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Expertise, Monitoring, and Evaluation

Mainstreaming Ageing. Indicators to Monitor Implementation (MA:IMI) Monitoring the Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS) for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA)

(in cooperation with the UN Economic Commission for Europe / UN-ECE)
2004 – 2008 (Follow-up and Monitoring)

■ *Task Force Meeting* **Monitoring RIS**

(hosted by INIA,
under the auspices of the Austrian Federal Ministry of
Social Security, Generations and Consumer Protection)
18-19 May 2005, Malta

■ *Joint UN-ECE / INIA Workshop* **Care Provision in Ageing Societies: What Are the Policy Challenges and How to Address Them?**

(in cooperation with the European Centre and IMSERSO)
19-21 May 2005, Malta

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CREATING A EUROPEAN SOCIAL SPACE**

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International Expertises, Workshops, Expert Meetings
Peer Review in the Field of Social Inclusion Policies

(funded by the European Commission, DG Employment,
Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities)
2004 – 2005

International Expertises, Workshops, Expert Meetings, Assessments
Peer Review and Assessment in Social Inclusion

(funded by the European Commission, DG Employment,
Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities)
2006 – 2007

International Expertises, Consultancy, Dissemination
Improving the Information and Communication on Social Inclusion

(funded by the European Commission, DG Employment,
Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities)
2006 – 2007

International Research Project
**Rescaling of Social Welfare Policies – A Comparative Study
on the Path towards Multi-level Governance in Europe**

2005 – 2007

■ *Kick-off Meeting*
7-9 July 2005, Tulbingerkogel, Austria

Consultancy
European Network on Indicators of Social Quality (ENIQ)

2001 – 2005

National Research Project (with an international scope)
Arbeitszeitregelungen in den EU-Mitgliedsstaaten

(Working Time Regulations in EU Member States)
(funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Labour and Economic Affairs)
2004 – 2005

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International Comparative Research and Network

Gleiche Chancen im Betrieb – Betrieb ohne Rassismus, Phase II
Equal Chances in the Company – Companies without Racism, Phase II
(<http://www.gleiche-chancen.at>)

(funded by the European Social Fund [ESF] and the
Austrian Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Labour [BMWA])
2002 – 2005

■ *Conference*

Equal Chances: Actions and Instruments to Prevent Racial Discrimination in the Workplace
20-21 January 2005, Chamber of Labour and Chamber of Commerce, Vienna, Austria

International Comparative Research and Network

**Toward a Politics of “Differentiated Equality”: Theoretical Reflections
on the Anti-Discrimination Policy of the European Union**
(<http://www.node-research.at>)

(Auf dem Weg zu einer Politik der “differenzierten Gleichheit”:
Theoretische Reflexionen über die Anti-Diskriminierungspolitik der Europäischen Union)
(funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture)
(in cooperation with the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology
and the Department of Philosophy of the University of Vienna)
2003 – 2005

International Research Project

**The Acquisition of Nationality in EU Member States:
Rules, Practices and Quantitative Developments (NATAC)**

(funded by the European Commission, DG Research, 6th Framework Programme)
(in cooperation with the Austrian Academy of Sciences,
Institute for European Integration Research / EIF, and partners in 14 other EU countries)
2004 – 2005

National Research Project

Muttersprachlicher Unterricht für Kinder von Einwanderern in Österreich

(Native Language Education for Children of Immigrants in Austria)
(funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture)
2000 – 2005

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International Research Project

Improving the Sexual and Reproductive Health of Persons Living with HIV in Europe (EUROSUPPORT V)

(funded by the European Commission, DG Health and Consumer Protection)
(coordinated by the Institute of Tropical Medicine, Belgium)
(Austrian Partner)
2005 – 2008

International Research Project

HIV/AIDS/STD – Prevention, Diagnostics and Therapy across Old and New EU Borders (BORDERNET)

(funded by the European Commission, DG Health and Consumer Protection)
(coordinated by SPI Research, Germany)
(Austrian Partner)
2004 – 2007

International Research Project

Female Drug Users in European Prisons – Follow-up Based Guidelines for Relapse Prevention

(funded by the European Commission, AGIS Programme)
(Austrian Partner)
2005 – 2006

Alcohol and Drugs

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National Research Project

Die Wiener Drogenpolitik im Urteil ihrer Adressaten und Akteure

(Viennese Drug Policy seen by its Addressees and Actors)
(funded by the Fonds Soziales Wien)
(in cooperation with the Institute for Sociology of Law and Criminal Sociology
and with the Ludwig Boltzmann-Institute for Addiction Research, Vienna)
2003 – 2005

National Research Project

AsylwerberInnen und Drogenkriminalität

(Asylumseekers and Drug Delinquency)

(funded by the Fonds Soziales Wien)

(in cooperation with the Institute for Sociology of Law and Criminal Sociology, Vienna)

2004 – 2005

International Research Project

Multi-city Study on Quantities and Financing Behaviour of Illicit Drug Consumption

(funded by and in cooperation with the United Nations

Office for Drugs and Crime / UNODC)

2005 – 2007

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National Research Project

Qualitative Erforschung jugendlicher Alkoholszenen zur Entwicklung effektiver Präventionsinstrumente

(Qualitative Research on Juvenile Alcohol Scenes to Develop Effective Preventive Instruments)

(applied for funding by the Austrian Health Fund)

2005 – 2007

**Health Determinants /
Health Promotion /
Health Monitoring**

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National Research Project

**Gesundheitsförderung und Prävention im Bereich sexueller und reproduktiver Gesundheit:
Entwicklung von Strategien zur Förderung der Teilnahme männlicher Jugendlicher**

(Health Promotion and Prevention in the Area of Sexual and Reproductive Health:

Developing Strategies to Enhance Adolescent Boys' Participation)

(funded by Fonds Gesundes Österreich)

2006 – 2008

National Evaluation Project

Prozessevaluation des Pilotprojektes "Plan 60" – Gesundheitsförderung älterer Menschen

(Process Evaluation of the Pilot Project "Plan 60" – Health Promotion Strategies for Elderly People)

(funded by the Research Institute of the Vienna Red Cross)

2003 – 2005

Expert Working Group

Implementation of the Austrian Strategy for Sustainable Development

(Implementierung der österreichischen Strategie für nachhaltige Entwicklung)

2004 – 2005

AGEING, CARE POLICIES, AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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Wissenschaftliche Begleitung zur Einführung einer Pflegeversicherung in Südtirol

(Introduction of Care Insurance in South Tyrol / Alto Adige)
(funded by the Province of Bozen / Bolzano)
2000 – 2006

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International Research Project

**PROCARE – Providing Integrated Health and Social Care
for Older Persons: Issues, Problems and Solutions**

(funded by the European Commission, DG Research)
2002 – 2005

Evaluation Project

**SENSI TEC. Verbesserung der Rahmenbedingungen für die Integration von Menschen
mit Behinderungen durch Sensibilisierung und Nutzung der Informationstechnologie**

(Improving the Framework for the Integration of People
with a Disability through IT and Awareness Raising)
(funded by the European Social Fund – Community Initiative EQUAL)
2002 – 2005

International Research Project

Health and Social Care Services for People with Disabilities: Indicators of Quality Standards (Phase II)

(funded by the European Commission, DG Employment and Social Affairs)
(coordinated by PRISMA, Greece)
2003 – 2005

International Research Project

Assessing Voluntary Experiences in a Professional Perspective

(funded by the European Commission,
Leonardo da Vinci Programme, DG Education and Training)
2004 – 2006

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International Research Network and Working Group Meetings **Children's Welfare**

(funded by the European Commission, COST Action A19)
2001 – 2005

International Networking and Consultancy

ChildONEurope.

European Network of Observatories, Centres and Places of Observation of Children

(coordinated by the Istituto degli Innocenti, Florence)
2002 –

Pilot Study

Jugendliche SchulabbrecherInnen in Österreich

(Early School-leavers in Austria)

(funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture)

2004

International Networking and Consultancy

Parenting of Children at Risk of Social Exclusion

(coordinated by the Council of Europe)
2005 – 2006

National Research Project

Evaluation des Kindschaftsrechtsänderungsgesetzes 2001, insbesondere der Obsorge beider Eltern

(Evaluation of the Children's Rights Amendment Act 2001, in particular of joint custody after divorce)

(funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Justice)

2005 – 2006

National Research Project

PISA & Patchwork-Kindheit. Zeit für Kinder und Schulerfolg

(PISA & Patchwork-Childhood. Parents' Time Use and Children's School Achievement)

(funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Social Security, Generations and Consumer Protection)

2005 – 2006

National Research Project

Zählen Kinder? Zeitverwendung von Eltern mit Schulkindern

(Do Children Count? Time Use of Parents with School-aged Children)

(funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Social Security, Generations and Consumer Protection)

2005 – 2006

National Research Project

Kinderbetreuungsplätze: “Zwischen 10.000 und 100.000”

(Demand for Formal Child Care in Austria: “Between 10.000 and 100.000 Places”)

(funded by the Federation of the Austrian Industry)

2005

Incomes, Poverty, and Social Policy Modelling

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International Research Project
European Observatory on the Social Situation

(funded by the European Commission,
DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities)
2005 – 2006

International Research Project
Poverty of Elderly People

(funded by the European Commission,
DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities)
2005 – 2006

International Research Project and Network
I-CUE: Improving the Capacity and Usability of EUROMOD

(funded by the European Commission, DG Research, 6th Framework Programme)
2005 – 2008

International Research Project
AIM-AP: Accurate Income Measurement for the Assessment of Public Policies

(funded by the European Commission, DG Research, 6th Framework Programme)
2005 – 2008

National Research Project
AUSTROMOD/EUROMOD: Eine Anwendung des Steuer- und Transfer-Mikrosimulationsmodells EUROMOD auf Österreich. Verteilungswirkungen von Änderungen im Steuer/Transfer-System in Österreich 1998 bis 2005

(AUSTROMOD/EUROMOD:
An Adaptation of the Tax/Benefit Microsimulation Model EUROMOD to Austria. Distributional Effects of Implemented and Hypothetical Tax-Benefit-Policy Changes in Austria 1998-2005)
(funded by the Austrian National Bank [ÖNB])
2005 – 2006

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Review and Outlook

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Programme Overview 2005 / 2006: Review and Outlook**MA:IMI - Mainstreaming Ageing: Indicators to Monitor Implementation**

This specific Programme exists since 2004. It has been derived from the Programme Area Dialogues in Social Theory and Policy-Making / Creating a European Social Space. Indeed, since 2002, the focus of this Programme Area has been shifted from the core topic of the Regional Follow-Up to the UN-World Summit for Social Development (WSSD), namely “Innovative Employment Initiatives”, to that of the Second World Assembly on Ageing (Madrid) and the Ministerial Conference on Ageing (Berlin). Thus, issues of ageing, in particular Transforming Welfare in Ageing Societies have become the key concern for the years to come.

