

List of Projects

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Fiscal policies in Europe V

Austrian Chamber of Labour

December 2024 - November 2026

The project delivers analysis of fiscal policy and its macroeconomic effects. In terms of methodology, a predominantly quantitative comparison of European Union countries will be carried out, with a focus on Austria's fiscal policy and its position in the European context. We analyse the macroeconomic and political effects of fiscal consolidation in the eurozone as well as key assumptions in the Debt Sustainability Analysis framework of reformed EU fiscal rules.

Green technologies: How are they created and regulated? What impact do they have?

Anniversary Fund of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank

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Climate change is a major concern in academia and policy arena. Whereas governments adopt various market regulations to reduce the GHGs and increase consumer awareness, businesses define new objectives aiming at reduction of pollution. Doing so, they innovate in green technologies to gain market shares by introducing new climate neutral products also impacting on their productivity, efficiency, and energy efficiency. The proposed research will comprehensively study determinants of such eco-innovations in Austria and the EU, and what impact they have on firm performance. The proposed research will first study how eco-innovations are undertaken at the firm-level by focusing on the role of firm-level characteristics such as productivity and quality of highly educated and skilled labour as well as financing and credits. Moreover, it will study how such eco-innovations and green technologies allow firms to become more energy efficient and more productive. Second, it will study how firms adjust their production with green regulations to supply and export products with better quality. Third, it will analyse how such novel green technologies are spurred in European regions by focusing on the role of Framework Programmes (FP) and public policies directed at the EU level. The role of joint research collaboration among inventors in different regions of the European Union, financing, funding, credits, and environmental regulations in the EU and abroad will be the key factors under these investigations.

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Finanzieller Mehrwert durch genossenschaftlichen und öffentlichen Wohnraum? Eine Auswertung der Zusatzerhebung zur Wohnsituation der Haushalte des Mikrozensus 2018 und 2022

Hans Böckler Stiftung

February 2025 - March 2026

Die Studie untersucht den finanziellen Vorteil für Mieter:innen von genossenschaftlichem oder öffentlichem Wohnraum in Deutschland und möchte einen Beitrag zur wohnungspolitischen Debatte leisten. Angesichts steigender Wohnkosten, Inflation, Reallohnverlusten und Energiekosten seit 2022 wird die Differenz zwischen fiktiver Marktmiete und tatsächlicher Miete berechnet. Grundlage dafür sind Daten des Mikrozensus 2018 und 2022 und ein hedonisches Modell, das Parameter wie Wohnfläche, Gebäudealter, geographische Lage und Mietpreise einbezieht. Das Ergebnis zeigt den finanziellen Mehrwert dieser Wohnformen auf und liefert Anhaltspunkte für zukünftige wohnungspolitische Maßnahmen, die über marktbasierende Ansätze hinausgehen. Zudem könnten die Erkenntnisse Basis für volkswirtschaftliche Analysen nicht-gewinnorientierter Wohnraumangebote sein.

Human Mobility in the Western Balkans: Pathways for Inclusive Growth and Human Development

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

February 2025 - August 2025

This project will provide analytical and advisory support on the impact of human mobility on economic development, competitiveness, and growth potential in the Western Balkans. It will offer a robust evidence base to inform policies in key areas: analysing human mobility trends and their economic effects; addressing emigration while supporting circular and return migration; managing immigration; and tackling skills shortages and mismatches. The project will also support the implementation of the EU's New Growth Plan and the Green and Digital Agendas, while offering programming recommendations for UNDP. Combining a rigorous analytical approach with practical policy and programmatic solutions, the initiative aims to harness human mobility to advance skills, labour markets, and human capital development, ultimately fostering inclusive and sustainable growth across the region.