-author several papers.

Special Issue Journals

A Special Issue on Socio-Economic Planning Sciences ([Special Issue on Evaluating Challenges in the Implementation of EU Cohesion Policy - Call for papers - Socio-Economic Planning Sciences - Journal - Elsevier](#)) will be organized devoted to the best contributions presented at EvEUCoP 2022. Authors will be invited to submit their contributions to the Special Issue based on the abstracts and the presentation at the EVEUCoP2022. All submitted abstracts will be considered for this Special Journal Issue. The paper choice will be conducted throughout the peer review procedure as well as at the workshop presentation phase. Submitted papers should not be under consideration by any other journal or publication and will be subject to a review procedure according to the Journal guidelines.

Important Dates

Abstracts Submission Deadline	May 01, 2022
Notification of Acceptance/Rejection	June 01, 2022
Final Abstract Submission & Registration Deadline	June 15, 2022
Webinar	July 6, 2022

Registration

Since the conference will be held online, there are no registration fees. Nevertheless, a registration form should be filled in and submitted at <http://adept.iscac.pt/eveucop2022>

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Organization



The workshop takes place as part of a scientific research project that aims to develop an innovative methodology to support the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of programs around three Cofinanciado por:



major thematic axes: Research and Innovation; Low carbon economy; and Information & Communication Technologies. This project is co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) through the Portugal 2020 Partnership Agreement – Technical Assistance Operational Programme (POAT 2020) under the POAT-01-6177-ERDF-000044 ADEPT: Evaluation of Co-Financed Intervention Policies in Enterprises.

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