



Dear Reader,

Our National Liaison Official from Luxembourg Raymond Wagener has been promoted and is now Directeur of the Direction générale of the [Inspection générale de la sécurité sociale](#) in Luxembourg.

We wish Raymond Wagener all the best for his work.

Sincerely yours,

Willem Stamatiou
Publications Officer

Projects

Cooperation of the EC Project “Senior Drug Dependents and Care Structures” (SDDCARE) with the Austrian Interdisciplinary Platform on Ageing (ÖPIA)

The SDDCARE project created a knowledge base regarding senior drug dependents by different age groups and gender as well as by their care and treatment needs. Moreover, it developed practical implementation tools in the form of guidelines to assist in the delivery of effective care in community and residential settings.

In order to disseminate the project results to national stakeholders, to discuss them and think about next steps regarding this research topic, the European Centre and ÖPIA will organise a workshop in December in Vienna.

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

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Events

Upcoming Events

29 November, Cape Town, South Africa, ISSA World Social Security Forum 2010

Bernd Marin will deliver two interventions at the ISSA world congress in the area of demographic changes and social security.

The Forum will provide an exclusive platform to analyse and debate a range of key issues facing social security today, and includes the following highlights:

- Global developments and trends in social security
- The impact of demographic changes on social security
- Good governance guidelines and management concepts for social security organizations
- ISSA and ILO strategies for the extension of social security coverage
- The contribution of social security to African development
- The World Social Security Summit
- The 30th ISSA General Assembly, and meetings of the ISSA Bureau and the ISSA Council.

Read more about: [World Social Security Forum 2010](#)

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7 December, Brussels: AGE / European Parliament Seminar for the European Year 2010 on Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion

Asghar Zaidi will speak at the Conference “Promoting Adequate Income and Dignity in Old Age through Civil Dialogue”, organised in the framework of the European Year 2010 on Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion, 7 December 2010. The event is organised by AGE – the European Older People’s Platform, in collaboration with the European Parliament’s Intergroup on Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity, which brings together MEPs who have an interest in discussing the challenges that ageing poses for all generations, and finding sustainable and fair solutions for all of Europe’s citizens. Asghar Zaidi will speak in the first plenary session on “Adequacy of Minimum Income in Old Age to Guarantee a Dignified Life and Respect Human Dignity” on the topic of ‘Prevalence of Poverty Risks among Older People across EU Countries and National Policies in Adjusting Minimum Pensions to Reduce Poverty’. The conference will be chaired by Jean Lambert MEP, and Ms. Kinga Göncz MEP will conclude the meeting.

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

Read more about: [agenda](#)



7-8 December, Durres (Albania): UNECE National Workshop on Gender Statistics

The main target of the workshop is to assist national statistical offices in improving production, analysis and dissemination of gender-sensitive statistics for the purpose of social and economic analysis. Participants of the workshop are given a platform to share their knowledge and experience. Discussions and training among the users and producers of gender statistics shall investigate actions to be taken to make the process more gender-relevant and furthermore enhance regional cooperation.

Asghar Zaidi, Katrin Gasior, and Eszter Zólyomi from the European Centre are invited to present on the topic of social exclusion with respect to the gender dimension. The National Workshop on Gender Statistics is organised by UNECE in collaboration with the Institute of Statistics of Albania. Participants are from INSTAT Albania, representatives of line ministries, from NGOs active in the field of social and economic research and gender, as well as from UN Agencies.

For further information please contact: [Asghar Zaidi](#), [Katrin Gasior](#), [Eszter Zólyomi](#)

Past Events

22-23 November 2010, Geneva: UN-ECE Working Group on Ageing

Bernd Marin and Eszter Zólyomi participated in the third meeting of the Working Group on Ageing in Geneva, Palais des Nations, on 22 and 23 November 2010.

The world population is passing through a demographic transition. Ageing is going to be the distinctive trait of this century, with the share of older individuals in the population ever increasing. While ageing represents a triumph of medical, social and economic advances, it also presents challenges to existing systems of social support and affects virtually all domains of society. Member countries of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) gave new momentum to the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy by joining forces in the Working Group on Ageing.

