

## **Methods for the evaluation of EU economic dynamics and policies**

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This session explores new methods for tracking both the outputs of policy instruments and the outcomes they aim to influence. We welcome studies using real-time monitoring and nowcasting, modern causal tools such as Difference-in-Differences (DiD) variants, spatial Regression Discontinuity Design (RDD), dose-response designs, and machine learning used in a transparent, policy-focused way.

The aim is to compare approaches, discuss what works in practice, and reflect on obstacles like uneven data quality or tricky identification issues.

The session aims to bring together researchers and practitioners who want to share what they've learned, highlight common pitfalls, and discuss how to make EU policy evaluation more timely, robust, and useful for decision-making.