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Context and Initiative Details

Name of the initiative	The Recovery Watch
Geographical scope	European
Sources of funding	EU Funding
Duration of the initiative	Until 2023
Target audience	Policy makers, general public, workers
Social justice focus area	Worker rights, digital and environmental justice
Goals of the initiative	Advocacy

Good Practices Description

Stakeholder engagement in the process

The initiative has constructed a structured network of experts and partnerships with first-rate knowledge organizations. This collaborative effort is dedicated to the meticulous monitoring and evaluation of the National Recovery and Resilience Plans' execution and their impacts on pivotal social outcomes. The engagement strategy signifies a commitment to a multidisciplinary approach, leveraging expertise across various fields to ensure a comprehensive analysis.

Methodology used (if available)

The initiative's approach is rigorous and evidence-based, focusing on the distributive effects of EU spending via the NextGenerationEU instrument. The methodology as shown in the extent series of publications, and most significantly in the publications "Promoting a just digital transition for workers how do the NRRPS fare?" and "Policy challenges and policy actions for a just climate transition: Five recovery plans in comparison", involves the collection and analysis of quantitative data from the NRRPs, complemented by qualitative insights from experts and stakeholders. This holistic examination aims to inform and refine the implementation of national plans and shape progressive policymaking from the local to the European level.

The Recovery Watch initiative directly relates to adult education through its advocacy and educational components focused on worker rights, digital, and environmental justice. Through stakeholder engagement and policy analysis, this initiative contributes to capacity building and knowledge sharing, particularly among policymakers and experts involved in shaping progressive policies at both local and European levels, thus fostering ongoing adult education and awareness around critical social justice issues.

Through establishing grounds of reference in upskilling and reskilling initiatives on workers skills and learning opportunities it creates a powerful advocacy platform for ALE institutions.

Teaching approaches (if available)

The emphasis on stakeholder engagement and evidence-based policy analysis suggests an educational dimension, particularly in terms of capacity building and knowledge sharing among policymakers, experts, and potentially the wider community involved in or affected by the digital transition.

Challenges and outcomes

Key factors contributing to success

The initiative's success is anticipated to hinge on its ability to provide a nuanced, evidence-based analysis of the NRRPs. By focusing on the plans' impacts on social outcomes, particularly around job creation, skills development, and the equitable distribution of digital transition benefits, the initiative aims to foster more inclusive and effective policy interventions. The structured network of experts and the partnership with educational and governance organizations play a crucial role in achieving these outcomes.

Encountered difficulties and challenges

The Recovery Watch initiative identifies the challenge of varying levels of digital preparedness among EU member states, which could lead to increased disparities if not addressed properly. The digital transition's potential to widen gaps in digital readiness highlights the need for targeted, nuanced policy interventions to ensure no community is left behind.

Recommendations

The initiative recommends further exploration into the areas of skills development and social protection, emphasizing their importance in preparing workers for the evolving demands of the digital economy. The recommendations are tailored to apply at multiple levels, suggesting a layered approach to policy intervention:

Macro level: Policy recommendations aim to influence broader economic and social policies at the national and EU levels.

Meso level: Suggestions target educational institutions, advocating for curriculum adjustments and the introduction of new learning modules to better prepare students for digital economy jobs.

Micro level: Recommendations at the course level suggest direct interventions in educational content and pedagogical strategies to enhance digital literacy and competencies among learners.

Impact

While specific success indicators or detailed data on impacts are not provided, the initiative's overarching goal is to significantly influence European economic governance toward supporting equitable growth and well-being amidst the digital and climate transitions. The focus is on creating and preserving quality jobs, enhancing job security, and ensuring that the benefits of the digital transition are distributed equitably across the EU. This process, initiated as part of the European response to the global health crisis, follows the construction of NextGenerationEU. It combines national and European efforts to relaunch and reshape the economy, steering the digital and climate transitions. For the consortium, it is worth assessing the potential of these national plans for curbing inequalities and delivering wellbeing for all, as well as investigating how to create a European economic governance that supports social, regional, digital and climate justice.