



Dear Reader,

We would like to draw your attention to the “Evaluating Care Across Borders / ECAB” meeting taking place 24-25 May in Berlin, see below.

The European Centre is very honoured by the news that Asghar Zaidi, our Director Research, will become ‘Professor in International Social Policy’ at Southampton University (UK) – our congratulations to him (see p. 6).

Sincerely yours, Willem Stamatiou – Publications Officer

Projects

ECAB Project Meeting, 24-25 May, Berlin

The third partners’ meeting of the project ECAB (Evaluating Care Across Borders) is going to take place at the Technical University of Berlin from 24th to 25th of May. The main objectives are to review progress in the different parts of the project – ranging from cross-border dentistry care to hospital collaborations and long-term care – and to discuss the most relevant issues of the project’s final stages including dissemination. All thirteen scientific partner institutions from different European countries and other high-level experts, for example from the General Medical Council UK, will be present.

One focus of the meeting will be to discuss the scope and framework, and policy implications of the project. Dissemination of results of this project also aims at contributing to the implementation of the EU’s cross-border patient directive in all EU Member States by late 2013. For example, selected results of the project will be presented at the European Conference on Health Economics in Zurich in July 2012, at the LSE-ILPN Conference on Long-Term Care in September 2012 in London, and at the Conference of the European Public Health Association in Malta in November 2012.

The European Centre is coordinating the work on long-term care, and is involved in several other parts of the project, e.g. a study on mobility of health professionals in Europe, a case-study on cross-border dentistry care between Austria and Hungary, and a study on quality in hospitals in the UK and Austria. Furthermore, the European Centre aims to contribute in important ways to the dissemination of the results of the project.

Evaluating care across borders



European Union Cross Border Care Collaboration



The research leading to these results has received funding from the European Community's Seventh Framework Programme FP7/2007-2013 under grant agreement No. 242058.

Read more about: [project](#). For further information please contact: [Andrea Schmidt](#), [Maria M. Hofmarcher](#)



Events

Upcoming Events

Kai Leichsenring will present recent trends and developments in the governance of long-term care policies with a focus on Austria and Germany at the Conference ...

'Il cambiamento dei sistemi di welfare: quali politiche e processi di governance' [Change in Welfare Systems: Which Policies and Governance?], organised together with the Veneto Region (Department of Social Policies) and the Ministry of Work and Social Policies by the University Cà Foscari and other organisations (Scuola di Servizio Sociale e Politiche Pubbliche, CPS – Centro di Ricerca sulle Politiche Sociali e Pubbliche, Dipartimento di Economia), in Venice, 17-18 May

Read more about: [programme](#)

For further information please contact: [Kai Leichsenring](#)

'Population Ageing and Public Policy': Advanced course for civil servants and CSOs, 28-30 May, Lisbon, Portugal

The advanced course, jointly organised by the Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon, and the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing (UK), will serve high-level civil servants and also civil society organisations in Portugal. It has the following key objectives:

- to provide an overall perspective of the challenges prompted by demographic ageing to public policies, both at the national and international level;
- to promote the collaboration between policy-makers, administrators, researchers and civil society organisations in the development of ageing-related public policies; and
- to identify needs and opportunities for ageing-related research.

Asghar Zaidi will teach in the module on 'Sustainability and Reform of Pension Systems', which will consist of two sessions, each lasting for 45 minutes. Asghar will address the broad issues and give a picture of the situation in Europe. Prof. Ribeiro Mendes would focus on the Portuguese situation.

Read more about: [programme](#)

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



Kai Leichsenring will be a keynote speaker at the 12th Austrian Congress of Leaders in Care for Older People that will take place from 11-12 June in Velden (Austria) under the title “Marketplace Care”

Kai will talk about “Alten- und Pflegeheime am europäischen Pflegemarkt – Tendenzen der integrierten Langzeitbetreuung in Politik und Praxis” [Care Homes on the European Market of Care – Trends Towards Integrated Long-Term Care in Policy and Practice].

