



Dear Reader,

Mr. [Yury Fedotov](#) (Russian Federation) has been appointed Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna. He follows Mr. Antonio Maria Costa as Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). In this position he is the new Chair of our [Board of Directors](#).

We welcome Yury Fedotov and thank his predecessor Antonio Maria Costa for his support of our research.

Sincerely yours,

Annette Hexelschneider

Head of Knowledge and Information Management Support Unit

Projects

New Project: Boys and Girls. An Interactive Web-Based Series To Promote Healthy Lifestyles Among European Adolescents

Boys and Girls is a project that aims to develop a web series that will tackle modern-day health issues in a way that resonates with young Europeans aged 15-18.

The series will be compelling, emotional and relevant and will focus on real-life health issues, in particular:

- Nutrition and Healthy Lifestyles
- Sex Education
- Addiction Prevention

Read more about: [project](#)

For further information please contact: [Gabriele Schmied](#)



New Project: Prämien-Anreizmodell zur längeren Erwerbsarbeit (Bonus-Incentive-Model For Later Retirement)

The Austrian Economic Chamber has developed an incentive model for persons who fulfil the conditions for early retirement but do not draw their pension and continue to work. It foresees a payment of in total 50% of the amount of the pension entitled to (25% for the employee, 25% for the employer). Thus, for both parties on the labour market there should be incentives to abide the employment contract.

The target of the expertise is to evaluate the number of persons who will take up the model, the extent of dead-weight losses (persons who would have continued with their job anyway) and resulting financing issues.

Read more about: [project](#)

For further information please contact: [Michael Fuchs](#)

Events

Upcoming Events

18-19 November, Vienna (Austria): 2nd Global Peter Drucker Forum

The Peter Drucker Forum 2010 marks the conclusion of a series of events related to the Peter Drucker Centennial. It is at the same time the starting point for exploring the challenges for management in the future.

In the session “Towards The Next Society”, Bernd Marin will deliver a keynote on “Analysing the ‘Future That Has Already Happened’: Crisis, Innovation and Leadership in the Age of Aging Post-Capitalist Society”.

Read more about: [details and agenda](#)

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

19 November, Vienna (Austria): Beirat für Altersmedizin (Advisory Board for Old-Age Medicine)

Kai Leichsenring will present the INTERLINKs project (Health Systems and Long-Term Care for Older People In Europe – Modelling the Interfaces and LINKS between Prevention, Rehabilitation, Quality of Services and Informal Care) to the Austrian Beirat für Altersmedizin of the Austrian Ministry for Health.

Read more about: [Beirat für Altersmedizin](#), [INTERLINKS project](#)

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



24-25 November, Innsbruck (Austria): Jahreskonferenz 2010 des Österreichischen Komitees für Soziale Arbeit – Langzeitpflege in einer solidarischen Gesellschaft – Herausforderungen und Chancen (Annual Conference of the Austrian Committee for Social Work – Long-term Care in a Society United in Solidarity – Challenges and Opportunities)

Kai Leichsenring will introduce and facilitate a workshop on “European Quality in Long-term Care – Who Is Responsible and Who Should Be Accountable? Approaches and Instruments in Europe” (Qualität in der Langzeitpflege – Wer ist zuständig und wer sollte verantwortlich sein? Ansätze und Instrumente aus Europa).

Read more about: [Österreichisches Komitee für Soziale Arbeit](#)

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

26-28 November, Vienna (Austria): Symposium der Fachsektion Gruppenpsychoanalyse im Österreichischen Arbeitskreis für Gruppentherapie und Gruppendynamik (Symposium of the Section Group-Psychoanalysis of the Austrian Study Group for Group Therapy and Group Dynamics)

At the symposium, which has the topic “Das soziale Unbewusste. Gesellschaftskritische Perspektiven in der Gruppenanalyse” (The Social Unconscious. Perspectives of Social Criticism in Group Analysis), Irmgard Eisenbach-Stangl will chair a discussion group.

Read more about: [agenda](#)

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

Past Events

**20-22 October, Brussels (Belgium):
First European Conference on Drug Supply Indicators**

The purpose of the conference was to launch the process for designing a new European strategy for monitoring drug markets, crime and supply reduction.

Irmgard Eisenbach-Stangl chaired the Working Group A2 on “The Players – Drug Traffickers: Understanding Their Roles, Rationales And Interactions”.

