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Learning from trends and experiences abroad, knowing about the basic features of health and welfare and personal social services in other countries, is of increasing importance for research and practice in social welfare at national, regional and local level throughout the European region.

These three reports offer information and reflection addressing both the specific community of experts in the field of elderly care as well as experts and researchers in the wider field of welfare policies.

The notion of *welfare mix* is a term used to describe the respective roles and responsibilities of the four main sectors in social welfare provision: the state, commercial providers, the voluntary non-profit and the informal sector. The area of care services for elderly people has been taken as a demonstration field, showing to what degree the contributions of each of these sectors are in full change – with respect to their concepts, and their quantitative role in elderly care, and with respect to the ways they reflect changing global concepts of social welfare in pluralist societies.

The three reports – results of an international research project carried out with teams from the respective countries – inform the reader about the diversity of national heritages as well as about recent trends in the respective national systems and their mixed economy of service provision for elderly people. All reports basically deal with the following questions:

- What are the main characteristics of the situation of elderly people, especially of those in need of health and social care services?
- What are the main features of the traditional system for provision and planning of these care services?
- What are the major reform concepts to be presently found in this field?
- What are the main trends concerning the future role of the different areas of the welfare system: central and local state agencies; the commercial sector; the voluntary or non-profit sector; the informal sector?

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