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Programme for the virtual seminar on September 8th, 2021 (Wednesday)

12:00 to 13:30 Central European time (13:00 to 14:30 Eastern European time)

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Presentation 1

Title: The Problem of Youth Unemployment Due to Covid-19 Pandemic in Latvia and Other Baltic Countries

Speaker: Liva Grinevica, Dr.oec., Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies

Author: Liva Grinevica, Dr.oec., Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies

Annotation: The Covid-19 crisis has contributed to the growing structural imbalances in the labour market. Both unemployment in general and youth unemployment makes serious consequences in the economy and development for the people, undermining the pillars of human well-being and better living conditions.

Young people have disadvantage in finding a job, especially those with low skills, without education and job experience. Those young people are often discriminated when they want to enter the labour market. Youth employment became a major challenge for governments in the European Countries as well as employers. As it is known, youth unemployment promotes serious consequences not only for the young unemployed but also for the state economics.

The aim of the research is to reveal the social portrait of Latvian, Lithuanian and Estonian in the context of important topics such as unemployment, wellbeing, welfare and poverty, education and training, health and risk behaviour, as well as youth social integration into society and labour market.

Presentation 2

Title: Youth motivation to work in agriculture: Lithuanian case study

Speakers: Erika Besuspariene and Ausra Nausediene, Vytautas Magnus University

Authors: Erika Besuspariene, Ausra Nausediene, Laura Girdziute and Anastasija Novikova, Vytautas Magnus University

Annotation: Agriculture is a high-risk sector. Its performance depends on natural conditions, environmental requirements and seasonality. Human capital is an equally important factor. Unfortunately, people motivation to work in agriculture is not high, especially considering youth. Unwillingness to work in agricultural sector is connected with people perceptions, which give them the input and show how people interpret those sensations. They are influenced by different factors as knowledge, experience and other. There is a strong connection of perceptions and stereotypes. This research is dealing with analysis of Youth motivation to work in agriculture, taking Lithuania as a case study. The Multinomial Logistic Regression was used to identify the factors affecting the youth opinion about motivation to work in agriculture. The research results showed that young people loving animals and nature are mostly motivated to work in agriculture. This research is part of the COST Action CA16123 (Safety Culture and Risk Management in Agriculture), and its results could be useful for scientists, policy makers, farmers, and practitioners dealing with integration of the youth into the agricultural workforce.

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