



The final conference of the EXCEPT project

“Vulnerable Youth – Insights, Policy and Future Perspectives”

When: 14th March 2018 starting with light lunch at 12:30 – closing with reception at 17:30

Where: Estonian Liaison Office for EU RTD, Square de Meeûs 1, Brussels

Programme

11:30-12:30 Informal pre-meeting of EXCEPT Youth Ambassadors
12:30-13:00 Welcome buffet and registration

Conference host: Rowena Merritt, University of Kent, UK

13:00-13:30 Welcome speeches and setting the scene

Ambassador of Estonia, Clyde Kull

Kerstin Wilde, European Commission, (REA), *EXCEPTional research facilitated by REA for EU-policy makers*

Marge Unt, Coordinator of EXCEPT, Tallinn University, Institute of International Social Studies, Estonia

13:30-14:30 The manifold experiences of vulnerable youth: What can we learn? How young people express their unsecure labour market situations & insights into our research outcomes

Gain first hand insights into the real life situations young people who are unemployed or have insecure employment in Europe face. EXCEPT has collected more than 400 youth stories from across Europe. The session will begin with a number of short films displaying the real stories from some of the young people involved in the EXCEPT project. The films will be followed by a presentation from EXCEPT researchers highlighting what the young generation experiences and perceives. This will lead to a debate with panellists and audience on what can be learned from the youth perspective.

Presentation by **Sonia Bertolini**, EXCEPT, University of Turin, Italy

Moderator: **Kiki Deliyanni-Kouimtzi**, EXCEPT, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Discussion with

Pablo Cornide, Policy Officer on Youth Employment, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL), European Commission

Bjorn Hvinden, Scientific Coordinator of NEGOTIATE, NOVA, Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences, Norway

Flavia Colonnese, Policy Officer at the European Youth Forum

Followed by Q&A

14:30-16:00 Policy perspectives: What can we do?

While the priority of policy is to prevent youth unemployment and insecure employment, European countries still face the challenge that many young people suffer from unemployment or have insecure jobs. The EXCEPT project identified policies that mitigate the negative consequences of unemployment and job insecurity with regard to health, well-being and autonomy.



Findings on general policy measures but also specific best practises will be presented in a poster-session. The session starts with 2 minutes introductory notes for each poster followed by a coffee break in which all participants are invited to discuss with the researchers the facts presented on the poster.

14:45-15:15 Poster session and coffee break: EXCEPT, NEGOTIATE and CATCH-EyoU: Key findings and policy recommendations

Christina Athanasiades, EXCEPT, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
Greek youth experiences from labour market policies

Maria Jeliakova, EXCEPT, Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, Bulgaria
Assessment of the diffusion and effects of youth inclusion policies

Roberta Ricucci, EXCEPT, University of Turin, Italy
Patterns of youth autonomy and youth voices in Europe
Youth Autonomy in Europe impact of institutional setting and policies

Jonas Voßemer, EXCEPT, University of Bamberg, Germany
Which policies shape the well-being and health effects of labour market exclusion and job insecurity?

Elvira Cicognani, Coordinator of CATCH-EyoU, University of Bologna, Italy
Europe on young people's mind. Does participation lead to E(yo)U?

Bjorn Hvinden, Coordinator of NEGOTIATE, Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway
NEGOTIATE - overcoming early job insecurity

Conference host: Olena Nizalova, University of Kent, UK

15:15-16:00 Panel discussion: Policy perspectives: What can we do?

Moderator: **Ruth Santos-Brien**, Coordinator of Mutual Learning database at DG EMPL, ICF Consulting

Discussion with

Sandra Bohlinger, Dresden Technical University, Germany

Michael Gebel, Co-coordinator of EXCEPT, University of Bamberg, Germany

Massimiliano Mascherini, Senior Research manager, Social Policy Unit, Eurofound

Claudio Spadon, Director of the Work Policies Agency in Piedmont region, Italy

Followed by Q&A

16:00-17:15 Future perspectives: How can we avoid future old age poverty of today's youth?

Based on desk research and interviews with youth and experts, EXCEPT researchers will outline the main discrepancies between current public, occupational and private pensions assuming linear work career on the one hand and the insecure and highly mobile careers of youths on the other hand. Identifying the main groups of losers among youth there will be a debate with panellists and the audience about the consequences and potential policy solutions to tackle this challenge.

Presentation by **Dirk Hofäcker**, EXCEPT, Duisburg-Essen University, Germany

Moderator: **Rowena Merrit**, EXCEPT, University of Kent

Discussion with

Patrick Cantellow, Head of the Swale Youth Organisation

Susan Kuivalainen, Head of the Finnish Centre for Pensions

Tanya Basarab, Research and Youth Policy Officer, European Union and Council of Europe (EU-CoE) Youth Partnership

Followed by Q&A

17:15-17:30 Closing remarks and comments

Hans-Peter Blossfeld, University of Bamberg, Germany

17:30-19:30 Buffet reception by Estonian Research Council, Estonian Liaison Office for EU RTD

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