



**Dear Reader,**

The present issue covers the months of July and August. We wish you a nice summer break and will come back to you in September right after our yearly General Assembly Meeting at the United Nations in Vienna – more on this event below.

Sincerely yours,

**Annette Hexelschneider**

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## Projects

### Monitoring the Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS)

The fourth update of the MonitoringRIS website in 2011 has been published. Besides the contents, it includes an improved events view.

Read more about: [website](#), [update overview](#)

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### New Project

The European Centre won the tender on a study on the effects of monetary benefits versus benefits in kind contracted by the City of Vienna. The project will be carried out till the end of 2011.

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## Events

### Upcoming Events

#### **5-6 September, Vienna (Austria): General Assembly Meeting of the European Centre 2011**

The General Assembly Meeting is the annual meeting of Board Members, National Liaison Officials (NLO), European Centre staff and observers. The management report by the Executive Director and thematic sessions with transversal papers written by staff members and commented upon by NLOs inform about last year's work performed by the EC. Moreover, they highlight possibilities for further activities.

Topics of the sessions will be:

- SESSION I: Long-Term Care – 3 Key Projects
- SESSION II: Active Ageing
- SESSION III: 2nd Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing/ Regional Implementation Strategy, 2012
- SESSION IV: Social Impacts of the Crisis

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### Past Events

#### **4 July, Budapest (Hungary): ESPAnet/RECWOWE Summer School on “Welfare States of Eastern and Western Europe”, Central European University**

Pieter Vanhuysse gave a one-day doctoral lecture and seminar at the 7th ESPAnet Summer School organised jointly with the Network of Excellence RECWOWE (Reconciling Work and Welfare in Europe) of the Sixth Framework Programme of the European Commission.

This year's summer school was held at the Central European University and addressed the comparative analysis of welfare state and social policy reform, the role of social actors, policies for work and welfare reconciliation, social protection, welfare regimes and labour markets. The course also aims to address methodological issues of comparative research in East and West European welfare and social policy.

Other Summer School faculty included Jochen Clasen (Edinburgh University), Caroline de la Porte (Southern Denmark University), Paolo Graziano (Bocconi), and Wim van Oorschot (Tilburg University).

Read more about: [ESPAnet](#), [RECWOWE](#), [ESPAnet/RECWOWE Summer School](#)

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## **21-22 June, Brussels (Belgium): CARICT – ICT-Based Solutions for Caregivers: Assessing their Impact on the Sustainability of Long-Term Care in an Ageing Europe – Expert Validation Workshop**

The first expert validation workshop of the CARICT project took place in Brussels on June 21-22, and was jointly organised by the European Centre and the Institute for Prospective Technology Studies (IPTS).

Renowned social scientists, economists and ICT experts from more than 10 European countries, the USA and Canada, as well as representatives from carers' organisations and EU policy-makers contributed to a fruitful discussion and interim evaluation of the first results of the project. These included the first draft of an Impact Assessment Methodology to assess the effects of ICT-supported services on informal caregivers and privately paid assistants of dependent older people, and a mapping of over 50 selected initiatives in Europe that address the needs of these carers.

During the second half of the project the comments of experts, practitioners and policy-makers will be integrated in order to provide policy recommendations in the field of ICT-supported initiatives for carers and guidelines for a further improvement of Impact Assessment Methodologies in this field. Such outcomes will be discussed at a policy-makers' and experts' validation workshop that will take place in mid November 2011.

Read more about: [CARICT](#)

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## **26 May, Vienna (Austria): Zukunft denken. HR-Visionen. Human-Resources-Kongress (Thinking the Future. HR-Visions. Human-Resources-Congress)**

The Akademie für Recht, Steuern und Wirtschaft (Academy for Law, Tax and Economy) organised this two-day-event. On the first day, Bernd Marin spoke about "Der demographische Wandel und seine Auswirkungen auf die Arbeitswelt und Lebensarbeitszeit" (Demographic Change and Its Impacts on Working Life and Life Working Time).

Read more about: [agenda](#) (in German)

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## Publications

### Reviews in Journals Written / Edited by EC Staff

#### The Czech Sociological Review (CSR)

The reviews section of the Summer 2011 issue of the Czech Sociological Review (ISI impact factor 0.652), edited by Pieter Vanhuysse, contains reviews written by the likes of Nadia Steiber (EUI Florence), Guglielmo Meardi (Warwick), Susan Zimmerman (CEU), and Lucie Kalousova (Michigan) on altogether eight new books in sociology and social policy authored by Gosta Esping-Andersen, Marta Kahancova, Barbara Einhorn and others.

It also features a review of European Centre's Ricardo Rodrigues on 'Choice: Challenges and Perspectives for the European Welfare States', by Bent Greve (2010).

The CSR summer 2011 issue launches a new series of yearly essays entitled "CSR Essays in Social Theory", with an article by Claus Offe (Hertie School of Governance, Berlin) on 'Crisis and Innovation of Liberal Democracy: Can Deliberation be Institutionalised?'

Read more about: [the entire CSR Summer 2011 book reviews section](#), [Claus Offe's Essay in Social Theory](#), [CSR](#)

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#### Newspaper Articles

[Marin, Bernd \(2005-2011\) Various articles in: Der Standard, in: Die Presse, in: Format, in: Format, in: Kleine Zeitung, in: Salzburger Nachrichten, in: Der Falter, Vienna, Graz, Salzburg, 2011](#)

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