Most important on an international level of UN-related activities was the work towards the global Second World Assembly on Ageing (WAA-2) in Madrid (April 2002), the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) as well as the regional implementation strategy (RIS) and the regional Ministerial Conference on Ageing (MiCA) in Berlin (September 2002). The Executive Director served as the Rapporteur to the Expert Seminar on “Economic Security and Sustainable Growth in an Ageing World”, in Burgos, Spain; the European Centre assisted UN-ECE in the Secretariat Drafting Group, participated in the Open-Ended Working Group, and – at the Ministerial Conference in Berlin – finally also chaired a high-level decision-maker panel on “Exchange of Best Practices – Sharing Experiences” with the UK Minister of State Pensions, the Albanian Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, the Former Director and Special Advisor of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and the Director of the UN Division of Social Policy and Development (DESA), Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

In the future implementation and monitoring process after MiCA, UN-ECE leads the requested promotion of the follow-up of the RIS through regional cooperation. There is consensus that the systematic review of implementation of the MIPAA by the Member States is essential for its success. The United Nations Regional Commissions have responsibility for translating MIPAA into regional action such as RIS. The UN-ECE secretariat will provide government delegations with information on relevant implementation activities within the region; it could suggest to Member States specific priority issues to be analysed in depth and, when appropriate, guidelines for reporting requirements in the follow-up process and it will assist Member States upon request with implementing the RIS and in their evaluation of the achievements of the RIS at the national level, “supported by the experts of the intergovernmental organisations ... relevant in the field of ageing” (RIS, Par. 99). “This process should rely basically on work carried out by all relevant institutions, particularly those in the area of statistics, indicators, training and research” (Par. 102), such as, for instance, the European Centre. Consequently, collaboration between the European Centre and the UNECE, whose main goal is to “scientifically and technically assist governments in the monitoring of the RIS”, was laid down in the so-called “Memorandum of Understanding”. The Memorandum of Understanding specifies the role of the European Centre and its specialized Programme. The first priority is to promote an exchange of experiences in the field of ageing-related

policies. Second, to carry out and foster data collection, research and analysis, including in collaboration with other organizations (in particular UN agencies, ISSA, the European Community, OECD), national authorities, other concerned bodies and individuals. Third, to maintain in this context a network of organizations, national authorities, and other concerned bodies and individuals, active in the field of ageing.

This series of activities illustrates the continuing importance of the Centre's UN-affiliation: the work towards Madrid and Berlin (2002) sets itself in the long-standing tradition starting with the Second Conference of European Ministers Responsible for Social Affairs in Warsaw (1987), the Inter-Governmental Consultation in Vienna (1987), the Third Conference of UN-European Ministers Responsible for Social Affairs in Bratislava (1993), for which the European Centre wrote the scientific background report on "Welfare in a Civil Society", which also served as an UN-European contribution to the World Summit on Social Development / WSSD in Copenhagen (1995), and the regional follow-up to the WSSD in Vienna (1998) on "Innovative Employment Initiatives". Madrid and Berlin 2002 continued this cycle of more active and intensive UN-commitments over a 15-year period, during more than the second half of the European Centre's existence.

As mentioned in the Memorandum of Understanding, the European Centre also has to offer support to the follow-up work by developing and monitoring a set of agreed-upon "indicators of achievement". In this regard, a first follow-up Technical Workshop was held in Madrid, 14-16 April, 2004, at the invitation of IMSERSO. It aimed at the discussion of meaningful and feasible indicators, focusing on three broad ageing-related areas: income and well-being of the elderly, social security and financial sustainability, and labour market issues. Based on this Workshop's outcome, a set of indicators will then be proposed to policy-makers, in order to allow them to systematically monitor the implementation of active and sustainable ageing policies while mainstreaming ageing in all policy areas. A second Technical Workshop was held in Malta, 19-21 May 2005, on care provision issues. Related indicators will also be proposed. Further technical workshops on different ageing-related issues (e.g. Disability, Employability) will be organized.

Besides the specific mandate given to the European Centre, the Memorandum of Understanding also agreed that the Austrian Government and the UN-ECE would establish a Task Force, whose function is "to offer guidance and advise to the contents and priorities of the follow-up". This Task Force was constituted in Madrid in April 2004, during the days preceding the Technical Workshop. The second Task Force Meeting was held in Vienna, 8-9 November, 2004. Madrid's outcomes, further priority issues and worldwide experiences in monitoring the RIS were discussed. During the third Task Force Meeting, in Malta (18-19 May 2005), the European Centre introduced the "Monitoring RIS Website", to be launched in November 2005.

The Monitoring RIS Website, dedicated to the knowledge and information about the Follow-up process to the RIS, will support and facilitate all the tasks attributed to the European Centre in this project.

I. Dialogues in Social Policy-Making / Creating a European Social Space

The project “Peer Reviews in the Field of Social Inclusion Policies” started at the end of 2004. The project, which is funded by the European Commission’s DG Employment and Social Affairs, has the goal to demonstrate actions and results of good practices carried out by European Union Member States in the context of the National Action Plans on Social Inclusion (NAP/Incl.) and to discuss possibilities for adaptability of these projects to other countries and contexts. Each year, eight peer reviews will be organized, in which civil servants and experts from the host country and from up to seven peer countries as well as representatives from relevant European and national stakeholders participate. The European Centre is one of the managing organizations, in partnership with INBAS and the Netherlands Institute for Care and Welfare, and organizes the inputs from different experts. The peer review programme has a high level of visibility, due to its web site (www.peer-review-social-inclusion.net), which contains all papers that are being produced in the project, and to the regularly published Newsletter, which is being produced in three languages. Furthermore many interested organizations have created a link to the project’s web site. The project will run until the end of 2005. A follow-up project, which also will include the independent assessment of National Action Plans on Social Inclusion, is planned for 2006-2007.

In a workshop held in Vienna in July 2004, a draft project proposal entitled “Rescaling of Social Welfare Policies – A Comparative Study on the Path towards Multi-level Governance in Europe” was elaborated as a result of an initiative of Nordic NLOs regarding a new approach towards financing and developing comparative research projects at the European Centre. The aim of this project is 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 project is to describe different strategies and solutions in European countries that are facing similar challenges and could thus learn from each other.

In July 2005, the project was initiated at a kick-off meeting with participation of experts from Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Poland Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. Eight of these countries have already ensured their participation in the research. During the kick-off meeting a research plan was established and national research activities have started from September 2005 onwards.

Among current activities, a project on working time flexibility is carried out. The project provides an overview of working time regulations and practice in all 25 EU-countries and compares this situation regarding working time flexibility in Austria with the other Member States.

In 2005 the final report on the “European Network on Indicators of Social Quality” (ENIQ) was admitted. This programme was funded under the Fifth Framework Programme of DG V Research.

II. International Migration, Social Integration, and Diversity Management

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In 2005, the Migration Programme was involved in three research projects:

- The EQUAL project “Equal Chances in Companies” was finalized with a conference held in January 2005 in Vienna. The conference brought together both entrepreneurs and employees as well as representatives of social partners, interest organizations and policy-makers, companies that have been involved in the project and representatives of the identified European best practice models. All products and information on the conference are available for download at <http://www.gleiche-chancen.at/>
- The project “Toward a European Politics of ‘Differentiated Equality’: Reflections on the Anti-Discrimination Policy of the EU” (funded by the research programme “New Orientations for Democracy in Europe” of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture) was finalized in July 2005. The aim of the project was the theory-driven and critical analysis of the EU’s anti-discrimination policy in the fight against different forms of inequality. The analysis was carried out at three levels concerning: (1) the consistency of the legal and political framework of anti-discrimination measures in the EU, (2) the assessment of the anti-discrimination directives under Article 13 of the Amsterdam Treaty by NGOs/social groups discriminated against and (3) theoretical approaches and normative principles that inform the EU’s anti-discrimination policy. The final report of the project gives a detailed overview of the strengths and weaknesses of the EU directives and explores future policy options available to the Member States in the field of anti-discrimination and equality policies.
- The project “The Acquisition of Nationality in EU Member States: Rules, Practices and Quantitative Developments (NATAC)” is funded by the European Commission in its 6th Framework Programme and will be finalized in October 2005. The project provides a systematic comparison of rules regulating the acquisition and loss of nationality and the administrative practice in this field in the 15 pre-accession Member States. The innovative character of the project is further enhanced by the fact that it connects the analysis of rules and practices with a detailed analysis of statistical developments of various forms of acquisition and loss of nationality. Furthermore, the project team has drafted policy recommendations addressed to both Member State governments and the EU. The Programme Area “International Migration, Social Integration and Diversity Management” was not only responsible for collecting the information on Austria; together with the Austrian Academy of Sciences’ Institute for European Integration Research it also coordinated the scientific work of the project partners and correspondents in the 15 countries covered.

