European Union (EU) and OECD countries use a variety of Labour Market Policies (LMP) to promote employment, improve job quality and strengthen social protection. Monitoring and evaluation of the impact of these policies and related measures are necessary for the development and implementation of effective interventions and an efficient allocation of scarce resources. Compiling administrative data from a number of sources to trace participants’ labour market outcomes over time and following participation in LMPs is necessary to assess the effectiveness of these measures and maintain the most effective ones. Some EU and OECD countries have a long experience in the use of linked administrative data for the evaluation of their LMPs, whereas other countries only now start investing in the infrastructure which will enable them to link their administrative data in the future. Moreover, some countries already include the monitoring and evaluation framework in the design of their LMPs.

The aim of this workshop is to bring together experts from the EU and OECD, national administrations and researchers and learn about recent efforts to link administrative data and use them for the impact evaluation of LMPs. In addition, it is an excellent opportunity for dialogue and peer learning that will set the scene for future research planned by the European Commission and the OECD.

Workshop agenda

9:30-9:45 Welcome
Loukas Stemitsiotis (EC DG EMPL, Thematic Analysis Unit)
Mark Keese (OECD Directorate for Employment Labour and Social Affairs, Skills and Employability)

9:45-11:10 Session 1: Impact evaluation of LMPs in the EU: good practices and way forward
Chair: Frank Siebern-Thomas (EC DG EMPL, Thematic Analysis Unit)

Kristine Langenbucher (OECD Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs) and Silvia Garcia-Mandicó (OECD Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs)
Main findings of the joint EC-OECD mapping and feasibility study

Linda Adamaite (EC DG EMPL, Evaluation & Impact Assessment)
Rationale and role of counterfactual impact evaluations for the evaluation of ESF/ESF+ interventions
Jochen Kluve (KfW Development Bank and Humboldt University Berlin)
ALMP evaluation in Europe and OECD countries: insights from meta analyses and a pilot ESF study

Paolo Paruolo / Sara Flisi (EC Joint Research Centre)
Impact evaluation with administrative data: the experience of the EC Competence Centre on Microeconomic Evaluation (CC-ME)

Marc Vothknecht / Marko Bucik (SRSS)
Supporting evidence based policy-making: the work of the EC Structural Reform Support Service

11:10-12:00 Session 2: Recent impact evaluations of labour market programmes
Chair: Paolo Paruolo (EC Joint Research Centre)

Samuel Bentolila (Cemfi, Spain)
Evaluating the labour outcomes of vocational education with administrative data for Spain

Bas van der Klaauw (VU University in Amsterdam, the Netherlands)
Using labour market speed dates to match unemployed workers with temporary work agencies (Paper)

12:00-13:15 Lunch break

13:15-14:45 Session 3: Using linked administrative data for impact evaluation
Chair: Theodora Xenogiani (OECD Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs)

Brigita Voncina (ESS and LMP Delegate, Slovenia) and Matija Vodopivec (University of Primorska, Slovenia)
Recent ALMP evaluations in Slovenia and the way forward

Ilze Zvidrina (Ministry of Welfare, Latvia; Chair of Employment Committee) and Gundars Ignats (Ministry of Welfare, Latvia)
Evaluating Latvia’s active labour market policies: the process, approaches, lessons learned

Marc de Boer (Ministry of Social Development, New Zealand)
Monitoring the effectiveness of Ministry of Social Development funded ALMPs using linked data

Moya Drayton (Australian Permanent Delegation to the OECD)
The Australian approach to Impact Evaluation of Active Labour Market Programmes

14:45-15:00 Coffee break
15:00-16:40  
Session 4: Linking administrative data and overcoming barriers
Chair: Ana Guzman de Torres (MITRAMISS, Spain) and Federico Muñiz Alonso (SEPE, Spain)

Joost Bollens (VDAB, Belgium)
The use of linked administrative data at VDAB (Belgium)

Thomas Kruppe (IAB, Germany)
Further Vocational Training in Germany: A Long-Term Evaluation

Matthias Umkehrer (Research Data Centre, IAB, Germany)
Data at the Research Data Centre of the German Federal Employment Agency at the Institute for Employment Research

Moohyeon Joo (Korea Employment Information Service)
The Issues on the Evaluation System of Active Labour Market Policy Using Administrative Data: Korea

Andy Handouyahia (Employment and Social Development Canada)
The creation of a rich data platform to support effective net impact evaluation of Labour Market Programmes

16:40-17:50
Session 5: Experimental vs non-experimental (or quasi-experimental) impact evaluation
Chair: Jochen Kluve (KfW Development Bank and Humboldt University Berlin)

Philippe Zamora (DARES, France)
Training programmes for unemployed people : is it possible to evaluate with experimental methods?

Carsten Søren Nielsen (STAR, Denmark)
Denmark’s approach in using linked administrative to evaluate the impact of ALMPs and the Jobeffekter Knowledge bank

Indhira Santos (World Bank)
Experimental vs Non-experimental Impact Evaluation: A Perspective from Developing Countries

17:50-18:00
Concluding remarks
Frank Siebern-Thomas (EC DG EMPL, Thematic Analysis Unit)
Mark Keese (OECD Directorate for Employment Labour and Social Affairs, Skills and Employability)