



Dear Reader,

We would like to point out that we have published the Spring issue of our Mainstreaming Ageing Newsletter.

Please find the link to this issue on page 2.

Sincerely yours,

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Projects

Expert Workshop on “ICT-based Initiatives for Informal Caregivers”

Within the CARICT project (ICT-based Solutions for Caregivers – Assessing their Impact on the Sustainability of Long-term Care in an Ageing Europe), the European Centre is organizing a workshop aimed at collecting the feedback from experts in Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) applied to the field of caregiving for dependent (older) persons.

In this project, funded by the Institute for Prospective Technology Studies (IPTS), a methodology is currently being developed and tested to assess the impact of ICT-based initiatives on informal carers – against the background of the literature and of existing initiatives carried out in this field.

Between May and June 2011 the developed methodology will be tested on six case-studies, and the emerging results will be submitted to the experts participating in the workshop (to be held in Brussels on 21-22 June 2011), who will be asked to provide comments and suggestions to amend and/or integrate the proposed methodology. The revised version emerging from this consultation process will be tested on further six case-studies and lead to a final version to be used on a larger scale.

The dimensions included are the following:

- at the micro-level:
 - o quality of care provided;
 - o quality of life of the care recipient;
 - o quality of life of the caregiver (this category including both informal and privately paid home carers);
 - o acceptability to both care recipient and caregiver;



- at the meso-level:
 - o care efficiency and cost containment (for care organizations);
 - o reconciliation of care and other profit/non-profit activities (for companies and civil society organizations);
- at the macro-level:
 - o availability of trained and qualified carers;
 - o efficiency and sustainability; transferability.

Experts will be drawn mainly from the following categories:

- representatives of carers' and older people's organizations;
- representatives of migrant care workers;
- experts in the field of caregiving; experts in ICT-based initiatives applied in the field of caregiving to dependent (older) people;
- representatives of relevant EU institutions.

Read more about: [CARICT project](#), [IPTS](#)

If you are interested in participating, please contact [Andrea Schmidt](#)

Addictions and Lifestyle in Contemporary Europe – Reframing Addictions Project (ALICE RAP)

ALICE RAP is a five-year Europe-wide project of a large number of researchers and research institutions from 25 European countries, which endeavour to analyse the place in and challenges of addictions and lifestyles to the cohesion, organization and functioning of contemporary European society. The scope of addictions is substances and gambling. The work will be organized in seven areas, each split up into work packages.

The European Centre is mostly involved in area 1 “Ownership of Addiction” and will contribute to its work package 1 “Addiction through Ages” and work package 2 “Stakeholder Analysis”. And we will also do some work in area 5 “Governance of Addiction”, work package 13 “Governance View”.

The kick-off meeting will take place in Barcelona, Spain in May 2011.

Read more about: [project](#)

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

Mainstreaming Ageing Newsletter – Spring Issue

The Spring issue of the Mainstreaming Ageing Newsletter has been published. It focuses on ageing on the margins.

Read more about: [Newsletter](#)

For further information please contact: [Eszter Zólyomi](#)



Events

Past Events

24-25 March, Madrid (Spain): Working Group On Ageing (WGA) – Third Meeting of the Bureau

Eszter Zólyomi and Bernd Marin represented the European Centre in this meeting dealing with, among other issues:

- progress on the implementation of the WGA work programme;
- the second cycle of review and appraisal of the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (RIS/MIPAA): guidelines for the national reports;
- the Ministerial Conference on Ageing 2012.

Read more about: [UNECE Population Unit, MA:IMI – Mainstreaming Ageing project](#)

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

21 March, Bloomington (Indiana, USA): Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, Indiana, USA

A working paper dealing with the effect of individual levels of globalism on citizens' commitment to the state, co-authored by Pieter Vanhuysse, Eitan Adres and Dana Vashdi, was presented by Eitan Adres to the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis at Indiana University, Bloomington.

The Indiana Workshop is a research institute directed by Vincent Ostrom and the 2009 Nobel laureate Elinor Ostrom who attended.

The Workshop is famous for its interdisciplinary political economy research and applied institutional analysis and has produced groundbreaking ideas notably on common pool resources, public good provision, polycentric governance and public policy reform.

Read more about: [March colloquium and paper](#), [Indiana Workshop's mission](#) and [history](#)

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16 March, Győr (Hungary): Lecture

At the invitation of the Jean Monnet Chair and Vice-Dean of Szechenyi University in Győr, Pieter Vanhuyse gave a lecture at the Economics Department on “The political economy of Hungarian pro-pensioner social policy bias 1989-2009”.

For further information please contact: [Pieter Vanhuyse](#)

23 February, Brussels (Belgium): Workshop “Indicators of Active Ageing”

Bernd Marin gave the presentation “Towards an Active Ageing Index”, on active ageing in European welfare states: policy challenges, policy indicators.

The workshop was organized within DemoNet – Demography Network of the European Observatory on the Social Situation and Demography.

Read more about: [agenda](#)

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

Publications

Websites

Social Participation

Orsolya Lelkes (2011) Social Participation Statistics. Statistics Explained. Luxembourg: Eurostat.

7.2% of EU citizens were found to be socially isolated in 2006, which means that they never meet friends or relatives, or that they cannot receive help if needed. Social isolation increases in old age, and it is higher among those who are at risk of poverty. There is little variation in the total level of social contacts: over three quarters of the population meet relatives or friends at least once a month in all the countries. However, there are major differences in terms of the intensity of these contacts.

Read more about: [social participation statistics](#)

For further information please contact: [Orsolya Lelkes](#)



Monitoring RIS

The second update of the MonitoringRIS website in 2011 has been published.

Among other items, it contains new key documents, national implementation activities, research papers and networks.

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

For further information please contact: [Annette Hexelschneider](#)

Newspaper Articles

[Marin, Bernd \(2005-2010\) Various articles in: Der Standard, in: Die Presse, in: Format, in: Kleine Zeitung, in: Salzburger Nachrichten, in: Der Falter, Vienna, Graz, Salzburg, 2011](#)

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