III. Health and Welfare

The focus of the Programme Area Health and Welfare continues to be on the related fields of Drug Policies and Practices and HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention. Areas of work include research on socio-economic determinants of health, health behaviour research, health monitoring, and health intervention research, such as the assessment and evaluation of health promotion programmes. Collaboration with the Programme Area Ageing, Care Policies and Social Services on projects related to ageing and health will be further strengthened in the future.

The following projects were carried out during the year 2005 or will be completed by the end of 2005:

- Funded by the Vienna Social Fund, a small project on “Asylum Seekers and Drug Delinquency” was carried out in collaboration with the Austrian Institute for Legal and Criminal Sociology. The study juxtaposes the public view, political comments, and media coverage on asylum seekers’ involvement in drug-related crimes and the actual drug-related complaints against asylum seekers in the past three years.
- In collaboration with the Programme Area “Ageing, Care Policies and Social Services” the Health and Welfare programme carries out the process evaluation of the pilot intervention project “Plan 60 – Health Promotion Strategies for Elderly People in Vienna”, which is implemented by the Vienna Red Cross.
- In the framework of the implementation of the Austrian Strategy for Sustainable Development the „Ökosoziales Forum Österreich“ is compiling a position paper and policy recommendations. The Programme Area Health and Welfare is responsible for the module “social inequalities and health”.

The following projects have started in 2005:

- A two-year project in co-operation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) entitled “Multi-city Study on Quantities and Financing of Illicit Drug Consumption” has gained the participation of six European countries.
- The Health and Welfare Programme participates as a partner in a one-year project on “Female Drug Users in European Prisons – Follow-up Based Guidelines for Relapse Prevention”. This project is coordinated by the Centre for Interdisciplinary Addiction Research of the Hamburg University (ZIS-Hamburg).

- The Health and Welfare Programme is the Austrian Partner in a three-year international research project titled “Improving The Sexual and Reproductive Health of Persons Living with HIV in Europe” (EUROSUPPORT V), which received funding from the European Commission, DG Health and Consumer Protection. The project is coordinated by the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, Belgium.
- Another three-year multi-country research project funded by the European Commission, DG Health and Consumer Protection is “HIV/AIDS/STD – Prevention, Diagnostic and Therapy across Old and New EC Borders (BORDERNET)”. The project is coordinated by SPI Research, Germany, and the European Centre is the Austrian partner.

In the year 2005 two studies in the field of alcohol and drugs were finished. Both studies were carried out in cooperation with the Institute for Sociology of Law and Criminal Sociology in Vienna, both focussed on the drug situation in Vienna and were co-funded by the Vienna Social Fund. One of the studies investigated the relationship of asylum seeking and drug crime, respectively drug trade, a topic increasingly discussed by the media during the last years. The second study investigated the development of Viennese Drug Policy since the beginnings of the 1970s against the background of the integration of Austria in the European Union and the formation of an European Drug Policy. The growing health and social policy orientation of local measures in the drug field were at the centre of the study, which was based on the analysis of written and statistical materials on the one hand, and on oral structured interviews with drug consumers and their parents, as well as with drug policy actors, on the other.

In 2005 two new projects were started in the field of alcohol and drugs. The first one, funded by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime is focussed on the assessment of the per capita consumption of the most widespread illegal drugs and of the respective financing behaviour. The study has a comparative design and will be carried out in six major European cities: in Vienna, Prague, Warsaw, Turin, Amsterdam and London. The first Working Meeting took place in September of this year. The second – planned – project focuses on youthful binge drinking – a topic increasingly to be observed in Austria as well as in other European countries during the last years. Excessively drinking youth in the capital of Vienna as well as in the surrounding rural state of Lower Austria will be studied by diverse qualitative methods (hidden and participant observation, focus groups and structured interviews) and on the basis of the results, preventive measures will be developed. The project will presumably be funded by the Austrian Health Fonds and it will be carried out in co-operation with the Universities of Applied Sciences in St. Pölten (Lower Austria) and Vienna, Study Programme Social Work. As with the above-mentioned study on Viennese drug policy, the project on youthful binge drinking attracts interests by researchers in other European countries and as the latter it therefore might evolve into an international comparison.

IV. Ageing, Care Policies, and Social Services

In 2005 the Programme Area “Ageing, Care Policies and Social Services” completed a number of projects on long-term care, disability, volunteering and ageing.

The 5th Framework Project “Providing Integrated Health and Social Care for Older Persons” (PROCARE) was completed during 2005 by preparing the final publication with transversal and cross-national results from in-depth studies of 18 models of good practice in the participating countries (A, D, DK, EL, F, FIN, I, NL, UK). The project got positive feedback from a number of relevant national and international organisations which also resulted in many invitations to seminars and conferences during 2004 and 2005.

Also, the long-lasting project on introducing long-term care insurance in the Autonomous Province of Bolzano-Alto Adige (Italy) is now in its fifth and final stage. The European Centre has once more been invited to continue its consultancy in 2005/2006 to finalize assessment tools, related forms and software as well as to assist in re-drafting the legislative framework.

Concerning research on people with disabilities, the evaluation of the EQUAL-project “SENSITEC” which consisted of several modules that aim to sensitize employers as well as the public towards offering equal employment opportunities for people with disabilities has been completed this year. The process evaluation consisting of workshops, checklists as well as interviews has been very well received by the project partners that carried out the modules and was seen as being very helpful towards successfully reaching the project aims within the single modules.

The research project “Health and Social Care Services for People with Disabilities” is now in its final phase. Quality assessment tools for service providers based on quality indicators were designed and are being tested. The development of service indicators is facilitating mutual learning between different services and should lead to the development of generic, non service-specific policies for service quality at national and EU policy level. The involvement of country-based and EU level reference groups consisting of practitioners and policy-makers and a European conference provided opportunities to discuss the project’s policy input, especially in relation to the National Action Plans on Social Inclusion.

In the area of Ageing, the MERI-project on mapping research on the situation of older women, in which the Programme Area Ageing, Care Policies and Social Services is the Austrian partner, was completed in 2004. The Programme Area prepared a report on the state of research and statistics on the situation of older women in Austria. An Austrian dissemination workshop was carried out in April 2005: The results of the project were presented to Austrian experts and policy-makers and ideas for further research in this area in Austria were exchanged.

2005 thus was a year of reorientation for the Care Programme as some long-term projects, such as PROCARE, SENSITEC, MERI and ROLBOP were completed and three of the five staff members of the Programme Area have left the European Centre in the course of the year. The programme area will now become part of the newly developing “Health and Care” unit.

V. Childhood and Youth

Ageing societies, new family structures and parental roles, the new precariousness of the welfare state and the growing influence of the market and the media are impacting on children’s life worlds, their everyday lives in families, schools, kindergartens and leisure areas. Social developments and trends (i.e. the process of individualisation and specialisation, the cultural liberalisation, economic, technical, scientific changes and many more) have undoubtedly changed private living conditions of parents and children. These are the new challenges to children’s material and social welfare and well-being, their access to space and use of time and the question of distribution of resources and rights between the generations which make the Programme Childhood and Youth so timely.

During the period under review, the Programme Childhood and Youth continued to focus on children’s rights (in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child), the transition from school to work, parents’ separation and its impact on children, other family- and school-related topics as well as on the interplay between family and school.

With respect to school-related issues, the study on early school-leavers in Austria has been completed by the end of 2004. Over the last year, we also concentrated on the dissemination of the results of the book publication on divorce and its impact on children, women and men (jointly published with Campus and available since November 2004) through book presentations, articles in journals etc.

In March 2005, a follow-up activity on the issue “parents’ separation” has started, namely the evaluation of the Austrian Children’s Rights Amendment Act. This research project which is funded by the Ministry of Justice focuses on the implementation of newly introduced legal regulations after divorce, in particular of the introduction of joint custody after parents’ separation. The empirical approach can be described as a mix of methods: a standardised questionnaire was sent out to judges, advocates, notaries, representatives of the youth welfare authorities, staff of counselling centers, court surveyors and mediators. With judges, oral interviews will be carried out and qualitatively evaluated in addition to the questionnaire. Finally, we asked the Austrian Children’s ombudspersons and women shelters for statements concerning the achievement of the objectives of the Children’s Rights Amendment Act 2001. This currently ongoing research project will be completed by the end of 2005.

In April 2005, an additional research project has started, respectively a study on “Parents’ Time Use and its Impact on Children’s School Achievement”. This study was requested by the Austrian Ministry of Social Security, Generations and Consumer Protection in light of the rather poor PISA results for Austria. In the public discussion of these results, growing interest has been expressed in the time use of parents with school-aged children. Fears exist that parents do not dedicate enough time to their children in general and specifically do not satisfyingly support or supervise their children in school matters. Against this background, the study aims to increase knowledge on the role of the family with regard to children’s school achievement. Besides a literature review, a randomised letter survey was submitted to 4,100 parents in April and May 2005. As of September 2005, 1,600 parents (rate of return: 38 %) responded to this nation-wide survey. The evaluation of these data is still going on and will be completed by the beginning of 2006. Furthermore, a second research project on this issue will start in autumn 2005, also funded by Austrian Ministry of Social Security, Generations and Consumer Protection. This study, entitled “Do Children Count? Time Use of Parents with School-aged Children” will contain a review of literature and research findings at the international level as well as secondary analyses of available data on this topic.

