

List of Projects

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Production and analysis of Cedefop's new European Skills Forecast

CEDEFOP

September 2024 - August 2028

Cedefop, since 2005, has developed a methodological framework to estimate projections for the skills demand and supply across EU Member States. The main objective of this framework contract is to produce regular Skills Forecasts, consistent in scope and level of detail with the previous releases, and analyse the results producing high quality outputs. A consortium led by Cambridge Econometrics (and with wiiw as a partner) is producing and further developing these forecasts from the beginning and has been commissioned all consecutive contracts.

The Economic Impact and Potential of Formal and Informal Roma Workers in Eastern Europe

Roma Foundation for Europe

March 2025 - November 2025

This project aims to conduct a comprehensive survey among Roma populations in selected Western Balkan and Central and Eastern European countries to analyze their socioeconomic and labor market conditions. The survey will provide insights into Roma employment structures, income levels, and challenges, estimating their contributions to national economies using a combination of survey data, census information, and macroeconomic indicators. By assessing both the current economic impact of Roma workers and the potential gains from improved inclusion and formalization, the study will quantify the untapped economic potential of Roma communities. The findings will inform policy recommendations to enhance Roma workforce participation, reduce employment barriers, and maximize their economic contributions. The project consists of structured work packages, covering survey design, data processing, quantitative analysis, report drafting, and dissemination, in close collaboration with the Roma Foundation for Europe.

Production and analysis of Cedefop's new European Skills Forecast (Specific Contract No.1)

CEDEFOP

October 2024 - October 2025

This service request covers the tasks and activities for the production of the first regular update of the Skills Forecast, the continuous development of the methodology and validation of results, and the 2024 autumn update of the STAS.

Towards a new EU anti-poverty strategy

Committee of the Regions

March 2025 - June 2025

This project supports the European Committee of the Regions in developing an effective EU Anti-Poverty Strategy by providing a comprehensive analysis of poverty trends and social exclusion across the EU and its regions. The study will review historical developments, assess the impact of recent crises—including the COVID-19 pandemic, Russia's war against Ukraine, and inflation—and identify the main structural drivers of poverty. It will evaluate the effectiveness of past EU actions, highlight successful anti-poverty measures implemented at local and regional levels, and assess their potential for scaling up. The study also examines governance structures, the availability of regional-level data, and offers forward-looking policy recommendations to ensure that future EU efforts are impactful, targeted, and inclusive.