Dear Reader,

We welcome Giovanni Lamura at the European Centre. He has been seconded from the Italian National Research Centre on Ageing (INRCA). Please read more about his expertise on migrant work in the long-term care sector — among other topics — on page 9 of this newsletter.

Sincerely yours,

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Projects

New Consultancy: Analysis of the Regional Situation Eight Years after the Implementation of MIPAA

The overall objective of the consultancy is to gather information on the status/availability of national data, research, policies and institutional arrangements implemented on ageing in the UNECE region since 2002, to review the progress and identify gaps, and to provide recommendations for the way forward in order to build a solid knowledge base to facilitate the formulation, implementation and monitoring of appropriate policies and programmes to address the challenges of population ageing.

Read more about: project
For further information please contact: Asghar Zaidi

Analyse und Vergleich der Wohlfahrtssysteme ausgewählter europäischer Großstädte unter besonderer Berücksichtigung der aktuellen sozialen und ökonomischen Herausforderungen (Analysis and Comparison of the Welfare Systems of Selected Metropolises)

The “Six Metropolises” study financed by the City of Vienna was finalised and submitted in July. The study compares the policy environment, policy efforts and policy performance in terms of social and health policy and quality of living for six European metropolises: Vienna, Hamburg, Brussels, Stockholm, Prague and Lisbon. Both the current status and the ability to react to changes and challenges in the future were investigated.
On August 11th, Bernd Marin, Michael Fuchs and Pieter Vanhuysse presented the European Centre’s “Six Metropolises” study at a well-attended press conference at the Vienna City Hall, hosted by the Viennese Councillor Sonja Wehsely. The press conference was subsequently covered by Wien Heute TV and Ö1 radio, as well as by a wide range of daily and weekly newspapers, including Profil, Wiener Zeitung, Salzburger Nachrichten, Die Presse, Der Kurier, and Der Standard.

From left to right: Michael Fuchs / European Centre, Bernd Marin / European Centre, Sonja Wehsely / City of Vienna (Municipal Councillor for Health and Social Services), Pieter Vanhuysse / European Centre

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Swiss Rescaling Project Publications

The aim of the project “Rescaling of Social Welfare Policies – A Comparative Study on the Path towards Multi-level Governance in Europe” was to improve the information and knowledge base for assessing intended and unintended consequences of policies concerning multi-level governance (centralization/decentralization) in social welfare domains such as social assistance and local policies against poverty, employment policies, care for the elderly, and inclusion policies for migrants.

The Swiss team has published the following project-related publications:


Read more about: [project](#)
For further information please contact: [Beat Baumann](#)

Events

Upcoming Events

30 September, Luxembourg (Luxembourg):
High-level Workshop on “Poverty Measurement”

The Institute for Advanced Behavioural Studies, in cooperation with Gallup Europe, will contribute to the current discussion on how the relevance and timeliness of poverty and social exclusion indicators can be improved.

As panellists, Asghar Zaidi will discuss “Moving beyond static ‘at-risk-of-poverty’ indicators” and Orsolya Lelkes will discuss “New perspectives on the relevance (and timeliness) of poverty indicators”.

Read more about: [event](#)
For further information please contact: [Asghar Zaidi, Orsolya Lelkes](#)
Past Events

22-24 September, Belgrade (Serbia): Second Multi-city Study on Quantities and Financing of Illicit Drug Consumption (QUAF 2) – Third Working Meeting

The meeting focussed, among other project-related topics, on interviews held with socially integrated drug users in Belgrade, Bucharest, Moscow and Helsinki and with marginalized drug users in Copenhagen and Stockholm.

Read more about: [project](http://www.euro.centre.org/)  
For further information please contact: [Irmgard Eisenbach-Stangl](http://www.euro.centre.org/)

22-23 September, Essex (UK): EUROMOD Project Meeting  
23-24 September, Essex (UK): Microsimulation Workshop at Essex University

The Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) at the University of Essex organised the 1st Essex Microsimulation Workshop.

EUROMOD is a multi-country European-wide tax-benefit microsimulation model that provides measures of direct taxes, social contributions, cash benefits as well as market incomes in a comparable way across countries. EUROMOD is currently subject to a major updating process (EUROMODupdate project financed by the European Union – DG-EMPL) with the aim of including all EU-27 countries in EUROMOD by 2012 and using the EU-SILC data as the common input micro database.