With respect to activities at the international level, we are pleased to report that Renate Kränzl-Nagl joined the Working Party “Parenting of Children at Risk of Social Exclusion” in spring 2005 (nominated on behalf of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Social Security, Generations and Consumer Protection). This Working Party was initiated by the Council of Europe and consists of experts in the field of family research and policies from Bulgaria, Estonia, France, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Russian Federation and Ukraine. The working party will look into parenting problems in conditions where children are at risk of social exclusion and how such problems affect the child-parent relationship and the child’s relations with the outside world, school in particular. A particular effort will be made to clarify the connections between the individual children’s needs, interests, rights and creating equal opportunities and a favourable environment for children’s personal development. Based on a compilation of research findings and models of good practice, the Working Party will go on to consider what short-, medium- and long-term measures should be recommended to Member States in various fields (social assistance and security, social services, health, etc.) for helping parents in their parenting functions with the aim of giving children a future outside poverty. The outcome of this project will serve as a basis for policy recommendations to be prepared for the 28th session of the Conference of European Ministers Responsible for Family Affairs in Portugal, May 2006.

As far as the international research network Cost A 19 “Children’s Welfare” is concerned, we are pleased to report that the two volumes of the publication *Children’s Welfare in Ageing Europe* are available since the end of 2004, presenting 13 country studies

representing a cross-section of European countries and Israel (the Austrian country study has been prepared in collaboration with our national partners). The dissemination of these findings and plans for possible collaboration in the future are on the agenda of the Cost A 19 network.

In addition, the Childhood and Youth Programme is still an active member of the European Network of National Observatories on Childhood, called ChildONEurope (on behalf of the European Centre's host country), which is coordinated by the Istituto degli Innocenti in Florence, Italy (for further information: www.childoneurope.org).

In July 2005, the Childhood and Youth Programme was invited to join the project "Policy Lab for Children" which has been prepared by the Istituto degli Innocenti in Florence (Italy) (under European Commission call VP-2005-009). This project aims at contributing to the overall political, technical and theoretical debate on the evaluation of the impact of social inclusion policies, meeting the new lines of the Lisbon Strategy, the Open Method of Coordination and the National Plans of Action. It is proposed to set up a laboratory for the evaluation of social inclusion policies for children. The proposal was submitted to the European Commission in August 2005. The decision is pending.

Finally, the participation in the international conference "Childhoods 2005. Children and Youth in Emerging and Transforming Societies" in Oslo, Norway (July 2005) where findings of the Council of Europe's project "Children, Democracy and Participation in Society" have been presented was another opportunity to foster the exchange of information and knowledge on childhood issues at the international level.

To summarize, three international activities and three activities requested by the European Centre's host country are currently ongoing (as of September 2005). Besides carrying out research projects and consultancies in the framework of institutional networks, providing information and knowledge in the fields of family, childhood and youth research and policies is part of the Programme's profile.

Staff development

Barbara Riepl, who joined the Childhood & Youth Programme in 1996, left the European Centre by the end of August 2005. As of September 2005, the current research team consists of Renate Kränzl-Nagl (full-time) and Ulrike Zartler (part-time), supported by Yitzhak Berman (on contractual basis) and Solomon Eaglstein (seconded by the Israeli Ministry of Social Affairs).

VI. Incomes, Poverty and Social Policy Modelling

The programme's domain aim is to analyse trends and determinants in income developments, inequality, poverty and social exclusion and to evaluate and formulate social policy strategies, in an internationally comparative perspective. One particular focus is on developing, maintaining and applying state-of-the-art models in order to be able to provide ex ante analyses of likely quantitative effects of policy reforms.

To that aim, the "Incomes, Poverty and Social Policy Modelling" Programme Area since its creation in 2002 has been involved in a number of European and international research projects, both as a national representative to international research networks and as a partner in international research consortia. For a number of projects, the Programme Area also has taken exclusive responsibility.

The programme's research expertise and its products build on two interacting pillars:

- 1) comparative empirical analyses of (a) poverty and social inclusion; (b) social and labour market policies;
- 2) policy assessment: design, development and application of tax/benefit microsimulation models.

These fields of expertise constitute the instruments for successfully completed and ongoing studies, reports and research projects.

1 a) Poverty reporting and social inclusion analysis

Since early 2005 the Programme Area is one of the three partners in the Social Inclusion Network of the European Observatory on the Social Situation managed by the European Commission. The general task of the network is to monitor and report on trends in income distribution and social inclusion – i.e. the overall inclusiveness of European society, which incorporates the situation in terms of income and wealth, the impact of tax/benefit systems, the access to services, questions related to poverty and population groups facing a higher risk of exclusion. The Programme Area in particular is undertaking the lead role in monitoring developments and trends in social inclusion and income distribution in the 25 Member States, and in conveying new research results in the area of social inclusion and income distribution.

By the end of 2005 or the beginning of 2006 the Programme Area will also be involved in two further projects funded by the European Commission: Within the project "Poverty of Elderly People", in-depth understanding of the factors underlying poverty of elderly people across the 25 EU Member States and policies pursued so as to reduce the risk of poverty amongst the elderly, will be provided.

The three-year project “Accurate Income Measurement for the Assessment of Public Policies” (AIM-AP) aims to improve the comparability, scope and applicability of tools, methods and data for the measurement of income and the analysis of the effects of policies on inequality, poverty and social inclusion. In particular, the Programme Area will be involved in the following subprojects:

- (a) The distributional effects of non-cash incomes and the implementation of a more comprehensive income definition.
- (b) The implications of (and methods to account for) errors in targeting social benefits, tax evasion, and measurement errors in income data.

AIM-AP is designed to improve the degree of comparability of measurement and analysis across countries. Each project will develop methodologies within a cross-national perspective and demonstrate their applicability to a wide range of research questions in diverse scientific fields. The resulting data and method enhancements will be made generally accessible and re-usable by implementing them within the EU tax-benefit model EUROMOD, an existing research infrastructure used for policy analysis and evaluation.

1 b) Analysis of social and labour market policies

The Programme Area is involved in a number of national and international social and labour market policy studies, in co-operation with other Programme Areas, or on its own responsibility.

During 2004 and 2005, the Programme Area actively participated in the preparatory and ongoing work of the programme UNECE MA-IMI (Mainstreaming Ageing). The area developed a framework for selecting main indicators on sustainable ageing in the fields of “material well-being”, “labour market participation” and “financial sustainability”.

Furthermore the Programme Area contributed to the conference “Women’s Work and Pensions: What Is Good, What Is Best” held in Graz, Austria, in June 2005.

The Programme Area is also carrying out a project on the demand for child care facilities in Austria with a view on increasing the labour market participation of women and enabling the reconciliation of work and family life.

2) Policy assessment: design, development and application of tax/benefit microsimulation models

Since 2000, the Programme Area participates in a major European project which has been completed in 2002: EUROMOD, a European tax-benefit model. This network, coordinated by the University of Cambridge, includes 18 institutions from the 15 “old”

EU Member countries. EUROMOD is a microsimulation model which provides estimates of the distributional impact of changes in personal tax and transfer policy, on the national as well as the European level.

In 2003 and 2004, applied work continued in this area within the same research consortium in the frame of the follow-up project MICRESA (“Micro-level Analysis of the European Social Agenda: Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion through Changes in Social and Fiscal Policy”).

Together with the Institute for Social and Economic Research at the University of Essex, UK, the Programme Area is carrying out a Design Study for the Construction of New Infrastructures within the 6th Framework Programme of the European Communities with the aim to improve the capacity and usability of EUROMOD (I-CUE) and lay the technical basis for a EU-25 comparative research infrastructure. Within this three-year project (2005-2008) the Programme Area is responsible for extending the European microsimulation framework to the 10 New Member States.

On the national level, in 2005/06 the project “Distributional Effects of Implemented and Hypothetical Tax-benefit Policy Changes in Austria 1998-2005” will be carried out. Using the tax-benefit model EUROMOD the impact of policy changes implemented in Austria between 1998 and 2005 (e.g. introduction of a universal child-care benefit, tax reform 2004/5), with a focus on income distribution, poverty and inequality, will be analysed.

Medium-term objectives of the Programme Area “Incomes, Poverty and Social Policy Modelling” include:

- intensifying comparative work on distributional consequences of social policies making use of the tax/benefit model;
- monitoring trends in poverty and social exclusion using newly developed concepts and instruments;
- further enlarging the analytical scope from selected EU accession countries to the whole area and other European transitional economies, in particular by providing modelling and data-related expertise;
- and participating in and creating new research networks.

Staff development

In March 2005, Orsolya Lelkes joined the Programme Area. As of October 2005, the research team consists of Orsolya Lelkes (full-time), Michael Fuchs (part-time, research activities also for other Programme Areas) and Mattia Makovec (full-time). Herwig Immervoll as an External Research Affiliate is also involved in various projects in the field of tax-benefit microsimulation.

The Knowledge and Information Support Unit / KIMSU

The Knowledge and Information Support Unit / KIMSU is concerned with finding strategies to use information/knowledge management methods and ICT in cooperation with the experts in the field to provide quality, in-depth information and knowledge with a view to better serve the social welfare professional, i.e. policy-makers, researchers, social practitioners, as well as citizens. It also aims to enhance the exchange of information through information networks, by developing information systems to assist in giving access to and disseminating information in the field of social welfare.

These objectives should be achieved in two steps from 2005 onwards:

1st step: Improving the accessibility of knowledge and information at the European Centre

Projects to improve the current information and knowledge management situation are

- Re-launch of the EC's website
- Retrofitting of IREF
- Definition and implementation of IT infrastructure and IT improvements
- Definition of Corporate Identity
- Realignment of library structure and information services
- Facilitate EC projects and dissemination
- Facilitate information exchange among staff
- Facilitate information exchange and communication with NLOs, Board

2nd step: Facilitate the future institutional development of the European Centre

The assessment of knowledge accessibility, knowledge potential and knowledge gaps within the organisation's management processes will lead to a set of knowledge goals. This will facilitate the future institutional development strategy of the European Centre. These goals will be attained by knowledge management pilot projects.

