

Preferences and Entrepreneurial Paths of Slovak Students

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Abstract: Our paper uses original data from the preliminary survey conducted in the framework of the ongoing APVV project (APVV-22-0090) "Applying behavioural economics to mapping preferences in the areas of housing, employment and transport mobility" in 2024. More than 200 students from five Slovak universities were asked about their preferences regarding the labour market where they would like to work in the future - either the domestic or the foreign labour market. The preferences are analysed from both a short-term and long-term perspective. The different aspects of the preferences are related to the socio-economic characteristics of the respondents. The barriers and positive features of the Slovak labour market are also highlighted. As a next step, we also focus on the entrepreneurial attitudes and skills of the current Slovak young cohort. Our findings provide a first insight into the employment preferences of the younger generation and offer valuable input for future public policy.