



**Dear Reader,**

We thank you for your interest in our research and hope that we have provided an informative picture of our activities during this year and that our activities will continue to find your interest in 2009.

All the best for you and your work in 2009!

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## Policy Brief

### “Juvenile Alcohol Scenes. Consumption Contexts, Drinking Motives, Prevention”

The English version is now available.

The Policy Brief by Irmgard Eisenbach-Stangl, Alexander Bernardis, Kurt Fellöcker, Judith Haberhauer-Stidl, and Gabriele Schmied gives an overview about the research findings and the book publication of the project “Qualitative Research on Juvenile Alcohol Scenes to Develop Effective Prevention Instruments”.

Read more about: Policy Brief ([in English](#), [in German](#)), [project information](#)

For further information please contact: [Irmgard Eisenbach-Stangl](#), [Gabriele Schmied](#)

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## Projects

### **New Project: PROGRESS, Quality Management by Result-oriented Indicators – Towards Benchmarking in Residential Care for Older People**

Background of the project: Care homes for older people are confronted with the challenge of changing expectations from residents and their families as regards a better quality of care and adequate staffing. In the past, quality standards in residential care have been set by professionals and have largely focused on “technical” issues such as the qualification of staff and the structural standards of premises.



In several EU Member States, both regulators and providers have recently put in place better quality management systems and methods to advance the assessment, measurement and continuous improvement of long-term care services, partially following similar approaches.

The objectives of this project are to construct an international framework of standards including a conceptual analysis for quality of life and quality of care and a set of result-oriented indicators to define, measure and assess quality in residential care for older people, based on an exchange of experiences with result-oriented indicators in selected Member States.

Read more about: [project objectives](#)

For further information please contact: [Manfred Huber](#), [Kai Leichsenring](#)

## Events

### Past Events

#### 4 December 2008, Vienna: FP7 “Austrian Champions in European Research”

The European Centre (Kai Leichsenring, Manfred Huber and Flip Maas) was honoured by the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) as “Austrian Champion in European Research” following the exceptional most positive peer review of the proposal INTERLINKS proposal and successful contract negotiations with the European Commission.

The Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) with its Division of European and International Programmes (EIP) offers comprehensive information and expert advice for organisations and researchers located in Austria and their partners abroad interested in participating in European Research Programmes. During the preparation of the FP7 proposal INTERLINKS, the FFG had supported the European Centre both through consultancy and with financial resources. As positive feedback or “honours” are quite rare in daily project work, this was a most welcome event for researchers and supporters – even more so as the award was coupled with a bottle of wine and a delightful reception.

Read more about: [event website](#), the [EC award photo](#) (from left till right: Friedrich Faulhammer – Department Head, Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research, Kai Leichsenring – EC, Sabine Herlitschka – FFG, Head of the Department for European and International Programs), [INTERLINKS project](#)

For further information please contact: [Kai Leichsenring](#)



## **1-2 December 2008, Geneva (Switzerland): First Meeting of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing**

Bernd Marin and Eszter Zolyomi participated at the meeting. Bernd Marin presented the European Centre's monitoring activities, including conceptual work on indicators, the related data collection and dissemination during the 1st phase of MA:IMI (Mainstreaming Ageing: Indicators to Monitor Implementation) and the work programme for the 2nd phase (2008-2012).

Participants included governmental delegations from 37 UNECE member states, representatives from the European Commission, UNFPA, UNDESA, OECD and various NGOs.

The Working Group on Ageing was established by the UNECE executive committee in July 2008 with the purpose to reinforce and continue the implementation of the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA/RIS) and the León Ministerial Declaration.

Read more about: [conference website](#)

For further information on MA:IMI please contact: [Eszter Zolyomi](#)

## **20 October 2008, Toronto (Canada): Look Globally – Act Locally: Integrated Care Systems Symposium**

Kai Leichsenring was keynote speaker at this symposium organised by the Canadian Research Network for Care in the Community (CRNCC) and the Ontario Community Support Association (OCSA).

The webcast and the presentations of the event are now available on-line.

Read more about: [event webcast & presentations](#)

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **29 January 2009, Brussels (Belgium): Measuring Income and the Effects of Public Policies**

The seminar is set up to disseminate the results of the international project "Accurate Income Measurement for the Assessment of Public Policies (AIM-AP)" funded by the European Commission's 6th Framework Programme.

Contents of the seminar:

- What difference does the inclusion of non-cash incomes make to our assessment of the income distribution?



- How much do unintended effects of tax-benefit systems such as tax evasion and the non-take-up of benefits reduce their effectiveness?
- How does the picture change if the effects of indirect taxes are included alongside those of direct taxes and benefits?

Read more about: [AIM-AP project website](#)

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## Publications

### Newspaper Articles

[Marin, Bernd \(2005-2008\) Various articles in Der Standard, in Die Presse, in Format, in Kleine Zeitung, in Salzburger Nachrichten, Vienna, Graz, Salzburg, 2008](#)

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### Website

We are happy to announce that the next update of the MonitoringRIS website has been published. It includes, among others, the Italian Country Report on the implementation of the UNECE Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS) of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) and new indicators.

Read more about: [website, complete list of changes](#)

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## Personnel Matters

### Katrin Gasior

In December, Katrin Gasior joined the European Centre and will be involved in the MA:IMI and the AARP Reinventing Retirement projects. She will contribute to several projects, focusing on the collection of data on indicators as well as the graphical illustration of outcomes.



Katrin studies Sociology, Media and Social Pedagogy at the University of Vienna, expecting to obtain her Master of Social and Economic Sciences in early 2009. Prior to the European Centre, she worked for the sociology department of the Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS) in Vienna. Within the research unit EUQUI (Employment-Qualification-Innovation) she contributed to research on education/training and employment, as well as the interrelation of both areas and the social impact of political intervention. Katrin speaks German (mother tongue) and English.

Read more about: [Katrin Gasior](#)

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## News from our National Liaison Officials

### Publication of the Slovak National Liaison Official Institute

The Institute for Labour and Family Research of our Slovak National Liaison Official Kvetoslava Repková has published two new issues of its Bulletin “Family and Work”.

4/2008: “Násilie páchané na ženách ako hraničná téma rodovej nerovnosti”, by Barbora Holubová, dealing with violence against women as a border subject of gender inequality. In Slovak language, summary and keywords in English.

5/2008: “Pripravované programové zámery výskumu bezpečnosti a ochrany zdravia pri práci v SR” by Teodor Hatina and Kvetoslava Repková, dealing with research in occupational safety and the health agenda.

Read more about: [issue 4/2008](#), [issue 5/2008](#)

To increase access to the outcomes of the research of the Institute for Labour and Family Research within a wider European research setting, the ILFR since 2008 has started to prepare short versions of its research project reports in English.

Read more about: [research projects](#)

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