Read more about: [conference](#)

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



21 October, Vienna (Austria): SeneCura_Forum 2010 – Sicher leben im Alter. Die finanzielle Zukunft der österreichischen Pflege (Secure Living in Old Age – The financial perspectives of Austrian Care)

Bernd Marin presented “Zur Zukunft der Pflege – vergleichende Perspektiven“ (The Future of Care – Comparative Perspectives).

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

18-19 October, Murnau (Germany): Achieving Quality Long-Term Care In Residential Facilities

Kai Leichsenring acted as Thematic Expert for the German Peer Review Conference “Achieving Quality Long-Term Care in Residential Facilities”. In this function he provided a Discussion Paper and will be responsible for the Final Report. This “Peer Review in Social Protection and Social Inclusion” had the aim to exchange experiences on how to ensure the quality of life in residential facilities for long-term care.

The review was hosted by the German Ministry of Health and the Bavarian State Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, Family Affairs, Women and Health.

Apart from a recent study about outcome indicators in nursing care a new way of inspection developed by the Bavarian State Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare were presented to the following peer countries: Austria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Luxembourg, Malta, Spain and Sweden. AGE and ESN represented European stakeholders.

Read more about: [conference](#)

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

18 October, Budapest (Hungary): Kick-off “The Institutional Framework for Long term Social Care Benefits“

Ricardo Rodrigues participated in the kick-off meeting of a recent project titled “The Institutional Framework for Long term Social Care Benefits“, which is led by the Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative of the Open Society Institute (OSI) and the Council of Europe.

The meeting took place in Budapest, and given the focus of the project on governance and local government responsibilities in long-term care, Ricardo Rodrigues’s presentation focused on the research that the European Centre has developed in the area of long-term care, as well as on some of the research gaps that remain in this field of social policy.

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



12 October, Brussels (Belgium): Workshop on Digital Literacy, e-Inclusion Days

Andrea Schmidt gave a presentation in the session “ICT and Training of Carers” on how digital competence and the use of ICT can contribute to improving the integration of migrant care workers into society and into the formal labour market. The workshop on Digital Literacy took place during the inclusion days hosted by the European Commission. Other topics covered during the workshop included “ICT and Training for Intermediaries Facilitating Social and Labour Inclusion” as well as “ICT and Training for Intermediaries Managing and Implementing Social Initiatives”. Representatives from the Institute for Prospective Technology Studies of the European Commission chaired the workshop.

Read more about: [event](#)

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

6-9 October, Bad Hofgastein (Austria): 13th European Health Forum Gastein

According to the theme “Health in Europe – Ready for the Future?”, future issues of European health policy were discussed. The main topics included themes like

- healthy ageing,
- global health issues
- and investment in health workforce of tomorrow.

In the session “Demographic Change and the Future of Health: Foundations and Key Challenges”, Bernd Marin spoke about “Demographic Change and Health – A Challenge for European Societies”.

Read more about: [conference](#)

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

1 October, Rovigo (Italy): Convegno Internazionale: La centralità della persona nelle politiche e nei servizi di welfare (International Meeting: The Centrality of the Person in Politics and in the Social Welfare Services)

Bernd Marin spoke about “People-Centred Welfare Policies. Overview on Services for the Elderly EU-Europe in Global Comparison”.

Read more about: [agenda](#)

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



27-29 September, Tbilisi (Georgia): UNECE Sub-Regional Workshop on Gender Statistics

The main goal of the workshop was to review the process of collecting, processing and disseminating statistics in selected areas and to identify actions to be taken to make the process more gender-relevant. The workshop provided a forum for participants from national statistical offices and from international organisations to share (inter)national experiences and best practices in the use of gender statistics, and to establish networks among the participants to enhance regional cooperation.

Bernd Marin and Eszter Zólyomi from the European Centre participated in the workshop and presented on gender-specific mainstreaming ageing indicators (part of the work carried out under the European Centre's MA:IMI project). The workshop was organised by the Statistical Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), in cooperation with the National Statistical Office of Georgia and the UNDP and UNIFEM Country Offices.

Read more about: [workshop details and presentations](#), [MAIMI project](#)
For further information please contact: [Eszter Zólyomi](#)

27-28 September, Warszawa (Poland): Combating Social Exclusion of Elderly People – Strategies and Practices

In the framework of the European Year of Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion 2010, the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of Poland held this international conference in Warsaw.

At the invitation of Ms. Jaroslaw Duda, the Secretary of State at the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Asghar Zaidi and Frédérique Hoffmann had the honour of participating in the event and in sharing their expertise. Asghar Zaidi provided a presentation on wider measures of poverty and deprivation of older people in EU countries. Frédérique Hoffmann provided a presentation on long-term care services for the elderly across the UN-European Region.

