

## Impact case study form

- The Impact case study form consists of two sections. In Section A, provide basic information about the applicant, the unit of assessment, the title of the case study, the period when the research on which the case study is based was conducted, and information about the submitting institution's staff who are (or have been) involved in the research. The information regarding the underpinning research does not need to be linked to current staff, nor does it need to be linked to the evaluation period (2020-2024) or to the outputs submitted in the previous section.
- Section B has 5 main parts:
  - Brief summary of the impact (max. 100 words): briefly state the specific societal impact described in the case study;
  - The research on which the impact is based (max. 500 words): provide the key research findings or insights that underpin the societal impact and details of what research has been conducted, when and by whom;
  - References to the research (max. 6 references): provide references to the key outputs from the research described in the previous section;
  - Details of the societal impact (max 750 words): using supporting evidence, explain how the research has clearly supported or substantially contributed to the declared societal impact, and also the nature and extent of the societal impact, including a description of the societal impact on specific institutions or target groups, including a description of the evidence to support the societal impact;
  - Up-to-date contacts to sources supporting the societal impact (max. ten references): provide contacts of those external sources (i.e. sources outside the submitting institution) that have supported the specific claims made in the case study.
- The last part of the form is 'other contextual data', which applicants may fill in if relevant in the context of the application (this information is supplementary and optional; it is not included in the limit of five pages).

### Section A

The fields in this section are compulsory.

**Applicant:** department of sociology, Trnava University

**Unit of assessment:** Social Sciences - Sociology and Social Anthropology

**Title of case study:** NEET in the Trnava Region: challenges and solutions for young people outside education and the labour market

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| <b>Type of the impact: social</b>  |  |  |
| <b>Time period when the underpinning research was conducted: 2024</b>  |  |  |
| <b>Details about the personnel conducting the underpinning research from the submitting unit:</b>  |  |  |
| <b>Name/Names:</b>   | <b>Roles (e.g. work position):</b>   | <b>Period of employment at the submitting institution:</b>   |
| PhDr. Peter Guráň, PhD.<br>Mgr. Martin Fero, PhD.<br>Mgr. Lenka Diener, PhD.<br>Mgr. Daša Ryšavá, PhD.   | leader of the research team<br>responsible co-researcher<br>responsible co-researcher<br>responsible co-researcher | from 2017 to the present<br>from 2018 to the present<br>from 2020 to the present<br>from 2024 to the present |
| <b>Details about the personnel from the submitting institution who have contributed to the impact:</b>   |  |  |
| <b>Name/Names:</b>   | <b>Roles (e.g. work position):</b>   | <b>Period of employment at the submitting institution:</b>   |
| PhDr. Peter Guráň, PhD.<br>Mgr. Martin Fero, PhD.<br>Mgr. Lenka Diener, PhD.   | leader of the research team<br>responsible co-researcher<br>responsible co-researcher                              | from 2017 to the present<br>from 2018 to the present<br>from 2020 to the present                             |
| <b>Period when the declared impact occurred: from 2024 onwards</b>   |  |  |
| <b>Section B</b>   |  |  |
| <b>1. Brief summary of the impact (max. 100 words)</b>   |  |  |
| <p>Research has a multi-level impact on practice. Socially, it contributes to reducing the exclusion of young NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training) and promoting inclusive policies. Economically, it can increase employment, reduce welfare dependency and support regional development. The educational impact lies in improving education strategies and promoting retraining. Politically, it can strengthen institutional cooperation and improve public policies. Psychologically, it helps to increase youth motivation and promote community stability. Overall, the research provides data for effective interventions and measures that will contribute to better integration of NEET youth into society and the labour market. Overall, the research provides data for effective interventions and measures that will contribute to better integration of NEET youth into society and the labour market. The research forms the basis for the creation of a formal regional partnership, the development of a regional action plan, and the identification of sites suitable for the establishment of one-stop shops for youth work.</p> |  |  |

## 2. Research on which the impact is based (max. 500 words)

The regional analysis of the situation of young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) in the Trnava region provided a comprehensive picture of this social phenomenon and its impact on individuals and society. The research focused on identifying the risk factors leading to the NEET situation, as well as mapping the available interventions and support for this target group.