Projects in Detail by Programme Area

Mainstreaming Ageing: Indicators to Monitor Implementation (MA:IMI)

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Type of Activity	Expertise, Monitoring, and Evaluation
Status	Ongoing
Duration	Preparatory and Conference Phase: 2001 – 2002 Follow-up and Monitoring: 2003 – 2008
European Centre Involvement	Cooperation with the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UN-ECE)
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Financed / sponsored by	Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Generations and Consumer Protection Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Preparatory and Conference Phase: 2001 – 2002

History of the Project

The European Centre was invited to have its Executive Director serve as the Rapporteur to the Expert Seminar on “Economic Security and Sustainable Growth in an Ageing World”, Burgos, Spain, 10-12 September 2001. This meeting, at the invitation of the Spanish Government, was one in three expert seminars in preparation for the Ministerial Conference on Ageing (MiCA) in Berlin (September 2002), which adopted the Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS) for the revised International Plan of Action on Ageing (IPAA), which was adopted by the Second World Assembly on Ageing (WAA-2) in Madrid (April 2002). In addition, the European Centre assisted UN-ECE in the Secretariat Drafting Group, participated in the Open-Ended Working Group, and – at the Ministerial Conference in Berlin – chaired a high-level decision-maker panel on “Exchange of Best Practices – Sharing Experiences” with the UK Minister of State Pensions, the Albanian Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, the Former Director and Special Advisor of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and the Director of the UN Division of Social Policy and Development (DESA), Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

At the Ministerial Conference in Berlin, 51 out of 55 Member Countries of the UN-European Region participated, the great majority at ministerial or cabinet level, and a great number of inter-governmental organisations and NGOs.

The UN Economic Commission for Europe (UN-ECE) is in charge of supporting the global process of action on ageing on a European regional level. At the pre-conference preparation stage, it

- identified the issues and policy challenges related to ageing that are of particular relevance for the ECE region;
- made proposals to Member States on the main themes and issues to be addressed by the Conference;
- organised expert seminars to address each of the themes;
- and prepared, during the first half of 2002, a draft of the Regional Implementation Strategy for the revised MIPAA and developed it further by an open-ended working group in July 2002.

The European Centre, through its Executive Director, served as a junior partner to UN-ECE; it will also do so in the future, based on a Memorandum of Understanding with UN-ECE and based on earmarked funding provided by the Austrian Federal Government as a sponsor.

After Madrid 2002

Since MiCA Berlin 2002, UN-ECE leads the requested promotion of the implementation and follow-up of the RIS through regional co-operation. There is consensus that the systematic review of implementation of the MIPAA by the Member States is essential for its success. The United Nations Regional Commissions have responsibility for translating MIPAA into regional action such as RIS. The UN-ECE secretariat

- provides government delegations with information on relevant implementation activities within the region,
- could suggest to Member States specific priority issues to be analysed in depth and, when appropriate,
- provides guidelines for reporting requirements in the follow-up process, and it
- assists Member States upon request with implementing the RIS and in their evaluation of the achievements of the RIS at the national level, “supported by the experts of the intergovernmental organisations relevant in the field of ageing” (RIS, Par. 99). “This process should rely basically on work carried out by all relevant institutions, particularly those in the area of statistics, indicators, training and research” (Par. 102), such as, for instance, the European Centre.

The Berlin Ministerial Declaration (“A Society for All Ages in the UNECE Region”) also stresses “co-operation among the UNECE Member States in implementing the Regional Implementation Strategy. Such co-operation could be further enhanced by active collaboration among relevant United Nations departments and agencies and other intergovernmental organisations and institutions active in the field of ageing in the UNECE region” (Commitment 10) and the Berlin Ministerial Declaration underlines “productive exchange of information, experience and best practices. This process would benefit as much as possible from adequate collaboration and active participation of relevant organisations of the region” (Commitment 11), which provides future opportunities for the European Centre in assisting UNECE in the review and monitoring of the implementation process.

Responsible Persons at the European Centre

At the European Centre in Vienna, a new professional has been recruited as Coordinator of this newly-established programme; she directly reports to UN-ECE and to the Executive Director of the European Centre, who also actively take part in knowledge delivery.

Furthermore, researchers and professional staff members at the EC also collaborate on this programme when the specific topic addressed matches their expertise.

**Date / Location of Meetings
in the Preparatory and
Conference Phase**

- 9-12 September 2001, Burgos, Spain,
Expert Seminar on “Economic Security and Sustainable Growth in an Ageing World”, Report (Rapporteur: Prof. Marin)
- 8-10 October 2001, Vienna, Austria,
Expert Seminar on “Age Integration, the Changing Life Course and Intergenerational Solidarity”
- 10 October 2001, Vienna, Austria,
Start of the Secretariat Drafting Group
- 5-6 November 2001, Geneva, Switzerland
- 18-20 December 2001, Geneva, Switzerland,
OEWG Meeting and Secretariat Drafting Group
- 10-12 April 2002, Madrid, Spain,
Second World Assembly on Ageing (WAA-II), adopted the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA)
- April – July 2002 (Open-ended Working Group)
- 6-15 September 2002, Berlin, Germany,
UN-ECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing (MICA), adopted the Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS) for the MIPAA

Follow-up and Monitoring Phase: 2003 – 2008

Establishment

In this follow-up project, collaboration between the European Centre and the UNECE, under the auspices of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Generations and Consumer Protection, was laid down in January 2004 in the so-called “Memorandum of Understanding”. The Memorandum of Understanding specifies the role of the European Centre and its specialized MA:IMI Programme in this collaboration, whose main goal is to “scientifically and technically assist governments in the monitoring of the RIS”.

Besides the specific mandate given to the European Centre, the Memorandum of Understanding also agreed on the establishment by the Austrian Government and the UNECE of a Task Force, whose function is “to offer guidance and advice to the contents and priorities of the follow-up”. This Task Force was constituted in Madrid in April 2004. From May 2005 on, the Task Force works as

six Functional Working Groups on the different parts of the Project: “Communication, information, exchange of experience via website”, “Network strategy”, “Indicators”, “Priority theme for UNECE Annual Session 2006”, “Capacity building”, and “Research agenda”.

Aims of the Project

The first follow-up phase is a 5-year project, whose first priority is to promote an exchange of experiences in the field of ageing-related policies. Second, to carry out and foster data collection, research and analysis, including in collaboration with other organizations (in particular UN agencies, ISSA, European Commission, OECD), national authorities, other concerned bodies and individuals. The third priority is to maintain in this context a network of organizations, national authorities, and other concerned bodies and individuals, active in the field of ageing.

Results

The European Centre also offers support to the follow-up work by developing and monitoring a set of agreed-upon “indicators of achievement”. In this view, follow-up Technical Workshops are organized, aiming at the discussion of meaningful and feasible indicators. Each workshop deals with various age-related topics, as addressed in the UNECE RIS.

First Technical Workshop on

**“Sustainable Ageing Societies: Indicators for Effective Policy-Making”,
at the invitation of IMSERSO, 14-16 April 2004, Madrid, Spain**

Besides a short introduction on the demographic process, our first technical Workshop focused on three broad areas: income and well-being of the elderly, social security and financial sustainability, and labour market issues.

The workshop brought together some of the foremost experts in the field of ageing involved in research and policy advice, representing different perspectives on and approaches to the issues discussed. Staff of international organizations active in the ageing field, as well as observers from UNECE Member States also attended. Based on this workshop’s (and further) outcome, a list of indicators has been set up, to be proposed to policy-makers, in order to allow them to systematically monitor the implementation of active and sustainable ageing policies while mainstreaming ageing in all policy areas.

**Second Technical Workshop on
“Care Provision in Ageing Societies:
What Are the Policy Challenges and How to Address Them”,
19-21 May 2005, Malta**

This second workshop dealt with care provision issues, from prevention to continuum of care, including specific needs of people with mental illnesses. As is the case with the Madrid Workshop, the work in Malta will be followed by further work on the indicators themselves. A brainstorming meeting in Vienna in 2006 will help to elaborate indicators on care issues, starting from the indicators suggested in Malta.

Related Website The Monitoring RIS Website, to be launched in November 2005, is dedicated to the knowledge and information about the follow-up process to the RIS. It supports and facilitates all the tasks attributed to the European Centre in this project. In a first step, the website informs the audience about the political process regarding Mainstreaming Ageing and Monitoring RIS, offering access to the main documents related to the RIS. Furthermore, the site will give an overview of tools for analysis, figures and indicators, instruments and activities. Our target is that all interested actors, from governmental to local authorities, as well as NGOs partners will be able to find information catering their needs:
www.MonitoringRis.org

Publication In 2006, we will edit and publish a book based on the contributions prepared for the Madrid Workshop (April 2004): “Mainstreaming Ageing. Indicators to Monitor Sustainable Progress and Policies”. It will also include an updated list of indicators and illustrations for each of them.

**Date / Location of Meetings
2003 – 2005**

- 16-21 January 2003, Geneva, Switzerland,
UN ECE Informal Consultations on the Follow-up
to the Berlin Conference
- 13-14 April 2004, Madrid, Spain,
Task Force Meeting
- 14-16 April 2004, Madrid, Spain,
First Technical Workshop on “Sustainable Ageing Societies:
Indicators for Effective Policy-Making”, hosted by IMSERSO
- 8-9 November 2004, Vienna, Austria,
Task Force Meeting

- 23-25 November 2004, Madrid,
WAA II Follow-up Meeting “Moving forwards implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing - Training of Professionals on ageing matters”, organized by IMSERSO
- 18-19 May 2005, Malta,
Task Force Meeting
- 19-21 May 2005, Malta,
Second Technical Workshop on “Care Provision in Ageing Societies: What Are the Policy Challenges and How to Address Them”, co-organized by the UNECE and INIA, in cooperation with IMSERSO
- 16-18 November 2005, Madrid,
WAA II Follow-up Meeting: “The Contribution of older persons to the social and economic development”, organized by IMSERSO

Type of Activity	High-Level Policy Conference <i>At the occasion of the Dutch EU Presidency</i>
Status	Completed
Date / Location of Conference	18-19 November 2004, The Hague, the Netherlands
European Centre Involvement	Joint Responsibility
Partners / Co-Organizers	Verwey-Jonker Institute, the Netherlands
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Aims of the Project	The purpose of this conference was to obtain a more detailed overview of developments in the field of social care delivery for older persons, persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups in the various EU countries. Special attention was given to the legal situation, the role of the different stakeholders such as the local and central government, public/social and private insurance agencies, the actual care providers, other (intermediate) organizations, and the client/care receiver himself. Furthermore, the financing of the systems (public, private, mixed systems) and the methods used to integrate health, social care and welfare services were discussed.
Results	An international comparative overview on the state of the art in various European countries was presented as background paper to the conference. On the basis of this input participants drew on their national experiences to exchange information, insights and “good practices”. Furthermore, they discussed and elaborated on policy recommendations, in particular concerning the distribution of responsibilities at different policy levels (e.g. central and local government) and the roles of other stakeholders in relation to the users/clients and the “civil society”.

