



Dear Reader,

Our first two Policy Briefs raised much interest. At the moment we are preparing three new Policy Briefs that will be published in October and November. Topics range from a Multi-City Study on Quantities and Financing of Illicit Drug Consumption to joint custody for children of divorced parents. The pensions series will be continued by a Policy Brief on transition from work to retirement in EU25.

Sincerely yours,

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Projects

Health Promotion and Prevention for Sexual and Reproductive Health: Developing Strategies to Promote the Participation of Young Men

The EC started a project to enhance the understanding of adolescent boys' needs in the area of sexual reproductive health. It aims to develop guidelines for the development and implementation of non school-based projects to facilitate adolescent boys' access to health prevention and promotion services and increase their knowledge.

Project Team EC: Gabriele Schmied, Christine Reidl

Read more about the [Project](#).

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I-CUE: Improving the Capacity and Usability of EUROMOD

I-CUE Feasibility Studies explore the feasibility of introducing EUROMOD in the New Member States, and include the key features of their national tax and benefit systems. You may find first country studies on the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, and Slovenia [here](#).

The next I-CUE Workshop takes place in Vienna, 19-20 October 2006. Participants are project collaborators from Estonia, Hungary, Poland and Slovenia, Euromod programmers from the University of Essex and European Centre Project Team members.

The aim is to start joint work with these specific countries in order to construct a tax-benefit micro-simulation model for each, and thus enlarge Euromod, which currently covers only EU15.

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Events

9 - 10 October 2006 – Council of Europe, Strasbourg: Meeting of Working Party “Parenting of Children at Risk of Social Exclusion” and the Committee of Experts on Children and Families (CS-EF)

In 2004, Renate Kränzl-Nagl joined the Working Party “Parenting of Children at Risk of Social Exclusion” that has been set up by the Council of Europe’s Committee of Experts on Children and Families. The main objective of the final Working Party meeting in October is to discuss the draft guidelines for providing support in parenting for families at risk of social exclusion. The meeting of the Committee of Experts on Children and Families (CS-EF) will focus on the discussion of the “Preliminary Draft Recommendations of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on Policy to Facilitate Positive Parenting in Contemporary Europe” prepared by the Directorate General III – Social Cohesion, Social Policy Department (based on documents prepared by the two Working Parties over the last two years).

Read more about: [Project](#)

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12 October – Vienna: Wiener Vorlesungen (Viennese Lectures)

The Viennese Lectures intend to sharpen our view on complexity, differentiation and contradictions in reality. Irmgard Eisenbach-Stangl will be one of the discussants in the lecture “Wien und Wein. Über die Lieblingsdroge der Wienerinnen und Wiener zwischen Produktkult und Zwielight” (Vienna and Wine. About the Favourite Drug of the Viennese People between Product Cult and Twilight).

Read more about: [Wiener Vorlesungen](#) (in German)

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

21 October 2006 – Bruck an der Mur: 2nd Styrian and 3rd Austrian Children and Youth Psychotherapy Conference

The conference has the topic “Lust auf Leben machen” (S. Freud, 1910) – Psychische Gesundheit und Schule?! (“Enjoy Life” – Mental Health and School). Irmgard Eisenbach-Stangl is going to give a presentation on “Rausch, Destruktivität und Des/Integration” (“Intoxication, Destruction and Segregation/Integration”).

Read more about: [Agenda](#)

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23 October – Vienna: Euromod User Group Meeting

Participants: micro-simulation experts from Austria, Belgium, England, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Ireland. The Group acts as a forum for discussing a strategy for EUROMOD’s development.

Read more about: [EUROMOD](#)

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24 October – Vienna: Panel Discussion “Betriebskindergärten – Luxus oder Notwendigkeit” (Company Child Care – Luxury or Necessity)

The event organised by the *Wiener Kinderfreunde* will discuss the topic with several stakeholders involved: family policy-makers, Industriellenvereinigung (Association of Austrian Industries), representatives of enterprises interested in company child care, etc.

Michael Fuchs of the EC will give an introducing presentation on the topic, partly based on his report on the demand for formal child care in Austria (in German): *Kinderbetreuungsplätze in Österreich. “Fehlen keine oder bis zu 650.000?”*

Read more about: [Agenda](#)

Read more about: [Book](#)

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25 October 2006 – London: Welfare Policy and Analysis Seminars at the London School of Economics

Asghar Zaidi will hold the October Seminar on “Pension Policy in EU25 and Its Likely Impact on Pension Benefits”.

Read more about: [Agenda](#)

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Publications

Study:

Benedek, Dóra, Lelkes, Orsolya (2006) “A magyarországi jövedelem újraelosztás és egy egykulcsos adóreform vizsgálata mikroszimulációs modellel.” (An examination of income redistribution in Hungary and flat-rate tax reform, using a micro-simulation model.), *Közgazdasági Szemle*, 53: 604-623.

The authors of the study analyse income redistribution in Hungary using a new analytic tool: the tax and benefit micro-simulation model. The elements of the present Hungarian tax and benefit system are numerous and they seem to promote diverging objectives. Tax concessions make up a sizeable sum, but they fail to reach the truly needy, benefiting instead mainly the middle-income strata. Social assistance and family support, on the other hand, go mainly to the poorest third of households and raise their disposable income to a great extent. The system shows high target efficiency in reaching families with children and the impact of the benefits rises according to the number of children.

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Journal Article:

Kränzl-Nagl, Renate/ Pelikan, Christa (2006) “Handhabung und Nutzung des Kind-RÄG 2001, insbesondere der Obsorge beider Eltern, aus Sicht verschiedener Berufsgruppen”, *Der Österreichische Amtsvormund*, Folge 191: 128 f.

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Book Contributions:

Beham Martina, Zartler Ulrike (2006) “Retraditionalisierung und ihre Folgen. Väter und Scheidungsrisiko.” (Re-Traditionalization and its Consequences. Fathers and the Risk of Divorce) Pp. 37-51 in: Werneck, Harald/ Beham, Martina/ Palz, Doris (Eds.) *Aktive Vaterschaft. Männer zwischen Familie und Beruf.* (Active Paternity. Men between Family and Work) Gießen: Psychosozial-Verlag.

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Hexelschneider, Annette/ Keindl, Klemens/ Lasek, Heinz (2006) “Erfahrungswissen weitergeben – Ein österreichisch-deutscher Dialog zu Wissensmanagement in KMU” (Transfer of Expert Knowledge – An Austrian-German Dialogue on Knowledge Management in SME) In: *Plattform Knowledge Management – Jahrbuch 2006/2007* (Plattform Knowledge Management – Yearbook 2006/2007) Vienna.

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Newspaper Articles:

[Marin, Bernd \(2006\) Various articles in Der Standard, Vienna, 2006](#)



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