



Dear Reader,

The European Centre has initiated a publication series of Policy Briefs, which provide syntheses of issues of research and policy advice on which the European Centre's researchers have been working recently. With our August Newsletter we would like to draw your attention to the first Policy Brief.

Sincerely yours,

Annette Hexelschneider,

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Projects

Poverty of Elderly People

The first policy brief on "Poverty of Elderly People in EU25", by Asghar Zaidi, arises out of our work in the same project funded by the European Commission under its Community Action Programme to Combat Social Exclusion. This Policy Brief analyses poverty risks as faced by current populations of elderly people around the year 2003.

The second Policy Brief on this topic, i.e. "Pension Policy in EU25 and its Possible Impact on Elderly Poverty", will be announced in the next Newsletter and posted on our website.

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Involvements

Gesundheitssysteme im Wandel – Österreich Health Care Systems in Transition – Austria

The WHO-series “Health Care Systems in Transition” consists of country-specific reports that describe and analyse health systems and reform initiatives. These reports are a core element in the work of the European Observatory for Health Systems and Health Policy. The first issue for Austria has been published in 2001.

The latest issue “Gesundheitssysteme im Wandel – Österreich” (Health Care Systems in Transition – Austria) (2005) is now under publication. The EC researcher Gabriele Schmied and former EC researcher Nicola Oberzaucher were members of the Advisory Board to the report.

Read more about: [Austrian Report 2005 \(in German\)](#), [English report to be published in autumn 2006](#)
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Events

28 September 2006 – Strasbourg: Meeting of Intergroup on Ageing

The Director Research Asghar Zaidi has been invited to make a presentation to the Intergroup of Ageing in the European Parliament. The aim is to discuss the recent pension reforms in EU25 countries and their impact on poverty risks of future generations of pensioners in the European Union. The meeting is facilitated by AGE – European Older People’s Platform.

Read more about: [Agenda](#)
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Publications

Working Paper:

Zaidi, Asghar/ Makovec, Mattia/ Fuchs, Michael (2006) "Transition from Work to Retirement in EU25", CASEpaper, Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion, London School of Economics, London

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Book Reviews:

Billings, Jenny/ Leichsenring, Kai (Eds.) (2005) Integrating Health and Social Care Services for Older Persons. Evidence from Nine European Countries. Aldershot: Ashgate.

by: Glasby, Jon (Senior Lecturer, Health Services Management Centre at the University of Birmingham, UK), in: (2006) *Health & Social Care in the Community*, 14 (4): 367-368. Blackwell Publishing.

Jon Glasby states that the book "is a useful resource for placing national issues in a wider context" and that it "adds to the emerging European evidence base and builds on the initial work of Leichsenring and Alaszewski to draw out more of the wider lessons from PROCARE".

Read more about: [Integrating Health and Social Care Services for Older Persons](#)

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Zartler, Ulrike/ Wilk, Liselotte/ Kränzli-Nagl, Renate (2004) Wenn Eltern sich trennen. Wie Kinder, Frauen und Männer Scheidung erleben. Frankfurt/ New York: Campus Verlag.

by: Barbara Keller (2006) *Eichstätter Familien-Prisma. Texte über Texte zum Thema Familie*, Zentralinstitut für Ehe und Familie in der Gesellschaft (ZFG) an der Katholischen Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, 1: 2-3.

"The societal and political challenges of the growing number of couples failing to maintain their relationships form the background to the present volume. These challenges can only be managed in a satisfying way when considered that each family member experiences and copes with divorce/separation in his/her individual manner: children, women and men. Hence, that 'the' divorce/separation does not exist is the central result that the authors draw from their very vividly presented study. On this basis, they formulate demands and recommendations without ignoring available research results as well as the (Austrian) legal framework."



(...) “On the whole, the present volume particularly convinces its readers in that it draws a very comprehensive picture of (the process of) separation. The constant embedding of the empirical data within the larger scientific framework as well as the vividness of the presentation makes the book a broad source of information for all those that want to better understand the situation of fathers, mothers and, in particular, the needs and worries of children. The inferred societal and political measures that mainly focus the child’s well-being connect the level of analysis with the level of practical implementation.”

Read more about: [Review see page 3 – 4 \(in German\), Wenn Eltern sich trennen](#)

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Newspaper Articles:

[Marin, Bernd \(2006\) Various articles in Der Standard, Vienna, 2006](#)

Web sites:

We are pleased to announce that the **third update of the Monitoring RIS Web Site** is now online.

You can consult it at: www.MonitoringRis.org

Among other changes, you will find more information on national NGOs and Networks; more on national Policies & Strategies and Implementation Activities; translations of MIPAA and RIS in more languages; as well as more on regional and national Tools, Facts and Figures, including finalised lists of “Madrid Indicators”.

The next update is planned for 5 December, with more information on indicators. To get the announcement for the next update, you can register on the „[Next update](#)“ page.

We look forward to an increasingly comprehensive and interesting web site, thanks to your suggestions, and invite you again to submit any information you regard as relevant and that could help to enhance the web site’s accuracy.

For that purpose, please use the online forms or communicate directly to the following address:

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