

Early School Leaving and VET in Comparative Perspective

Incidence and Policies

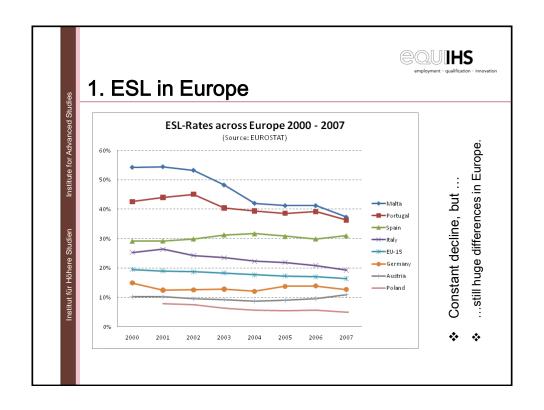
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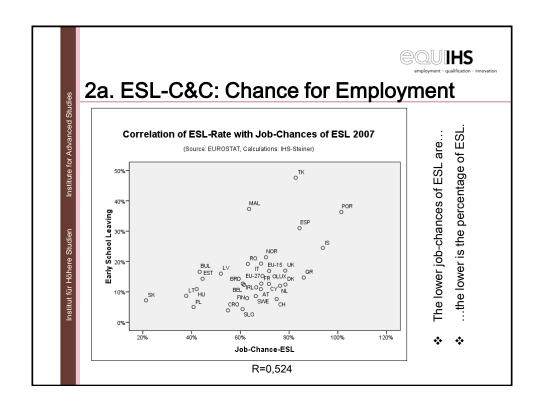
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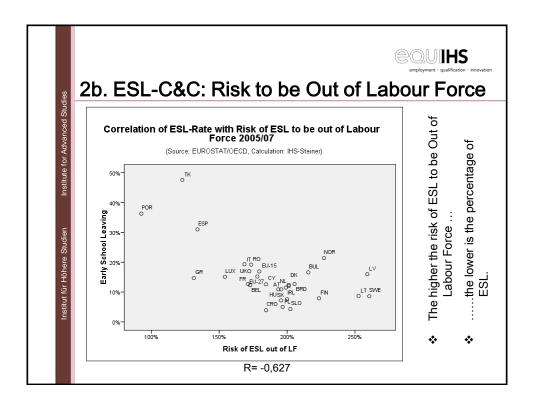
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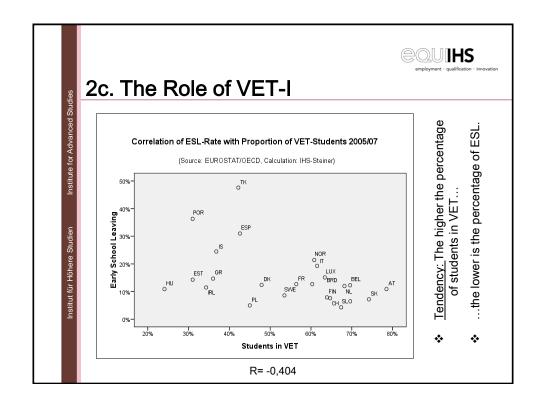
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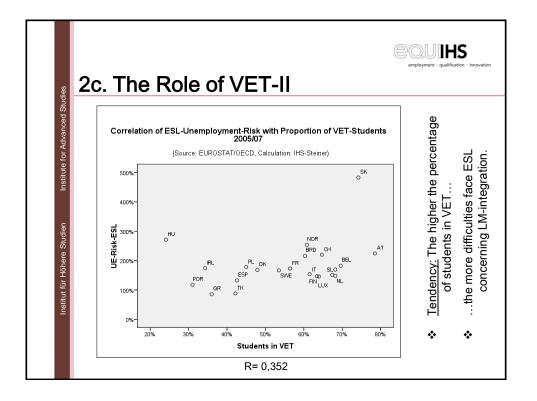
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2d. Conclusions

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- The lower the percentage of ESL the higher their risk of exclusion:
 - > Lower chance of employment
 - > Higher risk of being ,Out of Labour Force'
- In this context VET plays a double role: The stronger the role is VET has got in the educational system ...
 - ...the lower is the percentage of ESL but at the same time...
 - ...the higher is the risk of exclusion of those still leaving school early.



3a. Policy Approach: Universalistic

- Anticipated reasons for ESL
 - > Lack of orientation
 - > Lack of personal development
- Starting Point of Policy
 - > Lost potential has to be activated
- Policy Measures
 - > Activation via positive incentives
 - > Orientation, Counselling and Guidance
 - > Integration into the education-system
 - Broadening access to and strengthening permeability of the education system



3b. Policy Approach: Employment-centered

- Anticipated reasons for ESL
 - > Deficits in socialisation
 - > Individual ascription
- Starting Point of Policy
 - > Individual deficits have to be compensated
- Policy Measures
 - > Pre vocational measures
 - > ALMP-Training
 - > Integration in apprenticeship training
 - > Integration into labour market
 - > Compensatory instead of preventative measures

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4. Conclusions on the Case of Austria

Starting point

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- > Percentage of ESL is low
- > ESL face increased risk of exclusion.
- Policy approach: Employment centered
 - > ALMP and policy against ESL concentrates mainly on integration into the apprenticeship system (VET)
- · Risks of policy approach
 - Strong dependency on economical development: number of places varies and ESL-apprentices the first to be fired
 - Conservating structures: segmentation of labour market and exclusion of exclusion of those still leaving school early reinforced
- Reform-options: Prevention instead of compensation
 - > Reform of selective educational system
 - > Counselling & guidance to develop individual potentials

Thank you for your attention!