

## Press Release

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### The Lost Millennials project concludes with an established transnational network of researchers for the evaluation of initiatives addressing 25+ NEETs

The *'Lost Millennials – Transnational research network for the evaluation of initiatives targeting 25+NEETs'* project launched in November 2021, with the aim to contribute to the successful integration of 25+ NEETs into the labour market or education and training, by increasing knowledge on the effects of education and employment initiatives and building stakeholder capacity to carry out impact studies is coming to an end in early 2024. The project– implemented by a consortium of 13 partners from across Europe – focused on the specific group of young people aged 25-29 not in employment or education and training (25+ NEETs).

#### Key achievements:

##### 1. Research Activities and Synthesis Reports

Project partners have carried out background research activities on the situation of 25+ NEETs, the relevant policy context, mapping of existing initiatives and evaluation practices, as well as the impact of the pandemic on the target group. The country-level research activities provided the basis for transnational synthesis reports. In addition, the background research allowed the partners to lay foundation for the **evaluations of government and community-based initiatives supporting 25+ NEETs**, which were implemented in nine countries as the focal point of the research activities. The reports are available on the website of the project.

##### 2. Result Dissemination and Final Conference

The research results were presented, alongside the policy recommendations built on the key learnings from the project, at the **project's final conference** held in Brussels, on 28 November 2023. The presentations and roundtable discussions of the final conference allowed professionals, researchers, experts and policy-makers across Europe to come together and immerse in a dialogue on the challenges and possible solutions for the support those young people who are most vulnerable, as well as on the crucial role of evaluation for policy-making in the field of youth

##### 3. Transnational Research Network Established

As a key outcome of the project, the participating organisations have built a **transnational network of researchers**, by sharing knowledge and know-how, organising capacity-building events. Besides the internal trainings on methods of evaluations and impact assessments, the partnership has organised an online event series, bringing together researchers and experts from across Europe (and beyond) focusing on youth policy, youth employment and policy evaluation – the recordings of the online events are available on the Lost Millennials YouTube channel.

The research network will maintain after the project's closure with the aim to raise attention to the importance of evaluations in the field of youth employment, and continue discourse among professionals and encourage dialogue across stakeholders from policy, research and practice.

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