Peer Review in the Field of Social Inclusion Policies

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Type of Activity	International Expertises, Workshops, Expert Meetings
Status	Ongoing
Duration	2003 – 2005
European Centre Involvement	Joint Responsibility
Partners / Co-Organizers	INBAS GmbH NIZW / Netherlands' Institute for Care and Welfare INBAS-Sozialforschung GmbH
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Working Languages	English / French / German
Financed by	European Commission, DG Employment and Social Affairs
Aims of the Project	<p>In the context of the Community Action Programme to increase cooperation in combating social exclusion, the European Commission has launched a Peer Review Programme to promote the identification and exchange of good practices in the field of social inclusion policies throughout the European Union.</p> <p>The overall objectives of the Peer Review Programme are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to contribute to a better understanding of and mutual learning about the Member States' policies to combat poverty and social exclusion; • to facilitate the transfer of key policies and institutional arrangements which have proved effective in combating poverty and social exclusion and are relevant in other contexts;

- to improve the effectiveness of the policies and strategies for social inclusion at Member State and EU level, by learning from the experiences in the Member States.

Results Starting in 2004, on the basis of proposals from Member States, eight peer review meetings will be organized each year, in cooperation with the respective host countries. They will be based on a “good practice” presented by host countries.

For 2004, the programme comprised the following peer review exercises:

23-24 April

Local development agreements as a tool to stop segregation in vulnerable metropolitan areas

Host country: Sweden

Peer Countries: Belgium, Finland, Italy, the Netherlands, Lithuania, Portugal, Spain

5-6 May

The Rough Sleepers Unit (England)

Host country: United Kingdom

Peer Countries: Denmark, Finland, France, Luxembourg, Norway, Romania, Sweden

7-8 June

Clearing: assistance for young people with special needs in their transition from school to working life

Host country: Austria

Peer Countries: Estonia, Italy, Lithuania, Norway, France, Greece

15-16 June

Experiments in social activation

Host country: The Netherlands

Peer Countries: Bulgaria, Latvia, Poland, Slovenia, Spain

23-24 September

Regional mobilization of all competent actors and authorities to further social solidarity

Host country: Finland

Peer Countries: Austria, Belgium, Germany, Greece, Latvia, Malta, United Kingdom

8-9 November

New migrants' integration

Host country: France

Peer Countries: Czech Republic, Cyprus, Germany, Ireland, Portugal, Sweden

18-19 November

Preventing and tackling over-indebtedness

Host country: Ireland

Peer Countries: Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Slovakia, Slovenia, United Kingdom

13-14 December

Reconciliation of work and family life

Host country: Germany

Peer Countries: Austria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Malta, Slovakia

For 2005, the programme comprises the following peer review exercises:

24-25 February

Preventing the risks of exclusion of families with difficulties

Host country: Italy

Peer Countries: Bulgaria, Cyprus, Ireland, Malta, Poland, Romania

26-27 April

Preventing and tackling homelessness

Host country: Denmark

Peer Countries: Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Latvia, Luxembourg, Poland, the Netherlands

19-20 May

Field social work in socially excluded Roma neighbourhoods

Host country: Czech Republic

Peer Countries: Austria, Bulgaria, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, UK

27-28 June

Basic social services in rural settlements – Village and remote homestead community care-giving

Host country: Hungary

Peer Countries: Finland, Greece, Lithuania, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia

12-13 September

Socio-Community Development – Mobilising all relevant bodies and promoting the participation of people suffering exclusion

Host country: Portugal

Peer Countries: Cyprus, Denmark, France, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Sweden

6-7 October

Pathways to social Integration for people with mental health problems: the establishment of social cooperatives

Host country: Greece

Peer Countries: Czech Republic, Latvia, Malta, Poland

7-8 November

Minimum income and social integration institutional arrangements

Host country: Belgium

Peer Countries: Austria, Estonia, Hungary, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Romania, Slovakia, Spain

Homepage On the programme's web site all the main documents relating to the Peer Review Programme can be found. These include the timetable, abstracts and all papers as well as minutes and synthesis reports:

www.peer-review-social-inclusion.net

Furthermore, the web site contains a forum, which invites readers to comment on the good practices and the documents in order to share their experiences and contribute to a lively discussion.

Peer Review and Assessment in Social Inclusion

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Type of Activity	International Expertises, Workshops, Expert Meetings, Assessments
Status	Planned
Duration	2006 – 2007
European Centre Involvement	Joint Responsibility
Partners / Co-Organizers	INBAS GmbH NIZW / Netherlands' Institute for Care and Welfare INBAS-Sozialforschung GmbH
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Working Languages	English / French / German
Financed by	European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
Aims of the Project	In the context of the Community Action Programme on social inclusion, the European Commission will launch a Peer Review and Assessment Programme. This programme is the follow-up of the "Peer Review in the Field of Social Inclusion Policies" programme and integrates this with the assessments on the progress of implementing the National Action Plans on Social Inclusion, which are carried out by independent national experts.

The overall objective of the programme “Peer Review and Assessment in Social Inclusion” is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the policies and strategies for social inclusion at EU and Member State levels with regard to the revised Lisbon strategy.

More specifically , the programme’s goals are:

- to assist the Commission in monitoring the implementation of the NAPs/incl in accordance with the Nice objectives, and in preparing the Joint Reports on (Social Protection and) Inclusion;
- to contribute to a better understanding of and mutual learning about the Member States’ policies to combat poverty and social exclusion;
- to facilitate the transfer of key policies and institutional arrangements which have proved effective in combating poverty and social exclusion and are relevant in other contexts;
- to improve the effectiveness of the policies and strategies for social inclusion at Member State and EU level, by learning from the experiences in the Member States.

Results Starting at the beginning of 2006, on the basis of proposals from Member States, eight peer review meetings will be organized each year, in cooperation with the respective host countries. They will be based on a “good practice” presented by host countries. Furthermore, the network of independent experts will prepare one country report and one thematic report per year for each EU member state.

A number of instruments (web site, publications, newsletter, conferences) will be used for wide dissemination of results

Improving the Information and Communication on Social Inclusion

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Type of Activity	Consultancy, Dissemination, International Expertises
Status	Planned
Duration	2006 – 2007
European Centre Involvement	Joint Responsibility
Partners / Co-Organizers	Euractiv/ Belgium NIZW/ Netherlands' Institute for Care and Welfare INBAS-Sozialforschung GmbH
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Working Languages	English / French / German
Financed by	European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
Aims of the Project	<p>In the context of the Community Action Programme on social inclusion, the European Commission will launch a programme to improve information and communication to EU Member States, 2nd-tier organisations and the public in general. This is in line with the new communication strategies of the European Commission as well as that of the DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities.</p> <p>The programme's goals are to develop and implement a fully-fledged overall information and communication plan on social inclusion.</p>
Results	<p>The first phase of the project will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an awareness index on the Open Method of Coordination to measure reach and impact in key civil society audiences, • to assess awareness prior to the IC action plan, • to explore communication techniques • to consult key audiences, and • a test implementation using different dissemination instruments.

Rescaling of Social Welfare Policies – A Comparative Study on the Path towards Multi-level Governance in Europe

Type of Activity	International Research Project
Status	Starting
Duration	2005 – 2008
European Centre Involvement	Exclusive Responsibility
Partners / Co-Organizers	Hochschule für Soziale Arbeit Luzern (Switzerland) Fachhochschule Darmstadt (Germany) IMSERSO (Spain) Institut d'études Politiques de Strasbourg and Centre d'étude de l'emploi (France) National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health (Finland) University of Urbino (Italy) Oslo University College (Norway) The Gdansk Institute for Market Economics and the Institute for the Development of Social Services (Poland) The Institute for Future Studies and Stockholm University (Sweden) Lancaster University (UK)
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Aims of the Project

The aim of this project is 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 project is to describe different strategies and solutions in European countries which are facing similar challenges and could thus learn from each other.

It is intended to gather a team of experts from 5-7 European countries, representing different welfare regimes and geographical areas. All European countries, in particular those represented in the European Centre's governing network by National Liaison Officials, are invited to subscribe to this project, and to propose national project teams with respective financial commitments.

The project is designed for a period of 30 months. Starting date was 1 September 2005.

Results

The project proposal is the result of an idea which was identified during the Nordic meeting of NLOs and Board Members from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Latvia (October 2003). During a workshop with participation of NLOs, invited experts and staff, held in Altlengbach, Austria in July 2004, the idea was further developed. It is foreseen that final decisions on participation of European Centre member countries will take place at the General Assembly Meeting of the European Centre in November 2004.

