

# Lost Millennials

Welcome to the closing issue of the Lost Millennials project newsletter! Read on to learn about the project's final conference and the main research results.

**We hope you will enjoy reading our latest newsletter!**

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project is aiming to enhance the successful integration of 25+ NEETs into the labour market, education, and training, while at the same time improving evaluation practices of labour market initiatives targeting 25+ NEETs. Additionally, through its activities, the project aims to increase knowledge on the effects of education and/or employment initiatives and enhance stakeholders' capacity to carry out impact studies.

## TARGET GROUP

The Lost Millennials project focuses on a specific group of the Millennial generation, young people aged 25-29 who are not in employment or education and training (NEETs).



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**YOUNG  
PEOPLE**

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## THE FINAL CONFERENCE OF THE PROJECT

The Lost Millennials project recently achieved a crucial milestone with the conclusion of its final conference, 'Lost and Found: Reimagining Europe's Employment Policies', held in Brussels on 28 November 2023. The project, funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway through the EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Youth Employment, was dedicated to enhancing the integration of 25+ NEETs into the labour market by increasing knowledge of the effects of employment initiatives. The conference served as a vital platform for policymakers, researchers, and practitioners to address pressing youth employment policy issues in Europe.

Luca Koltai from HETFA Research Institute and Alexander Gerganov from the Center for the Study of Democracy opened the conference with welcoming notes, followed by a keynote speech from Nora Mehsen, Sector Officer and Programme Manager on Transnational Cooperation, Equality, Justice, and Decent Work at the Secretariat for the EEA and Norway Grants. Juliet Tschank and Stella Wolter from Centre for Social Innovation showcased the results of the transnational research report on the characteristics and challenges of 25+ NEETs and the key systematic influencing factors.

The subsequent roundtable discussions of the conference focused on the effectiveness of existing strategies addressing youth; exploring challenges faced by 25+ NEETs across Europe, including gender perspectives, migration dynamics, and the rural-urban divide. The concluding panel offered valuable insights into the key role of monitoring and evaluation of initiatives supporting young people with highlights from the results of the evaluations initiatives carried out throughout the project.

This event's significance lies in celebrating the project's completion and the constructive dialogues it sparked. These discussions contributed meaningfully to the ongoing discourse surrounding youth (un)employment in Europe, and we hope to continue these dialogues even with the conclusion of this project.

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## RESEARCH RESULTS OF THE LOST MILLENNIALS

Throughout the project partners have carried out significant research on the situation and challenges of 25+ NEETs, the policy contexts relevant for the target group, mapping existing initiatives addressing this group, as well as evaluation practices already in place, evaluations of initiatives supporting 25+ NEETs, and analyses of the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis on this specific group. In addition, project partners have also developed recommendations for policy and practice based on the learnings from the project.

## The results of these research activities are available on the project website, as follows:

- 1.** Transnational research report on the situation of 25+ NEETs in the EU and in beneficiary countries.
- 2.** Analysis of the policy context addressing 25+ NEETs: Country reports and Synthesis report.
- 3.** Mapping of initiatives addressing 25+ NEETs: Country reports and Synthesis report.
- 4.** Mapping of evaluation practices: Country reports and Synthesis report.
- 5.** Country reports on the evaluation of selected initiatives addressing 25+ NEETs in beneficiary partner countries.
- 6.** Synthesis report on the evaluation of initiatives addressing 25+ NEETs.
- 7.** Impacts of the COVID-19 crisis on 25+ NEETs: Country reports and Synthesis report.
- 8.** National-level policy briefs of beneficiary partners.
- 9.** Pathways to labour market activity: Crafting effective policies for 25+ NEETs in Europe – A transnational policy note.

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