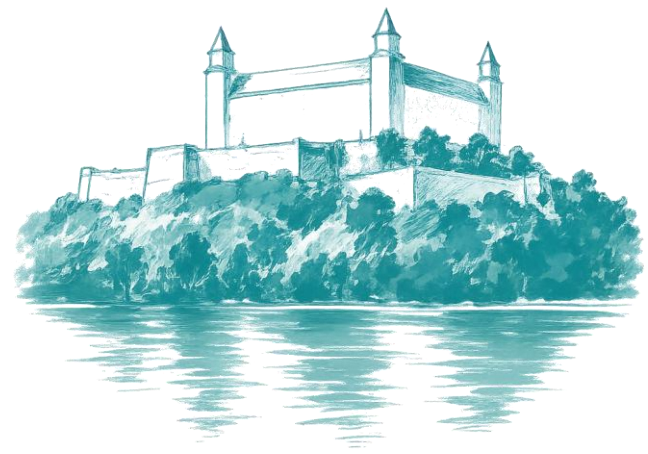
When Firms Train:

Workshop on Effects of Apprenticeship and Continuous Training



Call for Papers

May 21-22, 2027, Bratislava, Slovakia

This specialized workshop brings together researchers in economics, education, or social science to present and discuss their current quantitative research projects on aspects of firms' investment in apprenticeship or continuous training, such as training policies and formats, how training shapes employment and wages, productivity and innovations, upskill workforce in times of technological change or more broadly how it impacts labor markets, economy, and society in general.

Our keynotes will be given by:



Bernd Fitzenberger
Institute for Employment Research, Nuremberg



Guglielmo Ventura
School of Economics, *Universitat de Barcelona*

Topics of Interest

We welcome submissions with theoretical, empirical, and experimental designs topically aligned with any of the following areas:

- Firm-sponsored training and skill formation
- Training and productivity, wages, or employment prospects
- Public policies and training investment
- Technology adoption and workforce upskilling
- Training, innovations, and organizational change
- Role of apprenticeship training in vocational education
- Evidence on recent dual reforms of vocational education

Submission

Please submit a full paper or an extended abstract to:
firms_train@business.uzh.ch

Submission deadline:
February 28, 2027
Notification of acceptance:
March 21, 2027

Conference Details

Venue: Hotel Loft (www.lofthotel.sk), Bratislava, Slovakia
Preliminary program: Friday (21st): 9:00 - 18:00, Saturday (22nd) 9:00 – 14:00
Fees: There is no conference fee; but participants must cover their travel expenses.

Contact and Organizers

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