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Youth in Europe: Effects of COVID-19 on their economic and social situation



Dear Reader,

COVID-19 has impacted heavily on young people's employment, education and mental well-being. Preventing the damage from becoming long-term 'lockdown generation' is a policy priority at EU level. A variety of EU initiatives, particularly the reinforced Youth Guarantee are already addressing many challenges ahead and EU funding for youth has increased considerably.

The effectiveness of new measures and increased spending, however, depends on their successful implementation at national level. The paper (see below) provides updated information on young people's economic and social situation and indicates gaps still to be addressed. It recommends to improve further the monitoring of implementation and reporting on results.

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Youth In Europe: Effects of COVID-19

Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies



Young people, especially new labour market entrants, have been hit hard by the economic and social impact of the pandemic, leading to rising unemployment and inactivity rates.

The study requested by EMPL committee analyses the impact on young people of a pandemic-specific combination of factors - e.g. they tend to work in heavily-affected sectors and to work on temporary contracts. It also looks at effects on income, education and mental health and reviews Member State and EU policy initiatives.

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EMPL Ageing policies - access to services in different Member States

Study presentation - online meeting
26 October 2021, 11.15

DROI Envisioning international justice: what role for the ICC

Workshop
28 October 2021, 9.00-11.00, SPINELLI 3G3

TRAN The aviation and maritime sectors and the EU ETS System: challenges and impacts

Study presentation
28 October 2021, 9.00-10.20



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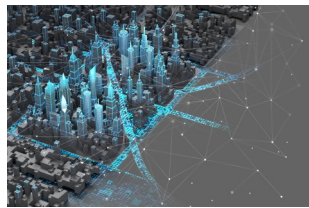
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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Artificial Intelligence and urban development

Policy Department for Structural and Cohesion Policies



Expectations surrounding AI are high, especially in the context of smart-city initiatives, but the actual benefits are yet to be fully assessed. The study explores the state of available knowledge regarding the role of AI within urban development, its potential advantages and risks, and the foreseeable implications for socio-economic and territorial cohesion.



EU Member States' regulations on prostitution

Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs



Risks, costs, problems and cross-border implications on women's rights related to differing national regulations on prostitution. This study identifies and evaluates cross-border problems and risks related to differing EU Member States' regulations on prostitution. It also suggests future EU legislation to reduce such problems/risks, thus preventing women from being trafficked while also protecting fundamental rights and gender equality.



Requirements for a single database of beneficiaries

Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs



The study serves as background information for the legislative Own Initiative Report on the digitalisation of European reporting, monitoring and audit. Building on the findings of the study on 'The largest 50 beneficiaries in each EU Member State of CAP and Cohesion Funds', this study assesses the requirements for a single EU database of beneficiaries. A single EU database of beneficiaries would serve for both audit and control, as well as transparency purposes.



The human right to drinking water

Policy Department for External Relations



The paper analyses the impact of large scale agriculture and industry on the right to water outside the EU, and assesses the potential of a human rights based approach. The analysis, requested by the DROI committee, looks at the pressure on water availability in third countries, caused by agriculture and industry. Taking into account the water-food-energy nexus, the author presents good practices for fulfilling state obligations and business responsibilities related to the right to water.



FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

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- REGI** Cross-border cooperation in healthcare - October 2021
- INTA** Foreign subsidies and public procurement - October 2021
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