Read more about: [Discussion on the second review and appraisal cycle of RIS/MIPAA](#)

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

22-23 November, Paris (France): EuroREACH Project Meeting

The EuroREACH project organised a project meeting in Paris, 22-23 November. The meeting took place at IRDES (Institute for Research and Information in Health Economics), which is one of the main partners in the project. During the meeting the nine partner organisations discussed ways of improving health care data for cross-country comparisons.

Read more about: [project](#)

For further information please contact: [Catharina Hjortsberg](#)



17 November 2010, Brussels (Belgium): Final conference of the EUSTACEA project

Giovanni Lamura has been invited to participate to the concluding round table of the final conference of the Daphne-funded EUSTACEA project on a “European Strategy to Fight Elder Abuse”. The event has been hosted by Elizabeth Lynne, MEP and co-chair of the European Parliament “Intergroup on Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity”, in the European Parliament in Brussels on 17 November 2010.

The meeting has provided the opportunity to present the **“European Charter of Rights and Responsibilities of Older People in Need of Long-term Care and Assistance”** developed through the EUSTACEA project and to discuss the way forward with a wide range of stakeholders (European Parliament, European Commission, national ministries, organisations working on elder abuse and on quality of long-term care services at European and national levels, older people’s organisations, etc.), also in the light of the “Resolution on Long-term Care for Older People” (B7-0491/2010) recently endorsed by the European Parliament. During his contribution, Giovanni Lamura presented also some preliminary findings from the ABUEL project, a multinational prevalence study on elder abuse in seven European countries.

Read more about: the [ABUEL project](#), the [EUSTACEA project](#)

For further information please contact: [Giovanni Lamura](#)

15-16 November 2010, Paris (France): OECD Expert Meeting on Long-Term Care

Giovanni Lamura has been invited to provide a presentation on Migrant Care Workers at the OECD Expert Meeting on Long-term Care (LTC) held on 15-16 November 2010 at the OECD Conference Centre in Paris. The expert meeting is associated to the 2009-2010 project of the OECD Health Committee and Working Party on Social Policy on LTC workforce and financing. Experts came from Health and Social Policy Ministries in member countries, integrated by a few invited researchers. The objectives of the meeting were: 1) to share lessons from countries’ experiences with LTC workforce and financing policies; 2) discuss draft chapters of the forthcoming OECD report; 3) identify evidence gaps and future policy priorities or directions.

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15 November, Brussels (Belgium): Bertelsmann Foundation

At the invitation of the Executive Director of the Brussels Bureau of the Bertelsmann Foundation, Pieter Vanhuyse participated at a workshop on “Heterogeneity in the EU – The Social Dimension”. This workshop was jointly convened by seven European policy foundations – Bertelsmann, Brueghel, demosEU-ROPA, EPC, CEPS, GKI, and Eurofound – in order to brainstorm about how to improve the performance of European welfare systems in mitigating social disparities and providing equal opportunities.



Pieter spoke on new social and human capital policies for European welfare states in times of crisis during the session on 'Key Reform Challenges for Social Systems in the EU: Does the Economic Crisis Make a Difference?' Other speakers included Robert Anderson (Head Living Conditions and Quality of Life, Eurofound Dublin), Jacques Pelkmans (Senior Researcher, CEPS Brussels), Fabian Zuleeg (Chief Economist, EPC Brussels), and Georg Fischer (Director Social Inclusion, DG Employment of the Commission).

Read more about: [programme](#)

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

2-3 November, Vienna (Austria): EUROMOD Update Workshop in Vienna

The workshop brought together EUROMOD developers and national teams. The aim of the workshop was to prepare the implementation of EUROMOD in Bulgaria and Romania.

Country teams presented their draft "Feasibility Studies" (the studies describe the key features of national tax-benefit systems and provide a detailed overview of policies to be simulated, just as well as data access and data quality issues). These were commented and discussed by developers and other country teams.

The second part of the workshop included a demonstration of EUROMOD, and an exchange on the potential uses of the model, as well as a discussion of the forthcoming tasks of the EUROMOD Update project.

