



**Title:** Evaluating Interventions to Promote Inclusion

**Acronym:** INCLUSEVAL

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**Host organisation:** CEMFI

**Main purpose of the project:**

The purpose of this project is to provide support to the Spanish Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migrations in the evaluation of more than 30 innovative policy interventions to promote the social inclusion of vulnerable groups of the population that have been strongly hit by the Covid-19 crisis.

**Design/methodology/approach:**

The projects will be evaluated using Randomized Control Trials. This methodology consists of offering the program to a randomly selected set of individuals and comparing the outcomes to those of a control group. With this method it is possible to obtain reliable estimates of the causal effects of the programs.

**Potential results:**

We will be able to know what interventions are most effective in promoting social inclusion. This will be a key input for governments to decide which policies to scale up. Among the interventions evaluated there are socio-emotional support programs, active labor market policies, and child-care support to single-parent families.

**Social relevance of the research:**

This project will help generate lessons on how to better support vulnerable populations. In addition to cash transfers, many scholars advocate more comprehensive strategies to fight social inclusion. This project will provide valuable lessons regarding which of these policies provide the best results.

**Originality/value of the project:**

This project represents one of the largest efforts to evaluate social policy in a coordinated manner using Randomized Control Trials in Spain and Europe. Furthermore, the close collaboration between policymakers and researchers, and the access to survey and administrative data sets, place the project at the frontier of academic research.