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We have published a new Policy Brief on care. All details can be found below.

Sincerely yours,

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Policy Briefs

Quality Management by Result-oriented Indicators: Towards Benchmarking in Residential Care of Older People

This Policy Brief by Frédérique Hoffmann and Kai Leichsenring as well as contributing authors is an output of the European project 'Quality Management by Result-oriented Indicators – Towards Benchmarking in Residential Care for Older People', which lies within the framework of the PROGRESS programme of DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities.

It has been coordinated by the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research (Austria) with partners from Germany (the Institute of Gerontology at Technische Universität Dortmund; the Ministry of Health, Equalities, Care and Ageing of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia; and the Medizinischer Dienst des Spitzenverbandes Bund der Krankenkassen – MDS), The Netherlands (Vilans) and England (City University London) as well as with E-Qalin Ltd representing partners from Austria, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and Slovenia.

Contributing Authors are Hans Braun, Uwe Brucker, Andreas Burkert, Daniela Grobe, Flip Maas, Sabina Mak, Julienne Meyer, Mirella Minkman, Ruth Pel-Littel, Ricardo Rodrigues, and Eckart Schnabel.

This Policy Brief provides, first, information about the project team's approaches and project results. These results were debated with more than 130 experts from different fields (providers, regulators, policy-makers, client organisations, etc.) during the Final Conference that took place in Brussels on 3-4 November 2010. The main features of these debates are presented in the second part of this Policy Brief.

Read more about: [Policy Brief](#)

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Auch Drogenabhängige werden älter... Zur Lebenssituation einer Randgruppe (Even Drug Addicts Are Ageing... The Life Situation of a Marginalised Group)

Our January Policy Brief has been published as an article in the second issue 2011 of the journal “Suchtmedizin in Forschung und Praxis” (Addiction Medicine in Research and Practice).

Read more about: [Policy Brief](#), [Suchtmedizin in Forschung und Praxis](#)

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Projects

Monitoring the Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS)

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

Among other items, it contains key documents, Indicators for the 2nd cycle of review and appraisal of RIS/ Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (2007-2012) and new publications.

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

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EUROMOD statistics available for downloading

EUROMOD statistics on the “Distribution and Decomposition of Disposable Income” provide estimates of income components (taxes and benefits) by household income decile group as well as inequality and poverty indicators before and after taxes and benefits.

The current release covers 9 countries (Belgium, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Spain, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania and the United Kingdom) and tax-benefit systems for 2005 to 2008.

Read more about: [EUROMOD statistics](#), [EUROMOD and the European Centre](#)

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EuroREACH – A Handbook to Access Health Care Data for Cross-country Comparisons of Efficiency and Quality

This third project meeting of the EuroREACH project took place in Berlin and was hosted by our project partner at the Technical University of Berlin.

The aims of the project meeting were to present findings from work packages 2, 3, 4, and 5, and in particular to discuss the contents of the draft of work package 5, which is the “Handbook”.

There was also a discussion for the planning of the “Sounding Board” conference for policymakers and experts, which will most likely take place in November.

Read more about: [EuroREACH](#)

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Events

Upcoming Events

8-10 June, Stockholm (Sweden): Microsimulation and Policy Design – 2011 General Conference of the International Microsimulation Association

The European Centre hosted the 1st General Conference of the International Microsimulation Association (IMA) in August 2007 in Vienna. Our Director Research, Asghar Zaidi, Vice-President of the IMA, invites you to register for and attend the 3rd Conference in Stockholm 2011.

Read more about: [2011 General Conference of the International Microsimulation Association](#)

For further information please contact: [Asghar Zaidi](#)

Past Events

11 May, Jerusalem (Israel): Challenges for the EU in the Aftermath of the Lisbon Treaty: Adoption and Global Developments – Europe Day Colloquium

At the occasion of the celebration of Europe Day by the European Forum at the Hebrew University, Bernd Marin gave a lecture on “No European Social Model in Europe?”.

Read more about: [European Forum at the Hebrew University](#)

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



10 May, Brussels (Belgium): Forum on “Social Innovation: European Vision, Local Action”

Ricardo Rodrigues was invited to participate as an academic commentator to one of the workshops of the Forum on “Social Innovation: European Vision, Local Action” organised by the Committee of the Regions of the European Union.

The theme of the workshop was “Active Ageing – Innovative Approaches at Local Level”, and the comment sought to highlight the importance of the several factors that can impact Active Ageing and the trickle-down effects that some factors may have on the ageing process and public expenditure, e.g. housing, social participation and health. The comment also highlighted the untapped potential of integrating several public policies in order to improve the ageing process and provision of long-term care for older people.

Read more about: [forum](#)

For further information please contact: [Ricardo Rodrigues](#)

10 May, Brussels (Belgium): Mitigating Socio-Economic Heterogeneity in the EU

At the invitation of the Bertelsmann Foundation’s Brussels Office, Pieter Vanhuyse participated in the conference “Mitigating Socio-Economic Heterogeneity in the EU: How to Achieve the Lisbon Treaty Objective of a Highly Competitive Social Market Economy”.