The papers presented provided an opportunity to encourage a fruitful discussion between users of EUROMOD and national microsimulation models, showing applications of models relevant in the academic domain and with important policy implications. A final panel session was devoted to Europe 2020, the new European strategy for “smart, sustainable and inclusive growth”, addressing potential steps towards a new research agenda for the coming years, which will exploit the potential of EUROMOD as a European-wide microsimulation model.

Read more about: [EUROMOD work at the European Centre](http://www.euro.centre.org/), [workshop details](http://www.euro.centre.org/)  
For further information please contact: [Orsolya Lelkes, Michael Fuchs](http://www.euro.centre.org/)

19-22 September, Berlin (Germany): 4th INTERLINKS Project Meeting

The meeting mainly focussed on the practice examples provided by all participants based on the general template to describe and analyse LTC in the framework of the INTERLINKS model. The template was further amended and the validation process with National Expert Panels and Sounding Board Members was designed. Furthermore, the construction of the INTERLINKS website was carried on. This website
will go public by February 2011 – in the meantime, you may download interim results and European Overview Papers from the project website.

Read more about: project
For further information please contact: Kai Leichsenring

16 September, Vienna (Austria): EU-SILC Workshop

Both Orsolya Lelkes and Katrin Gasior presented papers at a EU-SILC workshop organized by Statistics Austria. Orsolya Lelkes spoke about “Social exclusion of migrants in the European Union”, while Katrin Gasior presented a joint paper with Asghar Zaidi on “Older persons at risk of poverty in the European Union”.

From left to right: Katrin Gasior / European Centre, Orsolya Lelkes / European Centre, Andrea Laimer / University of Vienna, Anneliese Oismüller / University of Vienna, Ursula Till-Tentschert / Statistik Austria

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Read more about: presentations (in German)
For further information please contact: Orsolya Lelkes, Asghar Zaidi, Katrin Gasior

http://www.euro.centre.org/
14 September, Brussels (Belgium):
Economic Growth for Better Quality of Life in Europe

Orsolya Leikes has participated as an invited speaker to the conference “Economic Growth for Better Quality of Life in Europe”. The event was organized by Eurofound, together with the European Commission’s DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities and the European Policy Centre.

A sustainable high-level quality of life and well-being for all members of society is the ultimate goal of public policy. However, attention is currently focused on fostering economic growth and the creation of more jobs. As Europe emerges from a deep recession, this must be a priority, and this is indeed reflected in the Europe 2020 strategy.

But will this be enough to achieve a better quality of life and more well-being in the longer run? This conference sought to develop a better understanding of the measures that can improve the quality of life for Europe’s population. The event addressed policy-makers and decision-makers of EU institutions as well as representatives of governments, NGOs, trade unions, and employers of the Member States.

Read more about: presentations
For further information please contact: Orsolya Leikes

10-11 September, London (UK): Kick-off Meeting of the Project “Evaluating Care across Borders (ECAB)"

The project “Evaluating Care across Borders” (2010-2013) aims to identify and analyse arrangements of cooperation between actors located in different EU countries; in particular those that concern the transfer of patients, providers, products, services, funding or knowledge across the borders that separate them.

The kick-off meeting of the project served, on the one hand, to find a common understanding of cross-border care collaboration and to identify the case studies to be investigated in-depth during the project. On the other hand, it intended to decide on the focus of the different partners in their respective areas of expertise. The European Centre is, hence, taking a major role in research on quality reporting in long-term care as well as in the field of cross-border care in dentistry.

Building on existing studies about cross-border care collaborations, the ECAB project aims to gain insight into the actual success and failure factors of care collaborations, for example on hospitals in border areas, on telemedicine, in the field of medical records, on pharmaceutical products, and on quality standards.

The project is coordinated by the London School of Economics and brings together a team of high-level experts with very extensive experience in the area of European health policy. The 13-partner project consortium combines geographical and disciplinary diversity with academic rigour and policy relevance.
This project is co-funded by the EU through the FP7 Cooperation Work Programme: Health (contract number 242058; contract acronym EUCBCC) 2010-2013 EUCBCC consortium.

