



COST Action CA23112 - Critical perspectives on career and career guidance (COCAG)

Call for participation in Working Group 1's first Webinar

**Webinar Title: Outlining the challenges and changes in career in the contemporary world
(27th of February 2025)**

Aims and Scope of WG 1 - The challenges and changes in career in the contemporary world (based on the Memorandum of Understanding)

WG1 will explore how the careers of individuals are changing and developing in response to wider shifts in the social, technological, political and economic context. It will also examine how career trajectories and aspirations are changing and how these shifts may impact the political economy.

This includes a range of challenges and changes, such as the aftermath of the 2008 crash, COVID-19, wars in Europe and beyond, growing levels of migration, technological transformation, including the growth of AI, and the climate crisis as well as new economic models such as the green economy.

So, it will explore how the shifts in the global political economy manifest through individuals' experience of work and career, shaping aspirations and shifting the patterns and scripts that careers follow. Such social, economic, technological, and political trends highlight the recursive dialectic that exists between the public world of politics and economics and the private world of the individual and their aspirations.

This strand will foster and encourage utopian and counter-factual thinking about how work and career can be reimagined in more fulfilling and emancipatory ways. The results of this WG will be used to identify key issues and develop new guidelines for career guidance which can inform the approach taken in the subsequent two Working Groups.

Submissions for this webinar must be suitable for this WG's aims and scope.

Webinar Aims:

Through this webinar we aim to better get to know WG1 members and the research they have been developing that is relevant for WG1. This will allow us to organise main themes and define the next steps of this WG.

After the webinar takes place, main themes of research will be defined and members will be invited to subscribe to one research subgroup, according to their interests.

The WG1 leadership group will invite members to become leaders of each subgroup according to the data collected through the **registration form for this webinar**.

If you cannot attend this webinar, you can access its recording afterwards.

So, this webinar will allow us:

- To develop the WG1 network
- To identify relevant avenues of research within WG1
- To form research subgroups
- To prepare the strategy for the development of WG1 activities

Timeline:

Deadline for submissions and registrations: 7th February 2025

Feedback on abstract's submission: 14th February

Webinar Date / Schedule: 27th of February; 09:30 – 13:00 (Western European Time / UTC)

Modes of participation: Participants may simply register to attend the Webinar or submit an abstract for presentation.

Registrations and submission through this [online form only](#)

Guidelines for registration:

Participants aiming to attend the Webinar must fill-out the questionnaire, identifying they do not wish to submit an abstract.

Guidelines for abstract submission and registration:

Participants aiming to submit an abstract must fill-out the questionnaire and submit an abstract with the following fields: theoretical background; method; results; discussion; contribution to WG1 (maximum 250 words in total); an extra field will be available to identify relevant references.

Feedback on abstract's submission will be sent out by email and it will include guidelines for presentation for accepted abstracts. Presenters will have 10 minutes available for their presentations.

Abstracts will be selected according to the following criteria:

- Academic writing quality
- Suitability for WG1
- Overall scientific quality
- Innovation and contribution to the literature
- Potential to move forward research on the challenges and changes in career in the contemporary world
- Potential to inform WG2 - Policy responses to contemporary challenges to individuals' careers (non-mandatory)
- Potential to inform WG3 - Critical practice in career guidance (non-mandatory)

Webinar Agenda (27th of February; 09:30 – 13:00 - Western European Time / UTC):

09:30 Welcome and Introduction

09:40 Oral Communications

10:40 Coffee Break

10:50 Oral Communications

11:50 Break out rooms' discussion

12:20 Summary and open debate

12:45 Next steps and Q&A