

Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning 2014-2020

Evaluations

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Regulatory Requirements

- Article 54 CPR – requires that evaluations are carried out to improve effectiveness of OP
- Article 56 CPR – requires that the MA establish an Evaluation Plan

Planned Evaluations

- YEI Evaluation by December 2015 - complete
- Mid-Term Evaluation of PEIL – by end-2017
- Final YEI Impact Evaluation – by end-2018
- Impact Evaluation on P1, P2 and P3 – by end-2019

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Other Evaluations

- ESF MA open to engaging on other relevant evaluations, including co-financing through TA.
- SICAP NEETs Research Project – 50/50 financing by DHCPLG and ESF MA, to be completed shortly.

Mid-Term Evaluation

- Draft Terms of Reference prepared
- Discussions with OGP regarding possible procurement via a Framework
- Tendering shortly – to complete by November 2017

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Relevant Evaluations/Reviews/Research

- Research or evaluations of other activities may be of interest to PMC members.
- Evaluation Plan lists such research and is updated with assistance of stakeholders.
- Relevant research documents also uploaded to ESF website.

Updates on a number of relevant research activities below.

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Evaluation of Springboard+, 2011-2016

- Published in November 2016
- Between 2011-2014, 72% graduated and 28% did not complete
- 53% in employment within 3-6 months, 19% in further study.
- 90% said Springboard made a positive impact, 96% would recommend.
- Average cost per place of €4,264
- 44% of participants from Dublin, 8% in Cork.

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Review of the Back to Work Enterprise Allowance (BTWEA)

- Published in February 2017
- Main findings –
 - Offers effective support for LTU
 - Supports development of new enterprises
 - Participants twice as likely to remain off the Live Register after 6 and 18 months.
- Recommendations
 - Clarity required re role of DSP case officers vs. LEOs and LDCs.
 - Need to tailor supports to individual needs
 - Greater emphasis on training.

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Le Chéile Evaluation

- Published in March 2017
- Evaluation of the impact of the activity over 2013-2015.
- ROI of €4.35 for every €1.00 invested.
- 28% reduction in reoffending during mentoring period.
- Reductions in alcohol and drug use
- Improved self-confidence and communication skills
- Greater involvement in education, work and training
- Improved relationships.

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Other ongoing evaluations or planned in 2017

- Adult Literacy – evaluation conducted in 2016 with findings to be published in 2017.
- Third Level Access – Student Assistance Fund review completed in mid-2016. Fund for Students with Disabilities review complete, and findings to go to Government shortly.
- Youthreach – SOLAS are to commission an independent evaluation of Youthreach during 2017.
- VTOS – SOLAS to commission evaluation during 2017
- SICAP – NEETs Research Project by mid-2017 and broader research programme involving ESRI to conclude by mid-2018.

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Next Steps

- Establish Steering Committee – PMC Members welcome to participate
- Conduct Mid-Term Evaluation
- Update Evaluation Plan for PMC in late-2017