

Evaluation of public intervention (EDEV334)

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Credits: 4 ECTS

Objective and content

This class introduces students to the concepts and methods of impact evaluation and cost-benefit analysis. We use real world example to discuss specific policies and their evaluation. Specifically we analyze public interventions in credit markets with a historical perspective and we discuss some problems related to cost-benefit analysis in the context of environmental interventions.

Lectures titles (duration are indicative):

General concepts and approaches to impact evaluation (2.5 lectures)

Public intervention in credit markets and their impact (2.5 lectures)

A methodological point: the analysis of variance (1 lecture)

An introduction to cost-benefit analysis (1 lecture)

Public interventions, poverty and the environment (1 lecture)

Evaluation

The final grade is based on the results obtained in two homeworks and in-class participation. Therefore a student who makes an intervention in-class is systematically asked to provide his name.

Material

All teaching material will be posted on webcampus. Please register yourself as a “member of the class” rapidly. Access will be restricted starting on February 10th.