

Helpdesk Summer School Gdansk, Poland 2025 Outline Programme

Day 1: Wednesday July 2nd

9:00	Plenary session – Opening of the 2025 Summer school European Commission, Polish Authorities and Helpdesk
9:30 Introductory session -Agenda and Scope	Plenary session – Introduction “ Pitfalls and problems across the evaluation cycle and how to avoid them ” - Helpdesk followed by clarification questions
10:00 Evaluation management experience	Plenary session – Short Presentation by participants of evaluation pitfalls they encountered, how these were managed and lessons learned
	Plenary session – Reaction by participants on the presentations
11:00	<i>Coffee break (15 min)</i>
11:15 Block 1 – Pitfalls at the design stage	Plenary session – Planning and designing evaluation in an uncertain and changing contexts - Helpdesk (20minutes) followed by clarifying questions
	Introduction to Working Group 1 – Helpdesk
	Parallel Working Group 1– Managing the design stage
13:00	<i>Lunch Break (1 hour)</i>
14:00	Plenary session - Panel discussion on Block 1
14:30 Community of Practitioners	Plenary session – Introduction to planned ‘Community of Practitioners’ Presentation, European Commission
15:00 Block 1 – Pitfalls in	Plenary session – Methodological design: from plan to implementation - Presentation by Helpdesk and discussion

designing methodological approaches and techniques	Plenary session – Introduction to WG 2 - Helpdesk
	Parallel Working Group 2 – Methodological pitfalls: identification, remedies and prevention
16:30	<i>Coffee break (15 min)</i>
16:45	Panel discussion on WG 2
17:30 End of the day 1	Plenary session - Wrap up of the first day
Day 2: Thursday July 3rd	
9:15	Plenary session – Introduction to the second day - Helpdesk
9:30 Block 2 - Pitfalls at implementation stage	Plenary session – Implementing evaluation: facing reality - Presentation by Helpdesk followed by clarification questions
10:30	Introduction to WG 3
10:40	<i>Coffee break (20 minutes)</i>
11:00	Parallel Working Group 3– Managing the implementation
12:00	Plenary session - Panel discussion on WG 3
12:45	<i>Lunch Break (1 hour)</i>
13:45 Block 3: Pitfalls at the Delivery Stage	Plenary session – Delivery: Can all the evaluations be useful? (Presentation by Helpdesk followed by clarification questions)
14:10	Introduction to Working Group 4

14:15	Parallel Working Group 4 (60 min) Delivery pitfalls – use, dissemination and lessons learned
16:15	<i>Coffee break (20 min)</i>
16:30	Plenary session - Panel discussion on WG 4
17:15	Plenary session - Wrap up of the second day
Day 3: Friday July 4th	
9:15	Plenary session Introduction to the third day
9:30 Block 3 – Pitfalls at the delivery stage	AI and big data:- What AI tells us about 'good' evaluation practices Helpdesk and participants with experience to share
10:00	Introduction to Working Group 5
	Parallel Working Group 5
11:00	<i>Coffee break (20 min)</i>
11:15	Plenary session- Panel discussion on WG 5
12:00	Plenary session Review and wrap-up session of the 2025 Summer School
13:00	<i>Lunch break (1 hour)</i>
14:00 Masterclass: Experimental & Quasi-experimental methods	Presentation by EC – DG Regio - Counterfactual experimental and quasi experimental methods: theory and practice (40 minutes)
	Q&A, discussion and exchange of experience – Moderated by the Helpdesk – (40 minutes)
15:20 -15:39	Wrap-up and conclusions