Call for Papers

Workshop: Education and Training Policies in Europe – European, National and Local Coordination and Policy Learning

23-24 April 2020 at the Hertie School, Berlin, Germany

Education and training are still considered strongholds of the nation state. Nevertheless, European-level soft coordination has expanded in this policy field: innovative initiatives are increasingly being promoted through transnational exchange and mutual learning. Networks facilitating such an exchange are designed to help member states address challenges to their education and training systems. These challenges range from questions of social cohesion to global competitiveness and require novel forms of governance covering EU, national and subnational (e.g. state or local) levels.

With the end of the Europe 2020 Strategy and the Education & Training 2020 (ET 2020) framework fast approaching, it is worthwhile to take stock of and analyse developments at the European, national and subnational levels. For instance, how does EU-level soft coordination shape innovation and/or policy learning in education and training? What role do innovative initiatives on the ground play in this regard? What is the role of non-state stakeholders? How do actors exchange good practices at or across the European, national or local levels? What are new governance practices emerging at the various levels? What are related risks and opportunities?

In this interdisciplinary workshop at the Hertie School, we aim to address questions around coordination and policy learning in education and training from theoretical as well as empirical angles. We invite researchers at any stage of their career to submit abstracts. Contributions can cover any educational level or sector from early childhood education to vocational training, higher education and lifelong learning. A thematically related public event on the evening of the first day of the workshop gives room for exchange with practitioners and the general public.

How to apply
Please submit an abstract of max. 300 words with a paper title, names and contact data of all authors by 20 November 2019 to edu.gov.team@hertie-school.org.

Key dates
- 20 November 2019: Application deadline (notification of acceptance by early December)
- 8 April 2020: Deadline for paper submission
- 23 April (ca. 1pm) - 24 April 2020 (ca. 3pm): Workshop, Hertie School, Berlin

Funding
There will be no registration fee. Conference meals, including a conference dinner, and accommodation (1 or 2 nights) will be covered. Limited funding for travel is available.

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