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The first speakers for our International Conference “Tax-benefit Microsimulation in the Enlarged Europe: Results from the I-CUE Project and Perspectives for the Future” have been selected. Please find more information in this Newsletter.

Sincerely yours,

Annette Hexelschneider

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Policy Briefs

The Labour Market Situation of People with Disabilities in EU25

In this Policy Brief, Isilda Shima, Eszter Zólyomi, and Asghar Zaidi present some findings of the research project “Study of the Compilation of the Disability Data from the Administrative Registers of the EU Member States” (commissioned by the European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities; coordinated by Applica, Brussels)

Read more about: [Policy Brief](#)

For further information please contact: [Isilda Shima](#)

A Major Policy Impact of the European Centre’s Consultancy: A New Long-term Care Scheme for Bolzano-Alto Adige (Italy)

Kai Leichsenring highlights in the Policy Brief, the main features of this new scheme as well as the political and developmental process accompanied by the European Centre.

Read more about: [Policy Brief](#)

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Projects

Indicators and Comparative Analyses of European Social Protection Systems

One of the objectives of the project is to collect and analyse data on a number of indicators about the basic internal parameters of pension systems in eleven European countries in a structured and comparative way. Indicators were developed jointly with the Spanish Government with a particular focus on indicators most related to affiliation or coverage, and to early and invalidity pensions.

The project will also generate two policy reports on substantive issues of pension research. The first report assesses how European pension reforms alter the risks between individuals, firms and the State in securing adequate income in retirement. The project team has now completed the first phase of the project.

Read more about: [Project](#)

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The European Observatory on the Social Situation and Demography

The European Centre is one of four partners in the Social Inclusion Network of The European Observatory on the Social Situation managed by the European Commission. The general task of the network is to monitor and report on trends in income distribution and social inclusion.

The Centre undertakes the leading role in particular as regards monitoring developments and trends in social inclusion and income distribution in the 25 Member States, and in conveying new research results in the area of social inclusion and income distribution.

The 2006 Monitor Reports on demography, social inclusion and income distribution (with an EC contribution), social capital, health status and living conditions, are now on-line at the “Social Protection Social Inclusion” website of the European Commission.

Read more about: [Project](#), [European Commission website](#)

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Involvements

European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)

Irmgard Eisenbach-Stangl from the EC has become a member of the EMCDDA Scientific Committee.

The EMCDDA is one of the European Union's decentralised agencies. Established in 1993 and based in Lisbon, it is the central source of comprehensive information on drugs and drug addiction in Europe. The Scientific Committee plays a key role as guardian of the quality that EMCDDA strives to achieve.

Read more about: [EMCDDA](#)

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

Österreichisches Alkoholforum (Austrian Alcohol Forum)

Irmgard Eisenbach-Stangl has become a member of the forum that intends to involve all relevant stakeholders on questions regarding national alcohol policies.

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

Events

Upcoming Events

3-4 April 2008, Vienna: International Conference “Tax-benefit Microsimulation in the Enlarged Europe: Results from the I-CUE Project and Perspectives for the Future”

The draft agenda is now available on the conference website (see the link below). Sir Anthony Atkinson and Prof Holly Sutherland will be keynote speakers, with 12 contributed paper presentations to follow.

A round-table session called “Enhancing Use of Microsimulation in Policy-making: Sharing Experience” will address barriers to use the model, barriers to use the results of such models in policy-making, and successful experiences in alleviating such barriers. Participants include Orsolya Lelkes (European Centre, Vienna, Chair), Herwig Immervoll (OECD), Ralf Jacobs (European Commission), Silja Lüpsik (Ministry of Environment, Estonia, unconfirmed), Agota Scharle (Ministry of Finance, Hungary), Terry Ward (Applica, Brussels).



A round-table on the use of microdata (EU-SILC) for microsimulation will focus on past experience and future issues (access, data quality, etc.). Participants include Euromod users and Eurostat representatives: Eric Marlier (CEPS/INSTEAD, Chair), Anne Clemenceau (Eurostat), Isabelle Engstedt-Maquet (European Commission), Francesco Figari (Essex University), Teresa Munzi (LIS), Peter Szivos (TARKI, Budapest)

Read more about: [draft agenda](#), [event's website](#)

For further information please contact: [the conference secretariat](#)

Past Events

30 November 2007, Brussels: Empowering People: Social Services in Europe

The European Social Network organised a conference on “Empowering People: Social Services in Europe” (Brussels, 30 November 2007). The presentations are now on-line. Among them, there is a presentation by Manfred Huber of the EC about “Social Services in Europe: Financing, Roles and Responsibilities”.

Read more about: presentation by [Manfred Huber](#), [all presentations](#)

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Publications

Newspaper Articles

[Marin, Bernd \(2005-2007\) Various articles in Der Standard, Vienna, 2007](#)

For further information please contact: [Bernd Marin](#)

Publications of the Slovak National Liaison Official Institute

The Institute for Labour and Family Research of our Slovak National Liaison Official Kvetoslava Repková has published a new issue of the Bulletin „Family and Work“: 7/2007: “Vplyv dôchodkovej reformy na starších ľuďí” by Rastislav Bednárík, in Slovak, with a summary and keywords in English. The current bulletin focuses on the evaluation of the actual impact of the new pension system from the viewpoint of elderly people. Using the results of two research projects of 2007 – “Analysis of the Possible Implementation of A Minimum Old-Age Pension Benefit” and “Benefit Systems and Their Interaction with Labour Market Policies in the New European Union Member States” –, the author discusses the situation of elderly Slovakian people during the period 2000– 2006 with regard to their receipt of old-age pensions and participation in the labour market.

Read more about: [issue 7/2007](#)

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