

12th International Workshop on Efficiency in Education, Health and other Public Services

15th and 16th October, 2026
The Economic and Social Research Institute
Dublin, Ireland

THURSDAY, 15TH OCTOBER

9:00AM – 9:30AM

Registrations and morning coffee

9:30AM – 11:00AM

Parallel Session 1

PS1a: Student Learning and Educational Outcomes

PS1b: Health and Population Outcomes

COFFEE BREAK

11:30AM – 1:00PM

Welcome and Keynote 1

Moving Targets: Skills, Time and What We Ask of Education Systems

*Professor Francesca Borgonovi, University College London,
Social Research Institute and Head of Skills Analysis, OECD
Centre for Skills*

LUNCH BREAK

2:00PM – 3:30PM

Parallel Session 2

PS2a: School Efficiency, Accountability, and Performance

PS2b: Public Service Performance and Public Infrastructure

COFFEE BREAK

4:00PM – 5:30PM

Parallel Session 3

PS3a: Educational Inequality and Student Dropout

PS3b: Market Development, Innovation, and Economy

SOCIAL DINNER | 6:30PM – 8:30PM

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Keynote 2

From “What Works and Why?” to “For Whom and Under What Conditions?”: Rethinking Educational Effectiveness through a Dynamic Approach to School Improvement

Professor Leonidas Kyriakides, Professor of Educational Research and Evaluation, Department of Education of the University of Cyprus

COFFEE BREAK

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Parallel Session 4

PS4a: Education Policy, Equity, and Participation

PS4b: Labour Markets and Productivity

LUNCH BREAK

END OF THE WORKSHOP

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PARALLEL SESSIONS

PS1a: Student Learning and Educational Outcomes	
When University Goes Global: The Causal Impact of International Peers on Domestic Students' Performance	Maxime François, KU Leuven Kristof De Witte, KU Leuven
Beyond Test Scores: A Meta-Analysis of Elite Secondary Schools and Life Outcomes	Antal Ertl, ELTE KRTK & University of Iceland Dániel Horn, Corvinus University of Budapest & ELTE KRTK
The impact of a teacher professional development program on preschoolers' mathematical and language skills	Nore Wijns, KU Leuven Joke Torbeyns, KU Leuven Bert De Smedt, KU Leuven
If You Study, You Learn: The Effect of High-Stakes Entry Exams on Later Achievement	Rita Pető, ELTE KRTK Dániel Horn, Corvinus University of Budapest & ELTE KRTK
Exploring international learning loss patterns: An ML investigation using OECD PISA data before and after Covid-19	Melvin Vooren, VU University Amsterdam Melisa Diaz Lema, Politecnico di Milano Chris van Klaveren, VU University Amsterdam Ilja Cornelisz, VU University Amsterdam Tommaso Agasisti, Politecnico di Milano

PROGRAMME