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Projects

Final Reports of the “Poverty of Elderly People” Project

During April 2006, the elderly poverty project has been completed and final reports were submitted to the Commission. The research undertaken in this project resulted in two reports: the first report provides a concise description of poverty risks faced by the current populations of elderly people, whereas the second report analyses the possible impact of recent pension reforms on future populations of the elderly. In addition to this, country profiles for the majority of the 25 EU Member States provide in-depth analyses of the elderly poverty situation in individual countries.

A Policy Brief including the main findings will be published in June. All subscribers of our Newsletter will receive the Policy Brief.

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Project Team EC: Michael Fuchs, Orsolya Lelkes, Barbara Lipszyc, Mattia Makovec

[Read more about the project.](#)

EVENTS

Past Events:

I-CUE Workshops

23-24 March 2006 – Tallin – I-CUE Workshop: with project collaborators from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland.

10-11 April 2006 – Vienna – I-CUE Workshop: with project collaborators from the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Hungary, Slovakia, and Slovenia.

Both workshops were attended by Euromod programmers from the University of Essex, and the European Centre project team.

The aims were to discuss (1) the Feasibility Studies written by the country teams on the possibility of introducing Euromod in their countries, (2) future work plans.

[Read more about the project and the events.](#)

8-10 May 2006 – Jaén - International Meeting

“The situation of ageing 2005 until 2006. Challenges and good practices in numbers”

Flip Maas and Barbara Lipszyc were invited to participate in the International Meeting organized by the Spanish Institute of Older Persons and Social Services (IMSERSO) on: “The situation of ageing 2005 until 2006. Challenges and good practices in numbers” (8-10 May 2006, Jaén, Spain). The objective was to help to elaborate the Spanish report on the review and appraisal of the MIPAA and RIS. Given its role in the follow-up process at the UNECE-regional level, the European Centre was invited there for presenting in particular the MA:IMI project and chairing a workshop on active participation of older persons.

[Read more about MA:IMI](#)

Upcoming Events:

23 May 2006 – Jerusalem – Meeting of the Working Group

As always in spring, the European Centre Working Group, in which representatives from the [Board of Directors](#), the [NLO community](#) and the [management](#) participate, will meet. Usually, this meeting takes place in Vienna at the European Centre but this time the Working Group meets in Jerusalem on invitation of the Israeli NLO, Avraham Lavine. The Working Group will discuss the progress of the Centre’s work (also in relation to the external evaluation carried out in 2005), international relations, as well as prepare proposals for the General Assembly Meeting, which will take place on 20-21 November 2006 in Vienna.

23 May 2006 – Jerusalem – Seminar for Israeli Policy-Makers and Researchers

Avraham Lavine invited the European Centre to present in detail its activities to an audience of Israeli policy-makers and researchers. To that end, he organised a seminar on 24 May at the Knesset Tower hotel. Board members, NLOs and EC staff will firstly present the work of the European Centre in general as well as relations with its Member countries. The presentations and discussions will then focus on the research activities carried out in the fields of “Ageing” and “Poverty and Social Inclusion”.

EC Participation in Upcoming Events

Bernd Marin and Barbara Lipszyc will report on the [MA:IMI project](#) to the upcoming 4th Monitoring RIS Task Force Meeting, in Copenhagen (29 May 2006). They will present in particular the work on Indicators and the [Monitoring RIS web page](#)

Bernd Marin will speak at the Collège d'Europe Workshop on "Economy and Society: A European Dilmma?", in the context of the ["Visions of Europe"](#) project, Torino / Italy, 8 June 2006

At the upcoming [6th Zurich Geriatrics Forum](#) (15 June, 2006) Kai Leichsenring will speak about "Integrated care in the EU: [The Procare project](#)".

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Charlotte Strümpel

[Charlotte Strümpel](#) left the European Centre in March. She is now working at the Austrian Red Cross (Headquarters in Vienna) to lead the EU-project “healthPROelderly: Evidence-based guidelines on health promotion for older people: Social determinants, inequality and sustainability”.

Charlotte Strümpel remains connected to the EC as a Research Affiliate.

Mattia Makovec

[Mattia Makovec](#) successfully completed his PhD in Economics. The title of his thesis is “Essays in Applied Labour Economics”. His advisor at the Bocconi University, Milan (Italy) was Tito Boeri.

PUBLICATIONS

Yitzhak Berman

[Berman, Yitzhak](#); “Review of Nanna Kildal and Stein Kuhnle (eds.), *Normative Foundations of the Welfare State: The Nordic Experience*, Routledge, Abingdon”, *Journal of Social Policy*, Volume 35, Issue 02, April 2006, pp 324-325

Manfred Huber, Kai Leichsenring

The proceedings of the Conference “Long-term Care for Older People” (Luxembourg, 12-13 May 2005) that was organized jointly by the Luxembourg EU-Presidency and the Social Protection Committee of the European Union, has been published as Volume 19 of the *Bulletin Luxembourgeois des Questions Sociales*, 2005. This conference volume includes invited comments from two colleagues of the European Centre, [Manfred Huber](#) and [Kai Leichsenring](#), i.e. on the sessions “The needs of older people for long-term care” (pp. 197-198) and “Social protection for long-term care” (pp. 216-218).

Bernd Marin

Newspaper Articles:

[Marin, Bernd \(2006\) Articles in Der Standard, Wien, 2006](#)

Asghar Zaidi

[Zaidi, A.](#); Gustafsson, B. (2006) “Income Mobility amongst the Elderly in Sweden”, *International Journal of Social Welfare*, forthcoming

Open Positions

The European Centre has two vacancies for full-time research associates:
[Health Economist/Policy Analyst](#) and [Economist/Social Policy Analyst](#). Closing date: 31 May 2006

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