During the project period, the following tasks have to be fulfilled in order to achieve the overall objectives:

- To describe changes in multi-level governance and respective realities in the participating countries since the late 1980s. Different approaches, traditions and meanings of decentralization and governance structures in the context of welfare policies will be identified as well as the different stakeholders (central state, regional, local, private, non-profit) and their role in financing (taxation, purchasing), decision-making, planning and providing at a given point of time before and after respective reforms concerning welfare policies.
- To provide comprehensive comparisons of these changes in multi-level governance (who decides on what in selected domains)

with respect to social welfare policies (social and labour market policies) across European countries since 1990: How have different countries been dealing with decentralization/rescaling on different policy levels?

- To assess consequences of changes as against their intentions (“matrix-studies”, “vignettes”) in the four social policy areas described (social assistance, employment policies, care for the elderly, inclusion policies for migrants) by involving different stakeholders: How can wrong incentives be avoided?
- To analyse and discuss the results of these processes (shifts in responsibilities between different governance levels) with regard to changes in cost-efficiency in social welfare policies, participation and rights of clients, working conditions of professionals, and equality/inequality with respect to particular groups at risk (stakeholders): How can democracy, regional equality, effectiveness, efficiency and user-friendliness be guaranteed?

In order to investigate the interrelations among the selected policy domains outlined above over time we need a set of different methodologies, which should enable us – at least partly – to control the existing complexities. This need emerges also out of our ambition to grasp these interrelations and changes within a comparative frame able to explain similarities and differences between both different countries (or clusters of countries) and welfare regimes and their directions of change.

For this very reason the project will use both qualitative and quantitative instruments of investigation in order to understand the different dimensions related to the ongoing process of rescaling and the emerging scenario of multi-level governance in Europe.

The project will be carried out in four phases, each aimed at answering specific questions and disentangling some specific dimensions of the policies considered, relying on different methodologies. The four phases are:

- Preliminary work and contextual analysis
- Case-studies on organizational rescaling and local governance
- Cross-national analysis
- Discussion and dissemination

European Network on Indicators of Social Quality (ENIQ)

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Type of Activity	Consultancy
Status	Completed
Duration	2001 – 2004
European Centre Involvement	Joint Responsibility
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Administration by	European Foundation on Social Quality
Financed by	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• European Foundation on Social Quality• European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research
Aims of the Project	<p>The concept of social quality has been developed and theorised by scientists working with the European Foundation on Social Quality (EFSQ). The concept has been adopted by the European Commission (DG V) and several Member States.</p>

The aim of this network is to progress the pioneering work of the EFSQ by operationalizing the concept in the different Member States. Specifically, its scientific aims are to: develop a robust set of indicators for the different dimensions of social quality, create benchmarks of social quality, stimulate national and regional groups of scientists to focus on this topic, and work with Eurostat to create a new database for the primary analysis of social quality.

Its policy aims are to respond to the EU's objective to create a new interrelationship between economic, social and cultural policies. This will be elaborated from the perspective of human subjects as social beings in order to contribute to the discourse of citizenship in the Europe of the near future.

The Network will:

- analyse recent scientific research in different methodological traditions concerning social indicators;
- build on the substantial existing theoretical and practical work of the EFSQ to create an agreed set of indicators of social quality that respects heterogeneity within the Member States (and regions, localities);
- conduct a comparative analysis of social quality in the EU using these indicators;
- develop benchmarks for social quality based on this comparative analysis;
- stimulate a dialogue on social quality and its indicators at national and regional levels within the Member States;
- identify the necessary data requirements for primary analyses regarding social quality;
- contribute to evidence-based policy developments at EU and Member State levels by actively disseminating the outcomes of the network and of its national partners.

Results The Final Report for the ENIQ programme was submitted to the European Commission under the Fifth Framework Programme of DG V Research. This final report includes 14 National Reports of the participating countries: Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom. The National Reports are available on the European Foundation on Social Quality web site (www.socialquality.nl). A special issue of the European Journal on Social Quality (volume 5) will include articles based on the national reports.

The results of the ENIQ programme were presented in September 2005 at one of the bi-weekly seminars of the DG Employment and Social Affairs.

A book presenting the final results of the ENIQ programme will appear in Spring 2006 published by Kluwer Law International.

Arbeitszeitregelungen in den EU-Mitgliedsstaaten

Working Time Regulations in EU Member States

Type of Activity National Research Project (with an international scope)

Status Ongoing

Duration 2004 – 2005

European Centre

Involvement Exclusive Responsibility

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Aims of the Project

The goal of this project is to give an overview about working time regulations and practice in all 25 EU-countries and to describe the basic conditions for working time flexibility, including the levels of European and national law, collective bargaining agreements, company agreements and individual agreements. The focus of the analysis lies on the comparison of the situation in Austria with that in other EU-countries.

The following aspects of working time will be analysed: annual working hours, normal working time, overtime, maximum daily and weekly hours, weekend work, evening/night work and shift work.

Results Concerning regular daily and weekly working hours – based either on the law or on collective agreements – Austria reaches a middle position among the EU-countries. However, there are countries where – without any further preconditions – higher regular daily hours are possible (Belgium, Netherlands, Spain) or where regular weekly working hours have only to be met on the average (Netherlands, Spain, Poland).

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In contrary to the majority of the other EU Member States, the introduction of band-with-models (or annual hours) is neither possible via company agreement nor via agreement with the employee in Austria.

Also maximum daily and weekly working hours are in many countries higher than in Austria. In some countries – especially in the new Member States – maximum working hours are only limited by mandatory daily or weekly rest periods.

However, apart from these legal regulations, empirical data show rather long effective working hours in Austria: The average working time of full-time employees is higher than on the EU-average as is the share of full-time employees working more than 48 hours a week.

In addition, also the share of employees working on the basis of hours-banks is higher than on EU-average. On the other hand, the share of employees working with fixed working hours is higher than in the rest of the EU-15 and only to a small extent lower than in the new Member States.

All in all it seems that despite not too far-reaching legal regulations, in practice there already exists a high flexibility concerning daily and weekly working hours. In addition, all consulted Austrian experts (Ministry of Labour and Economic Affairs, Chamber of Commerce, Austrian Trade Union) agree – although for different reasons – that the legal possibilities are by far not utilised in practice yet.

Muttersprachlicher Unterricht für Kinder von Einwanderern in Österreich

Native Language Education for Children of Immigrants in Austria

Type of Activity	National Research Project
Status	Completed
Duration	2000 – 2005
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Administration by	European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research
Financed by	Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture
Aims of the Project	Since the school year 1992/93, native language education for children of immigrants is part of the regular curriculum in Austria's compulsory schools. Commissioned by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, the European Centre carried out the annual statistical analysis of the quantitative scope (teachers, lessons, pupils, schools, forms of education and languages taught) of this type of instruction in Austrian schools between 2000 and 2005.

Results In the school year 2004/05, ca. 26,200 pupils were taught 14 native languages by a total of 309 teachers. This means that roughly 25% of all pupils with a mother tongue other than German have the chance to attend courses in their native language. Native language education takes place in about 800 schools, which corresponds to 15% of all compulsory schools in Austria. Breaking it down by provinces, the percentage of pupils covered is highest in Vienna; the same holds true with respect to the percentage of schools with native language education.

The most important languages, as measured by the number of teachers, pupils and lessons, are the languages of the former Yugoslavia (Serbian, Croatian, Bosnian) and Turkish, which reflects the composition of Austria's immigrant population. But besides these two "big" languages, courses are also held in Albanian, Arabic, Bulgarian, Chinese, Hungarian, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanes, Romanian, Russian and Slovakian.

Compared to previous years, the number of languages taught stayed the same, but the number of pupils taught decreased by 3% and the number of teachers and of hours taught per week decreased by even 7%.

Short versions of the reports are available on the web at: www.bmbwk.gv.at/start.asp?bereich=3&OID=1593&I1=18&I2=255&I3=258

Toward a Politics of “Differentiated Equality”: Theoretical Reflections on the Anti-Discrimination Policy of the European Union

Auf dem Weg zu einer Politik der “differenzierten Gleichheit”: Theoretische Reflexionen über die Anti-Diskriminierungspolitik der Europäischen Union

Type of Activity	International Comparative Research and Network
Status	Completed
Duration	2003 – 2005
European Centre Involvement	Joint Responsibility
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Working Languages	German / English / Turkish
Financed by	Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture
Results	<p>The aim of the project was the theory-driven and critical analysis of the EU's anti-discrimination policy in the fight against different forms of inequality. The analysis was carried out at three levels: (1) the legal and political framework, (2) the opinions and experiences of NGOs/ social groups discriminated against and (3) theoretical approaches and normative principles, which inform the EU's anti-discrimination policy. The theoretical part of the study explored different conceptions of equality and difference as developed in contemporary philosophy, social and political theory, and social anthropology with special reference to feminist theories. The project was guided by the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do different notions of equality shape attempts to translate it into reality? • What are the policy implications of divergent understandings of equality in dealing with differences based on gender and ethnicity? • Are there profound “differences between differences” that require distinct legal and institutional measures against different forms of discrimination? • To what extent is it justifiable to give priority to a certain form of discrimination over others?

- Or, is the establishment of a “hierarchy” between different grounds of discrimination itself the expression of an exclusionary logic?

These questions were addressed in the empirical part of the study by making use of document analysis, organizing group discussions and conducting expert interviews with representatives of relevant European and Austrian NGOs. In addition, two workshops were organized that brought together academic as well as non-academic stakeholders in order to reflect on future policy options in the field of anti-discrimination.

Results The main results of the project make clear that the anti-discrimination policy of the EU is contradictory in terms:

Although the EU documents emphasize that different forms of discrimination cannot be “ranked”, and that all discriminatory practices are equally intolerable, the EU’s anti-discrimination directives stipulate different levels of protection against different grounds of discrimination such as gender, “race” or ethnicity, disability, and sexual orientation.

The varying extent of protection against discrimination does not only create tensions among the respective groups and activists, but can also hardly be defended on theoretical and normative grounds. Yet, equal protection against discrimination based on different grounds must not be based on the assumption of the “sameness” of the groups concerned.