Read more about: [conference programme](#)

For further information please contact: [Kai Leichsenring](#)

Past Events

Building a Sustainable Health Sector in Times of Crisis: Containing Costs and Promoting Job Growth, Maria M. Hofmarcher and Leslie Tarver, EHPG Spring Conference, 20-21 April

Maria M. Hofmarcher and Leslie Tarver’s paper ‘Building a Sustainable Health Sector in Times of Crisis: Containing Costs and Promoting Job Growth’ was debated at the Spring Conference of the European Health Policy Group in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Maria M. Hofmarcher attended the meeting where researchers and health policy analysts from across Europe discussed several papers on the topic of “The Impact of the Economic Crisis on European Health Care Systems”.

The paper explores the role of the growing health sector in stabilizing employment levels and highlights innovative care delivery models to enhance the productivity of an expanding health workforce. It will be published in the *Journal of Health Economics, Policy and Law* in autumn 2012.

For further information please contact: [Maria M. Hofmarcher](#)

Kai Leichsenring presented results from the INTERLINKS research project under the title ‘Constructing Long-Term Care Systems in Europe. Theoretical Considerations and Examples of Innovative Practice’ at the Third National Home Care Conference in Kusadasi, Turkey, 12-14 April

This conference took place in the country with the ‘youngest’ population in Europe. As Turkey will face the challenges of ageing societies over the next decades, professionals and policy-makers are eager to learn from experiences in Central and Western Europe.

Read more about: [presentation](#)

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Kai Leichsenring presented ‘Trends towards Integrated Long-Term Care for Older People in Europe – Harnessing the Knowledge Base’ based on results from the INTERLINKS research project at the 12th International Conference on Integrated Care, San Marino, 28-29 March

This Conference also served to launch the International Foundation of Integrated Care (IFIC), a network that crosses organisational and professional boundaries to bring people together to advance the science, knowledge and adoption of integrated care policy and practice. The Foundation seeks to achieve this through the development and exchange of ideas among academics, researchers, managers, clinicians, policy-makers and users and carers of services throughout the World.

Read more about: [INIC Conference](#), [International Foundation of Integrated Care \(IFIC\)](#)

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Publications

Journal Article

Leichsenring, Kai (2012) ‘INTERLINKS – Ein EU-Forschungsprojekt zur Anregung von Innovation im Bereich der Langzeitbetreuung und -pflege’, in: *Lebenswelt Heim* (Austrian Magazine for Care Home Professionals), Heft 53, März 2012, S. 34-36

Read more about: [“Lebenswelt Heim”](#)

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Research Papers

Barbabella, F. / Schmidt, A. / Lamontagne-Goodwin, F. / Rodrigues, R. / Ruppe, G. / Lamura, G. (2012) Assessing the Impact of ICT-Based Solutions for Carers in Europe: Preliminary Findings from the CARICT Project, ZSI Discussion Paper, No. 14

The application of information and communication technologies (ICT) in home care can be an efficient means to improve the quality of care provided to dependent older people but also to improve the support for informal carers and privately employed care workers. However, there is a lack of research on ICT-based initiatives and their impact on carers in the European context.



Based on preliminary findings of the CARICT project, the paper discusses the first attempt that has been made in Europe to assess the impact of ICT-based initiatives for carers. First, an overview of the developed methodological framework is presented: it includes both a conceptual framework and an impact assessment methodology (IAM) for evaluating multidimensional outcomes. Furthermore, an overview of ICT-based solutions in Europe is provided through the analysis of 52 operational initiatives which were identified as good practices. Finally, some policy recommendations and guidelines for further research in the field are discussed.