The conference was organized by Bertelsmann in collaboration with Bruegel, the Centre for European Policy Studies, demosEuropa, the European Policy Centre, Eurofound and GKI Economic Research Co., and further included, among others, Stefan Collignon (Pisa School of Advanced Studies), Phillippe Pochet (the European Trade Union Institute), Stefan Empter (Senior Director, Bertelsmann), Michele Chang (College d’Europe, Bruges) and Iain Begg (LSE).

Read more about: [participants](#)

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

5 May, Vienna (Austria): Hannes Androsch Prize 2011 – A Global Challenge to Our Social Future – The Design of a Social Security System, which Can Withstand the Dual Threat of Demographic Developments and Financial Market Risk

Bernd Marin was one of the speakers in the Panel Discussion on the occasion of the Hannes Androsch Prize 2011 symposium.

Read more about: [agenda, presentations and photos](#)

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



3 May, York (UK): Long-term Care Options in Europe – Seminar of the Social Policy and Research Unit (SPRU) of the University of York

Based on his current research on the topic of long-term care, Ricardo Rodrigues held a seminar on long-term care in Europe at the University of York.

The contents of the seminar included an overview of the current picture on long-term care in Europe, with a particular focus on three policy developments that seem to be shaping policy in this field:

- the reliance on market-based mechanisms,
- the growing importance of quality management
- and user choice and cash benefits.

This was followed by a fruitful discussion with researchers from the Social Policy and Research Unit (SPRU) of the University of York.

Read more about: [SPRU Seminar Series 2011, presentation](#)

For further information please contact: [Ricardo Rodrigues](#)

29 April, Gmunden (Austria): Presentation on “Intercultural Psychotherapy”

Andrea Schmidt presented a poster on “Intercultural Psychotherapy” at the 2011 Congress of the Austrian Society for Psychiatry and Psychotherapy in Gmunden, following a research collaboration between the Medical University of Graz and the Karl-Franzens-University of Graz.

The presentation discussed the main results of the project related to the challenges and success factors of psychotherapy for female migrants with support from interpreters and/or “cultural mediators”.

For further information please contact: [Andrea Schmidt](#)

28 April, Mexico-City (Mexico): Keynote at the International Social Security Week 2011

Pieter Vanhuysse gave a keynote speech on “Aging and Social Spending” at the first International Social Security Week 2011, which was centred on the theme of “Promoting a Global Culture of Prevention”.

The conference was jointly organized by the International Social Security Association (ISSA), the Inter-American Conference of Social Security (CISS), the Ibero-American Organization of Social Security (IOSS), and the International Labour Organization (ILO), and featured speeches from, inter alios, Adolfo Jimenez (Secretary General, IOSS), Cameron Mustard (President, Institute for Work and Health, Canada), Bob Gallo (State Director Illinois, AARP), and Hans-Horst Konkolewsky (Secretary General, ISSA).

Read more about: [programme, presentations, videos, and photo gallery](#)

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



3-6 April, Kiev (Ukraine): Cooperation European Centre and Ukraine

Bernd Marin and Alexandre Sidorenko travelled to Kiev at the invitation of the Ukrainian Ministry of Social Policy. The visit was organized by Olga Krentovska, the Ukrainian Government Focal Point on Ageing, and sponsored by the Ukrainian Country Office of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

One purpose of the visit was to provide information on the European Centre's scientific activities on population ageing and related social policies, and social policy aspects of monitoring the national implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing.

The overall objective of the visit was to initiate a dialogue with the Ukrainian Ministry of Social Policy with the view of establishing collaborative relations between the European Centre and the Ukrainian government.

During the visit meetings were held with Nuzhat Ehsan, country director for Ukraine, Bulgaria and Bosnia and Herzegovina, UNFPA, and Lidia Drozdova, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Social Policy.

Two Workshops were organized during the visit, presented by Bernd Marin and Alexandre Sidorenko: at the Ministry of Social Policy and at the National Academy of Public Administration, Office of the President of Ukraine.

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Publications

Newspaper Articles

[Marin, Bernd \(2005-2011\) 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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Personnel Matters



Bernd Marin at Hebrew University in Jerusalem

During May 2011, Prof. Marin is Visiting Professor of Social Policy at the European Forum of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, jointly run by the Social Sciences, Humanities and Law Faculties.

Read more about: [Hebrew University](#)

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



Sandra Scharf

As of May 2011, Sandra Scharf joined the European Centre as Assistant for Administration and Finance. Her main task is a controlling activity in which projects will be settled and administered contractually in cooperation with the researchers of the European Centre. Furthermore, her function refers to assistance tasks for management such as the preparation of the accountancy and payroll accounting as well as budgeting, reporting, audits, personnel administration, payment transactions and billing, ad-hoc requests and the maintenance of the internal controlling system.

Sandra obtained an MA in European Economy and Business Management from the University of Applied Sciences bfi Vienna. She speaks German (mother tongue), English and French.

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Claudia Pasch

On 16 May 16 Claudia Pasch started an internship at the European Centre, to last until September. She will be mainly working on the projects CARICT and ECAB.

She obtained a degree in Nursing Science at the University of Vienna and is currently attending the Bachelor Program in Business, Economics and Social Sciences at the Vienna University of Business and Economics. Her focus of interest is the provision of support services to informal caregivers. In connection with this, for her diploma she designed a training programme for family caregivers.

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