**Key research insights and findings:** The analysis revealed that the main causes of the NEET situation include the low employability of graduates in certain fields, long-term unemployment, lack of access to retraining programmes and social disadvantage. The group of young NEETs with disabilities and young parents, who have limited opportunities to participate in the labour market, requires special attention.

Research has shown that regional differences in the Trnava region play an important role in shaping the opportunities for young NEETs. For example, access to services is significantly higher in urban areas than in rural areas, where young people face barriers to flexible employment, further education opportunities, inadequate infrastructure as well as other forms of formal and informal support.

The analysis also pointed to weak cooperation between institutions that could coordinate activities to support NEET young people more effectively. The research team stressed the need for targeted policy and personalised interventions, including mentoring and one-to-one career guidance.

**Research results of the submitting team:** the research was conducted during 2024 in the framework of the project "Regional analysis and partnerships for youth in the Trnava self-governing region". A team of experts from the University of Trnava conducted a combined quantitative and qualitative analysis of the situation of young NEETs. Data collection was conducted through questionnaires, in-depth interviews and focus groups with young NEETs, students at secondary schools in their final years, social workers, field workers, as well as with representatives of youth organisations.

The research output included a detailed mapping of the NEET group in the region, identification of key barriers to their employment, as well as proposals for measures at regional and state level. Specific recommendations include the promotion of internships, the creation of specialised counselling centres and the strengthening of cooperation between schools and companies. On the basis of the research, specific cities have been identified in which single points of contact for young NEETs will be built, contributing to their better integration.

**Research context:** The research reflects the European Union's efforts to reduce the share of young NEETs to below 9% by 2030. In the context of the Trnava region, this project was one of the first comprehensive studies of its kind, providing a systematic overview of the situation and recommendations for specific policies. The findings will be used at the regional level in the development of strategies aimed at the employment and inclusion of young NEETs.

### 3. References to the research (max. 6 references)

**Regionálna analýza o situácii mladých ľudí ohrozených situáciou NEET a v situácii NEET v rámci Trnavského samosprávneho kraja** [iný] / Guráň, Peter [Autor, 25%] ; Fero, Martin [Autor, 25%] ; Diener, Lenka [Autor, 25%] ; Ryšavá, Daša [Autor, 25%]. – 1. vyd. – Trnava (Slovensko) : Trnavská univerzita v Trnave, 2024. – 203 s.

<https://app.crepc.sk/?fn=detailBiblioForm&sid=6578B14B408CC0D21FBFB74BDB7C>

<https://www.kira.sk/projekt-neet/>

**Regionálna analýza o situácii mladých ľudí ohrozených situáciou NEET a v situácii NEET v rámci Trnavského samosprávneho kraja** [iný] / Guráň, Peter [Autor, 25%] ; Fero, Martin [Autor, 25%] ; Diener, Lenka [Autor, 25%] ; Ryšavá, Daša [Autor, 25%]. – 1. vyd. – Trnava (Slovensko) : Krajská inovačná rozvojová agentúra, 2024. – 46 s.

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#### 4. Details of the impact (max. 750 words)

**Social impact of the research on the situation of NEETs in Trnava region:** the research on the situation of young people in the NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) category in Trnava region has provided important insights into the causes, consequences and possible solutions to this phenomenon. This research has contributed substantially to the understanding of the problems of young people in the region and has provided concrete recommendations for public institutions, organisations and professionals working with this target group.

**The process and manner in which the research has led to social impact:** The research used a combination of quantitative and qualitative methods, including statistical analysis, semi-structured interviews, focus groups and observation methods. The data was processed using specialist software (IBM SPSS Statistics, ATLAS.ti, NVivo), which enabled a detailed analysis of the factors leading to the NEET situation. The results of the research were presented at professional forums, conferences and working meetings with key actors in the field of employment and education. The research findings have led to the formulation of recommendations for regional policies and strategies aimed at reducing the number of young people in NEET situations. The research has also stimulated a wider debate on the issue of young people at risk of social exclusion and contributed to the formulation of measures within the regional action plan. KIRA and the Trnava Self-Governing Region based on the analysis in specific areas of their activities in working with youth and groups of young people at risk. In accordance with the planned steps of the project, it was possible to implement these results in processes contributing to a more precise and concrete solution of the NEET situation in the Trnava Region.

