

RESEARCH SEMINAR
“Evidence-based approach in Erasmus+. Methodological aspects”
October 9-10 2019, Warsaw

Novotel, Warsaw Centre, 94/98 Marszałkowska Street

The Foundation for the Development of the Education System – Polish National Agency of the Erasmus+ Programme organises the third edition of the seminar on evidence-based policy in Erasmus+ which will take place on October 9-10 2019 in Warsaw. Following participants’ suggestions, **this year’s seminar will be devoted to methodology, with a special focus on evaluation of public policy in the education field and drawing conclusions.** The seminar will provide an excellent platform for researchers and National Agencies’ staff involved in research activities to learn about current studies in the field of formal and non-formal education and mobility programmes, share research tools and good practices, and to create networks for future joint research activities of National Agencies of the Erasmus+ Programme.

As the seminar aims to tackle strictly methodological aspects, thus we are addressing this invitation to those who are researchers as well as representatives of National Agencies of the Erasmus+ Programme involved and interested in research on Erasmus+-related areas. **The NAs are encouraged to nominate more than 1 researcher per country. Researchers are invited to contribute as presenters to the sessions on research limitations and unsupported conclusions.**

The programme will include four sessions on the following topics:

- Principles of research art
- Counterfactual research in education
- Research limitations
- Unsupported conclusions

The seminar goal is to provide a scientific forum for discussion on educational research methodology with a special stress on international mobility projects within the Erasmus+ Programme.

09.10.2019 Wednesday

10:00 – 10:15 – Opening and welcome

10:15 – 11:00 – Key note speech – prof. Jarosław Górniak

11:00 – 11:15 – Coffee break

11:15 – 12:45 – Thematic session 1 – Principles of research art – prof. Howard Williamson (the session will focus on the principles and characteristics of educational research with a special stress on qualitative research approach, including longitudinal studies, case studies and biographical research.)

13:00 – 14:00 – Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 – Thematic session 2 – Counterfactual research in education – Rafał Trzciński and Maciej Koniewski (the session will provide an overview of counterfactual impact evaluation methods, and will stress the necessity to collect evidence in order to verify whether policy objectives have been met and, ultimately, whether the public expenditure was used efficiently.)

19:00 – Dinner

10.10.2019 Thursday

9:30 – 11:00 – Thematic session 3 – Research limitations – Magda Kirsch (the session will tackle the most important obstacles in carrying out research and developing research outcomes; its aim will be to name the most common limitations educational researchers face and to learn how to deal with them in practice.)

11:00 – 11.30 – Coffee break

11.30 – 12.45 – Thematic session 4 – Unsupported conclusions – speakers TBC (the session will discuss the issue of generalisation and constructing unsupported conclusions in educational research, which may lead to misguided outcomes and in consequence, to false policy recommendations.)

12:45 – 13:00 – Closing

13:00 – Lunch