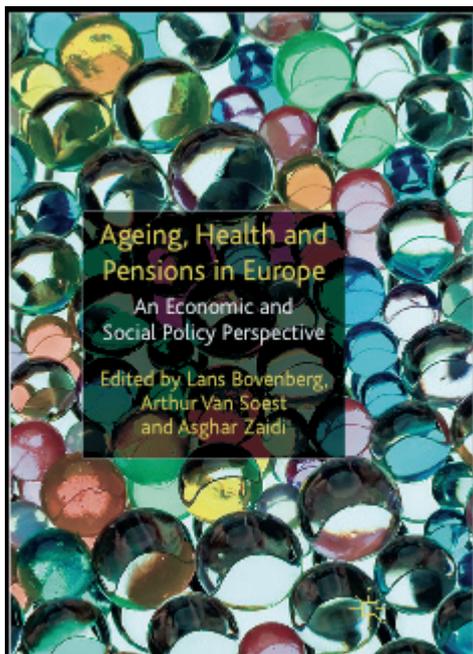
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Publications

Book Contribution

Bovenberg, Lans / Van Soest, Arthur / Zaidi, Asghar (2010)
Ageing, Health and Pensions in Europe. An Economic and Social Policy Perspective.
Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 392

This book presents an engaging overview of the future research challenges for economists and other social scientists concerning population ageing, pensions, health and social care in Europe. Various experts discuss how scientific research can provide cutting-edge evidence on income security of the elderly, well-being of the elderly, and labour markets and older workers: three themes dominating the current Euro-



pean economic and social policy debate. By adopting a forward-looking approach, the book discusses the remaining knowledge gaps and research opportunities. It also reviews data needs and other infrastructure requirements and explores the implications for research policy.

There will be a joint publication launch by the Network for Studies on Pensions, Aging and Retirement and the European Science Foundation on 26 November in Brussels.

Read more about:

[book information](#), [table of contents](#), [publication launch](#)

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

Public Debate

November 2010, Was braucht Österreich? (What Austria Needs?). Round Table debate on the future of Austria

What Austria needs? What is the future of this country? How does its self-image look like? On the occasion of its 65-year anniversary, the “Austrian Business Publisher” convened a panel of experts.

Entrepreneur and former Green politician Monika Langthaler, Karl Aiginger, Head of the Institute of Economic Research, Christian Friesl, responsible person “societal policies” at the Austrian Industrial Association, social scientist Bernd Marin, writer Robert Menasse and journalist and author Robert Misik discussed the State of the Union.

Read more about: [What Austria Needs?](#) (in German)

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Radio & TV

Bernd Marin took part in the Austrian radio feature of Ö1 Morgenjournal on “Pensions: Cash Bonus for Working Longer?”, 9 November 2010, Ö1.

Bernd Marin took part in the Puls4 – Talk of Town TV-discussion on “Pensionen: Geld-Bonus für längeres Arbeiten?” (Pensions: Cash Bonus for Working Longer?), 9 November 2010, Puls4.



Bernd Marin took part in the ServusTV-Journal on “Pensions: Cash Bonus for Working Longer?”, 10 November 2010, Servus TV.

“Jung gegen Alt – schürt das Sparpaket den Generationenkonflikt?” (The Young Against the Old – Does the Austerity Package Stoke the Generation Conflict?)

Bernd Marin took part in the TV-discussion “Am Punkt” (“To the issue”), 3 November 2010, ATV.

More about: [TV-discussion](#)

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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, 2010](#)

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7 November, feature in The Washington Post

A study by Pieter Vanhuysse with Eitan Adres and Dana Vashdi from the University of Haifa, which aims to explain the fast-declining willingness of Israeli youngsters to do (obligatory) service in the army, was cited in a feature article on this topic in the weekend edition of The Washington Post on 7 November.

Adres, Vanhuysse and Vashdi find that high-school students who have few active local ties to their country as well as those with high levels of consumerism show a significantly greater tendency to evade military service. But interestingly, more individualist youngsters actually show a higher tendency to serve. The results presented in the Adres/Vanhuysse/Vashdi working paper were earlier covered in the Israel Hayom, Ma'ariv, and YNet (Yediot Aharonot) national newspapers as well as in a range of local newspapers, and they were presented to the Israeli Education Ministry, and at the Office of the Prime Minister of the State of Israel in Jerusalem.

Read more about: [the Washington Post feature](#), [working paper](#)

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