Read more about: [project](#), [paper](#)

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

Vanhuyse, Pieter (2012) ‘Does Population Aging Drive Up Pro-Elderly Social Spending?’, European Social Observatory Research Paper Series, No. 7

In the wake of the recent publication of the Commission’s White Paper on Pensions, Pieter Vanhuyse has been invited by the European Social Observatory/Observatoire Social Européen (OSE) to contribute a working paper summarizing his recent research on the effects of population aging on pension and other social spending. The European Social Observatory is a Brussels-based centre for research and policy promotion in the field of EU social policy and employment. It analyses the impact of European policies on the social sphere at the national and European levels and formulates proposals, conducts research and produces training tools and backup for reflection on the social dimension of the European Union.

Read more about: [OSE Research Paper](#), [OSE Research Papers Series](#)

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TV

Pro und Contra: I. Mai, Tag der Arbeit – Sind die sozialdemokratischen Werte noch zeitgemäß? / Pros and Cons: I May, Labour Day – Are the Social-Democratic Values Still Relevant Today?, PULS 4 TV, 30 April

Bernd Marin was an invited discussant to the above television discussion panel at the occasion of I May, Labour Day, in Vienna.

Hear more about: [discussion part 1](#), [discussion part 2](#)

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

Weniger arbeiten ums gleiche Geld – können wir uns das leisten? / Less Work for the Same Pay – Can We Afford It?, ATV – Am Punkt, 25 April

Bernd Marin was an invited discussant to the above television discussion panel.

Hear more about: [Discussion](#)

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



Newspaper Articles

[Marin, Bernd \(2005-2012\)](#) Various articles in: [Der Standard](#), in: [Die Presse](#), in: [Format](#), in: [Kleine Zeitung](#), in: [Salzburger Nachrichten](#), in: [Der Falter](#), Vienna, Graz, Salzburg, 2012

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Personnel Matters

Appointment as ‘Professor in International Social Policy’, Southampton University (UK)

Asghar Zaidi, our Director Research, has been offered a Chair, ‘Professor in International Social Policy’, in the School of Social Sciences, University of Southampton (UK), which is one of the top British universities, belonging to the Russell Group of universities in the UK. The European Centre is very honoured by this news, and our heartfelt congratulations go to Asghar for this well-deserved recognition of his scholarly achievements and the excellent work he has done with us over the years.

At Southampton, he will be based at the Centre for Research on Ageing and associated with the ESRC Research Centre for Population Change. He will join them on 1st September 2012, but for the rest of 2012, he will also remain Director of Research, so as to provide continuity in the ongoing and submitted projects.

Read more about: [Centre for Research on Ageing](#)

Read more about: [ESRC Research Centre for Population Change](#)

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



New Staff: Juliane Winkelmann

Juliane Winkelmann joined the Health and Care Department in March this year. Prior to this, she has worked as a Research Consultant for the ILO, Geneva, in several projects on the extension of social protection in developing countries, with working commitments in Ghana and Burundi.

Juliane originally comes from close to Berlin where she also did her B.A. in Social Sciences (Humboldt University) with study visits in Marburg and Paris, Sciences Po. After a Bachelor Thesis on micro health insurances and an internship at the ILO Social Security Department in Geneva, she decided to continue her way in the field of social protection and social policy. In 2011 she graduated from the M.Sc. in Public Policy and Human Development with a specialization in Social Policy Design at the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance and the United Nations University in the Netherlands.

Besides the work at the European Centre she is currently involved in diverse trainings at the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance.

For further information please contact: [Juliane Winkelmann](#)

New Staff: Eva Festl

Eva Festl joins the European Centre as a Research Assistant in the Health and Care team where she will primarily help coordinating EuroREACH, a project on the consolidation of health data funded by the EU 7th Framework Programme.

Originally from Munich, Eva moved to Vienna in 2003 to study economics at the Vienna University of Economics and Business. In her diploma thesis she focused on tax and family policy issues, an area she explored further when working for the Austrian Institute of Economic Research and the Austrian Institute of Family Studies after completion of her studies.

Most recently, Eva also earned a Master's degree from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies where she focused on International Economics and European Studies. While studying she interned with the United Nations, the Delegation of the European Union to the USA as well as the Boston Consulting Group.

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