

WHAT WORKS

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Exogenous drivers

- Credibility revolution (clever identification of causal effects)
- Increasing role for public intervention as a response to exogenous shocks (Lehman Brothers, Covid-19, Ukraine invasion,...)
- Need of accountability/awareness of how public money is spent
- Focus on microeconomic policies (e.g. firm subsidies, training courses, urban policies, ...)

Evidence based policy?

Academic evidence



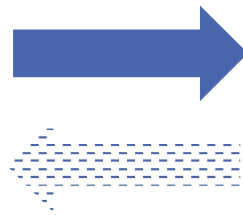
Policy making



What Works

- Fill the supply side gap – target: the median assessor/head of unit of a ministry
- The demand side: to be addressed

Academic evidence



Policy making



Notable examples from abroad

- <https://whatworksgrowth.org/> (local development policies)
- <https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/> (education)
- ...

Main steps

- Focus on a subset of policies
 - Budget constraint, relevance in the Italian debate, ...?
- Select a quality cutoff
 - Maryland scale, list of journals/WPs, ...?
- Analyze and summarize the relevant literature
 - Dealing with unclear prescriptions
- Popularize the main findings using a very easy-to-access language
- Frame the What Work portal within Amelia

How to do the undertaking and where we are

- A cascade finding more appropriate to internalization
 - Need a peculiar mix of skills: from microeconometrics to communication/web design
- The tender should be out in January 2024

Thanks for your attention – comments are welcome!

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