

General remarks about the case study

You perform a real evaluation study of labour market programmes for unemployed. You may form up several groups. Each group will be assigned to a particular task.

There will be two rounds of presentations. In the last lecture on **Friday, May, 23**, each group shall present its evaluation concept. In particular, you shall outline your identification strategy. You will provide us with first descriptive results about treatments, participants, and the selection process. This presentation shall be shorter than 30 minutes (per group).

The second round of presentations (less than 40 min) is in on Thursday, **June, 4, 12³⁰-14³⁰**, 83-1205 (if GSERM participates are participation online, please make sure this will work smoothly).

You will provide us with answers to the following questions:

- i) Is your identification strategy plausible?
- ii) Are the programmes effective in raising employment and earnings of their participants? If they do so, by how much?
- iii) Is there evidence of programme heterogeneity? Is there a superior programme?
- iv) Is there evidence of effect heterogeneity? Are the right people been allocated to the right programmes?
- v) Are your findings robust to common specification issues (sensitivity analysis)?

For the presentations you may use the beamer, slides, or handouts.

Please send the slides to Michael.lechner@unisg.ch not later than **June, 1**, midnight.

Software

The Python version of MCF programme is available on PyPI (*pip install mcf; import mcf*). Stata code for matching is available at the SSC archive. And, of course, there is lots of R & Python code publicly available. If you have trouble locating any of the code, please contact me.

Data

The individual data distributed in the projects may only be used for the purposes of this course. Furthermore, its use after the last lecture is not allowed without my written consent.

Good luck!