Read more about: [EC project website](http://www.euro.centre.org/), [international project website](http://www.euro.centre.org/)

For further information please contact: Catharina Hjortsberg, Andrea Schmidt

**8-11 September, London (UK): International Conference on “Evidence-Based Policy in Long-term Care”**

Giovanni Lamura, Ricardo Rodrigues, Frédérique Hoffmann and Andrea Schmidt participated in the International Conference on Evidence-Based Policy in Long-term Care (LTC), which aimed to provide a forum for exchanging the latest international evidence on key long-term care policy topics such as how to organise, deliver, fund and regulate services.

- “Migrant care workers” was the title of the workshop session chaired by Giovanni Lamura, who presented case examples from Italy.
- Frédérique Hoffmann presented during the workshop session “Informal care” on policies to support informal carers in reconciling caring tasks with work, co-authored by Andrea Schmidt.
- Ricardo Rodrigues presented during the workshop session “Consumer-oriented programmes: European experience”, comparing user choices in long-term care in Austria and Sweden.
- Andrea Schmidt’s presentation in the session on “Funding LTC: public policies” was based on the Policy Brief “Paying for Long-term Care” published in September 2010 together with Ricardo Rodrigues.

Other main topics covered by the conference included, for example, patterns of service use; performance and quality indicators; LTC reforms; interaction between social care, regulation, institutional dynamics and politics; and new technologies in long-term care.

Read more about: [agenda](http://www.euro.centre.org/)

For further information please contact: Giovanni Lamura, Frédérique Hoffmann, Ricardo Rodrigues, Andrea Schmidt

**6-8 September, Liège (Belgium): Ensuring Adequate Pensions and Social Benefits for All European Citizens**

The Belgian EU Presidency Conference (6-8 September, Liège) contributed to the debate on the adequacy of pensions and social benefits across European countries. It brought together many of the key actors with some prominent scholars and stakeholders. Asghar Zaidi gave a presentation on “Sustainability and adequacy of pensions in EU countries: A cross-national perspective”. His presentation made the case that the financial sustainability challenges that EU countries face are well documented, but the impact of policy
reforms on the structure of future pension systems and on incomes of future retirees is less clearly delineated.

Read more about: event website, presentation by Asghar Zaidi
For further information please contact: Asghar Zaidi

Presentation on-line: Are we all Confucianists? Similarities and differences between European and East-Asian policies for care of the frail older people

The presentation by Bernhard H. Casey at our International Seminar in July is on-line.

Publications

Review of EC Book


Review in the Citizen’s Income Newsletter (2010) Issue 2

Read more about: review, book details including sample chapter
For further information please contact: Orsolya Lelkes


Review in socialnet Rezensionen by Martina Hasseler

Read more about: review, book details including sample chapter
For further information please contact: Frédérique Hoffmann

Newspaper Articles


For further information please contact: Bernd Marin
Personnel Matters

Giovanni Lamura

Giovanni Lamura graduated in Economics at Ancona University (Italy) and obtained his PhD degree in “Life course and social policy” at the University of Bremen (Germany).

Since 1994 he has been working at the Department of Gerontological Research of the Italian National Research Centre on Ageing (INRCA), where he has gained experience in international research projects in the following fields:

- family care of the elderly;
- reconciliation of professional and caring responsibilities;
- migrant care workers;
- quality of life and well-being in older age;
- prevention of elder abuse and neglect;
- long-term care; older workers.

From July 2006 to September 2007, he was for a year visiting researcher at the University of Hamburg-Eppendorf, Institute of Medical Sociology, Hamburg (Germany). There, he worked on data collected in the context of the EUROFAMCARE project on “Supporting services for family carers of older people in Europe”.

Currently he is involved in the following cross-national research projects:

- “ABUEL: a multinational prevalence study on elder abuse”;
- “ASPA” (Activating Senior Potential in an Ageing Europe);
- “Care@work” (on the reconciliation of employment and elder care, funded by the Volkswagen Foundation);
- “EURHOMAP” (aimed at mapping home care services in Europe);
- and “Futurage” (a coordinated action aimed at outlining a “road-map” for future research on ageing in Europe).

He has been seconded to the European Centre from 1 September 2010 to 31 August 2011 to work, among other things, on the issue of migrant work in the long-term care sector.

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