<https://trnava-vuc.sk/pridajte-sa-k-rade-regionalneho-partnerstva/>  
<https://www.kira.sk/projekt-neet/>

**Nature and extent of social impact:** The research has had a significant societal impact, particularly in the areas of education and social policy. The results of the research have informed the adaptation of existing support programmes and services as well as the design of new initiatives to support young people in NEET situations.

#### Concrete impacts

**Improving career guidance services:** The research identified the need to strengthen career guidance services in schools and employment offices, leading to the initiation of new programmes aimed at supporting young people in their educational and career choices.

**Promoting the creation of youth clubs and centres:** Based on the recommendations of the research, the cooperation of professional groups within the region has been strengthened to create and promote community spaces for young people where they can develop their skills and socialise in a safe environment.

**Improving inter-organisational cooperation:** The research highlighted the need for closer cooperation between schools, employment offices and NGOs, which led to the creation of working groups at regional level. Establishment of the Regional Youth Guarantee Partnership Council of the Trnava Region.

#### Beneficiaries and institutions affected

**Young people in NEET situation:** the target group of the research included young people under 30 years of age who are not in employment, education or training. This includes school leavers, young parents, young people with disabilities and individuals from socially disadvantaged groups.

**Schools and educational institutions:** On the basis of the research findings, expert groups have been set up to develop new career guidance and mentoring programmes for final year secondary school students.

**Labour, Social Affairs and Family Offices (LAFOs):** The research provided evidence for improving services for the young unemployed and increasing the effectiveness of employability programmes.

**Local governments and NGOs:** The results of the research have been used in the development of regional strategies to support youth employment and to further develop tools for the creation of Single Points of Communication (SPCs) for NEET young people

### **The nature of the societal impact**

The research has made a significant contribution to understanding the need to improve conditions for NEET young people through the following steps:

**Raising awareness:** Disseminating information on education, retraining and financial support opportunities for NEET young people.

**Supporting integration measures:** Implementation of mentoring, internship and trainee programmes in cooperation with employers and educational institutions.

**Improving access to services:** Strengthening cooperation between schools, labour offices and organisations providing services for young NEETs.

### **Evidence of social impact**

A number of concrete actions and initiatives have been implemented as a result of the research:

Supporting and linking youth clubs and community centres in the Trnava region.

Improving regional youth employment strategies based on research findings.

Increasing awareness of retraining opportunities and financial support from the offices of the Employment and Social Development Agency.

### **Timeframe for social impact**

The research conducted by the Department of Sociology was carried out in the period from January to September 2024. The first concrete measures based on its findings were implemented from October 2024 and are expected to be gradually implemented in the following years. Regional and community initiatives following up on the research will be continuously monitored and evaluated in order to achieve maximum effect.

Overall, the research has contributed significantly to shaping measures to support young people in NEET situations in the Trnava region and provides an important basis for further action in this area.

## **5. Sources to support the impact (max. ten references)**

KIRA - Regional Innovation Development Agency

<https://www.kira.sk/projekt-neet/>

TTSK - Trnava Self-Governing Region

<https://trnava-vuc.sk/pridajte-sa-k-rade-regionalneho-partnerstva/>

Regional Council of the Youth Guarantee Partnership of the Trnava Region

<https://www.kira.sk/rada-regionalneho-partnerstva-zaruky-pre-mladych-trnavskeho-samospravneho-kraja/>

Information on the presentation of project results:

<https://www.aktuality.sk/clanok/xqCHsWy/na-uzemi-trnavskeho-samospravneho-kraja-by-mohli-vzniknut-styri-kontaktne-miesta-na-podporu-mladych/>

<https://ff.truni.sk/oznamy/regionalna-analyza-o-situacii-mladych-ludi-ohrozenych-situaciou-neet-v-situacii-neet-v-ramci>

Confirmation of KIRA on the implementation of the Youth Needs in Trnava County project in the attachment

**Other contextual data**

Fields in this part are additional and optional. This information is provided in a separate form and is not included in the five-page limit.

**Name(s) of funder(s):****Global Research Identifier of funder(s) (<https://www.grid.ac/>):****Name(s) of funding programme(s):****Grant number(s):****Amount of grant (in EUR):****ORCID for each named researcher, where available:****Name(s) of formal partner(s):****Countries where the impact occurred:**