Read more about: [details and presentations by Asghar Zaidi and Frédérique Hoffmann](#)
For further information please contact: [Asghar Zaidi](#), [Frédérique Hoffmann](#)

23 September, Vienna (Austria): GO AHEAD! Power Breakfast 53

The Austrian independent economic platform for executives invited Bernd Marin to speak about lifelong working.

Read more about: [event](#)
For further information please contact: [Bernd Marin](#)



**15-17 September, Berlin (Germany): Hoffnung Alter – 2. Gemeinsamer Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Gerontologie und Geriatrie und der Schweizerischen Gesellschaft für Gerontologie, 10. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Gerontologie und Geriatrie
(Hope Age – 2nd Joint Conference of the German Society for Gerontology and Geriatrics together with the Swiss Society for Gerontology, 10th Conference of the German Society for Gerontology and Geriatrics)**

Georg Ruppe, together with Susanne Kümpers (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin/Social Science Research Center Berlin), presented findings from the INTERLINKS project: “Prävention und Rehabilitation innerhalb der Langzeitbetreuung Älterer: eine thematische Exploration in sieben europäischen Ländern” (Prevention and Rehabilitation within Long-term Care of Older People: A Thematic Exploration in Seven European Countries)

Read more about: [conference](#), [INTERLINKS project](#)
For further information please contact: [Georg Ruppe](#)

Publications

Book Contribution

Sabbagh, Clara, Vanhuyse, Pieter & Schmitt, Manfred (2010), ‘Political and Economic Justice Perceptions in Changing Societies: The Case of Israeli and East German High School Students’, pp. 283-294 in Jared A. Jaworski (ed.), *Advances in Sociology Research, Volume 6*. New York: Nova Science.

In this study, Pieter Vanhuyse, Clara Sabbagh (University of Haifa) and Manfred Schmitt (University of Koblenz) examine how different socio-cultural conditions may differently affect justice judgments among high school student populations. They do so by analyzing two historical instances of pervasive social and economic change: Israel at the start of fast economic liberalization in the late 1980s, and the State of Saxony in the former East Germany at the start of post-communist transition in the early 1990s. Israeli society was much influenced by the Zionist pioneering ethos, while the former East Germany was characterized by the legacy of unpopular communist and collectivist values as well as egalitarian notions of citizenship and civil rights. In line with our expectations, Israeli high school students were found to favour differentiation in political resources such as honour and influence over differentiation in economic resources. The opposite held true for East-German students. These differences remained after respondents’ social position was taken into account, suggesting that justice judgments among high school populations are strongly affected by socio-cultural conditions.



Keywords: Young generations, distributive justice, policy legacies, economic inequality, political equality, citizenship.

Read more about: [book information](#)

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Newsletter Contribution

Lelkes, O. (2010) 'Combating Poverty in Eastern Europe: The Role of Tax-Benefit Models', Development and Transition (Published by the United Nations Development Programme and the London School of Economics and Political Science), 15: 10-12.

The Newsletter aims to be a forum for policy-oriented discussions and debates about how the nature, evolution and challenges of development and transition intersect in Central and Eastern Europe

Read more about: [Newsletter June](#)

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

TV

**Rentner-Paradies Österreich: Fressen Alte die Zukunft auf?
(Austria: Paradise for Pensioners. Do Older People Eat Up the Future?)**

Bernd Marin took part in the TV-discussion "Im Zentrum" (In Focus), 3rd October 2010, ORF 2.

More about: [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](#)

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



Personnel Matters

Vienna Night Run

We did it again! For the second time in 2010, a four-countries-team of the European Centre (Werner Bregar, René Czerny, Annette Hexelschneider, Giovanni Lamura, Andrea Schmidt, Pieter Vanhuyse) took part in a running contest – in fact in one of the largest in Vienna in 2010. 16,332 runners had fun and donated money for other people. Five Euro per runner went to LIGHT FOR THE WORLD, a European confederation of national development NGOs, committed to saving eyesight, improving the quality of life and advocating for the rights of persons with disabilities in the underprivileged regions of our world.

All EC runners completed the 5-kilometres-run around the Viennese inner city in a good time despite the drizzling rain and slippery conditions of the street. Congratulations to all participants, in particular to Andrea Schmidt who organised the EC participation and new team shirts.

Read more about: [Vienna Night Run](#), [LIGHT FOR THE WORLD](#)

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