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Intersectional administrative data analysis of the NEET population



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ongoing in some form since the Nineties

Objective: JOBSPLUS integrates data on the unemployed, employed, and studying/training population with the register of physical persons to identify the NEET population effectively.

Target group: JOBSPLUS, the Ministry for Social Policy and Children's Rights.

Key components of the practice:

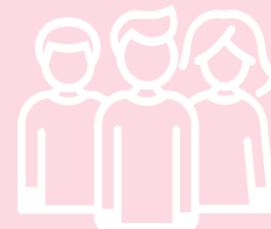
- **Data Integration:** JOBSPLUS in Malta utilizes legislative provisions (CAP 594) to access and analyse data to identify youth not in employment or education. Employers are legally required to register employees, while data from the Central Government Database and educational institutions provide additional insights into students and unemployed individuals.
- **Direct Outreach:** JOBSPLUS engages NEETs through personalized contact and surveys to ensure targeted support.
- **Collaboration with MATSEC Examinations Board:** JOBSPLUS works with the MATSEC Examinations Board to promote free revision classes and active labour market policies. These are communicated through annual exam result slips, enabling broad and targeted outreach to youth.

Key outcomes:

- A comprehensive database designed to identify and follow NEETs through the NEET Census.
- The database categorizes NEETs into sub-groups to allow tailored interventions at limited costs.

Evidence of success: The NEET Census, derived from the database, has improved outreach efforts by providing actionable insights. This innovative system effectively identifies and supports youth across various employment and education statuses.

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Census on Youths not in Employment, Education or Training (NEETs) for the Youth Guarantee



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Objective: The NEET Census is an innovative data collection method that integrates administrative data sources with follow-up out-reach to identify the entire NEET population in Malta.

Target group: young people identified as NEETs fulfilling the following conditions:

- between 15-24 years of age, resident in Malta or Gozo, and not in employment and registered as unemployed, or not in education, or not in training, or inactive.

Key components of the practice: the NEETs Census consisted of a questionnaire aimed at gathering relevant information on the characteristics of Maltese NEETs and their expectations of education and the labour market. Interviewers were adequately trained and supported, to equip them with the tools needed to conduct an objective survey, as well as the necessary skills that are required when faced with different scenarios. Following interviews, data validation, and analysis, a report with the findings was published.

Key outcomes: a new database was created based on the NEET sub-categories.

Evidence of success:

- The data collection approach clarified the status of NEETs in the Jobsplus database, revealing their heterogeneity across sub-categories.
- Face-to-face interviews and open-ended questions offered valuable insights into NEETs' education, work experience, interests, future plans, and feedback on the Youth Guarantee. This information supports policymakers and stakeholders to design more effective preventative and activation measures.

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