On the contrary, a policy that aims at “factual equality” as called for by the EU will have to be difference-sensitive in two respects, namely, by taking into account the distinctive experiences and needs of women, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities etc., as well as by moving beyond the difference-blind principle of anti-discrimination and allowing for group-specific positive measures.

Homepage www.node-research.at

Gleiche Chancen im Betrieb – Betrieb ohne Rassismus, Phase II

Equal Chances in the Company – Companies without Racism, Phase II

Type of Activity	International Comparative Research and Network
Status	Completed
Duration	2002 – 2005
European Centre Involvement	Joint Responsibility
Partners / Co-Organizers	I.B.G. – Institut für betriebliche Gesundheitsförderung Vienna Employment Promotional Fund (WAFF) Viennese Fund for Integration (WIF) ZARA – Counseling for Victims and Witnesses of Racism
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Working Languages	German / English
Date / Location of Meetings	<i>Equal Chances: Actions and Instruments to Prevent Racial Discrimination in the Workplace</i> , 20-21 January 2005, Chamber of Labour and Chamber of Commerce, Vienna/Austria
Financed by	European Social Fund (ESF) Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Labour
Aims of the Project	The overall strategy of this EQUAL partnership focused on the improvement of the position of migrants in the labour market by changing the structure and business ethics of enterprises and organizations. This included the implementation of “Codes of Conduct” and training measures in several companies in Vienna, Austria. The Project Team delivered its expertise and analysis to the Partnership with respect to the specific requirements of the Partnership’s pilot companies in setting up a code of conduct. To achieve these goals, the following activities were carried out:

- 1) *Research study on discrimination on the Viennese labour market*
 - Group-interviews with members of the immigrant communities (victims of racial and ethnic discrimination)
 - Interviews with experts on discrimination at the Viennese labour market
- 2) *Research study on European examples of company-related measures against racial discrimination*
 - Comparative research on the different national legal frameworks and policies in six selected EU member countries
 - On-site visits in best-practice companies and interviews with specialized bodies and experts in the area of anti-discrimination at the workplace as well as with employers' and employees' representatives in private companies
- 3) *Gender Mainstreaming in Companies*
 - Research on different anti-discrimination measures in the area of equality between women and men at the workplace
 - Recommendations for adopting the Gender Mainstreaming strategies for anti-discrimination measures in companies
 - Interviews with specialized bodies and experts in the area of equality between women and men

Publication EQUAL-Entwicklungspartnerschaft "Gleiche Chancen im Betrieb" (Hg.) (2005): *Gleiche Chancen im Betrieb. Das Handbuch zur Gleichstellung von MigrantInnen*. Wien: Facultas, WUV Universitätsverlag.

Homepage Further information and products can be downloaded under: www.gleiche-chancen.at/

Equal Chances: Actions and Instruments to Prevent Racial Discrimination in the Workplace

Type of Activity	Conference
Status	Completed
Date / Location of Conference	20-21 January 2005, Chamber of Labour and Chamber of Commerce, Vienna, Austria
Working Languages	German / English
Aims of the Event	<p>This meeting was organized as the final event of the EQUAL project: “Equal Chances in Companies – Companies without Racism”. The EQUAL Programme is funded by the European Social Fund (ESF). Its aim is to test new ways of tackling discrimination and inequality experienced by those in work and those looking for a job.</p> <p>The conference brought together both entrepreneurs and employees as well as representatives of social partners, interest organizations and policy-makers. In addition to the presentation of the project’s outcomes, companies that have been involved in the project discussed their experiences together with representatives of the identified European best-practice models.</p> <p>A half-day set of workshops provided basic information on issues like legal aspects; diversity management; tools for monitoring and evaluating anti-discrimination measures in companies; the roles of interest organizations and their impact on diversity policies.</p> <p>The second day of the conference focused on the business case of diversity and on the different viewpoints of entrepreneurs, employees, policy-makers and interest organizations.</p>

The Acquisition of Nationality in EU Member States: Rules, Practices and Quantitative Developments (NATAC)

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Type of Activity	International Research Project
Status	Completed
Duration	2004 – 2005
European Centre Involvement	Joint Responsibility
Partners / Co-organizers	Austrian Academy of Sciences Institute for European Integration Research / EIF
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Financed by	European Commission, DG Research, 6th Framework Programme
Aims of the Project	<p>The project provides a comprehensive comparison of rules concerning the acquisition and loss of nationality in the 15 EU Member States before the accession of 10 new Member States in May 2004. This was achieved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • by collecting information about current legislation and the development of nationality law since 1985, • by analysing statistical data on naturalisations and loss of nationality, and • by investigating administrative practices on the implementation of nationality laws. <p>The project also examined statuses of denizenship as well as quasi-citizenship for third-country nationals that are granted in several Member States on the basis of long-term residence or ethnic background or to nationals of certain countries.</p> <p>Apart from providing country reports on these questions the project's main goal was to compare specific aspects in the regulation of nationality and citizenship across countries on a systematic basis. The aim was to establish trends of long-term convergence or persistent divergence of nationality law and its effects with respect to the acquisition of nationality between Member States.</p>

This served as the basis for a broad evaluation of Member States' policies in this area and for policy recommendations addressed to both Member State governments and the EU. The main focus for the evaluative part was on the question how policies concerning the access to nationality and citizenship contribute to or hinder the integration of immigrants. Special emphasis was laid on dual nationality and the assessment of the impact of recent policy changes towards broader toleration or restrictions in this area.

In cooperation with the Institute for European Integration Research at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, the European Centre took the role as scientific coordinator in this project. In addition, the European Centre was responsible for drafting the country report on Austria.

- Results** The project discerned important trends with respect to the regulation of acquisition of nationality since the late 1990s, including
- a trend of tightening the conditions for naturalisation, especially with respect to integration requirements, which to some degree reverses the liberalising trend in the 1990s,
 - a trend towards acceptance of multiple nationality, which only a few states (Austria, Denmark) do not yet follow, and
 - a trend towards increased efforts to reintegrate former nationals or descendants of emigrants into the citizenry.

In addition, it was demonstrated that the granting of nationality to third country nationals in most EU15 states still very much lies within the discretion of the authorities, who apply a series of vague legal clauses.

With respect to the rules of loss of nationality, three important findings can be emphasized:

- in the aftermath of September 11, a number of states have introduced or tightened rules concerning the loss of nationality in case of crimes against the state or acts of terrorism,
- in the same vein, numerous states have reformed their nationality laws to allow for a withdrawal of nationality in case a person made false statements in a procedure to acquire nationality, and
- there are still numerous regulations in all states except Finland and Sweden that allow for a loss of nationality even if statelessness ensues, which violates obligations arising from international conventions and customary international law.

Finally, the project demonstrated that there is a serious lack of statistical data useable for international comparisons of acquisition and loss of nationality. The reasons for this shortage of comparable data include:

- the lack of data on automatic acquisitions of nationality for certain groups of persons which in other states are included in the general naturalisation statistics,
- important target groups are indistinguishable in the statistics,
- data on acquisitions of nationality administered by regions or provinces are often not collected or not collated into national statistics,
- different institutions collect and/or compile statistics,
- acquisitions abroad are often not included in the statistics or cannot be distinguished in them, which makes the calculation of naturalisation rates difficult, if not impossible,
- statistics often exist, but authorities do not give access to them, and
- the technical information on the statistics (i.e. What is contained? How is it collected?) is often very poor.

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AsylwerberInnen und Drogenkriminalität

Asylum Seekers and Drug Delinquency

Type of Activity	National Research Project
Status	Completed
Duration	2004 – 2005
European Centre Involvement	Joint Responsibility
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Aims of the Project	<p>The study investigated prejudices and facts in the field of asylum seekers and drug trade in Vienna. It analysed the development of registered drug-related delinquency of asylum seekers in Vienna and Austria during the last years, on the one hand, and the development of selected media reports on drug-related crime by asylum seekers in Vienna during the last five years, on the other.</p> <p>The results of the secondary analysis of the police statistics and of the content analysis of media reports were compared. Additionally, interviews were carried out with persons caring for asylum seekers in Vienna and with asylum law experts.</p> <p>The European Centre project team was responsible for the quantitative and qualitative content analysis of the reports of two selected newspapers on drug-related crime of asylum seekers during the last five years. It also carried out five expert interviews with professional carers for asylum seekers and completed the analysis of these interviews.</p>

Results Asylum seekers in Austria but especially in Vienna are increasingly registered for drug-related crime during the last years. It are especially black Africans of one African country who become ostentatious. The relationship between black Africans and drug trade is exaggerated and dramatised by the respective reports of the two selected newspapers, but especially by the more populist one.

The interviewed experts draw a much more differentiated picture of the relationship in question and of its social background: Black African asylum seekers in contrary to others are mostly single young men, with few connections in Austria and with a strong relationship to their families of origin. The reasons for their asylum seeking in Austria are as unclear as their involvement in the drug trade and their integration is impeded by the strong prejudices towards them and by the legal framework.

The project might be continued in the near future by an interview study shedding light on the situation of the black African asylum seekers and their involvement in the drug trade.

Die Wiener Drogenpolitik im Urteil ihrer Adressaten und Akteure

Viennese Drug Policy Seen by its Addressees and Actors

Type of Activity	National Research Project
Status	Completed
Duration	2003 – 2005
European Centre Involvement	Joint Responsibility
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Aims of the Project	<p>The aim of the project was to assess the development of regional drug policy and control in a period of “Europeanization” of national drug policies and controls and to investigate the perception of drug policy by those who are directly addressed by it (drug consumers and their relatives) as well as by those who enforce it (so-called drug policy actors). The project covered the period between 1970 and 2002 and consisted of three parts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In the first part, drug policy in Vienna is described on the basis of written materials as for instance police and criminal statistics, statistics on drug deaths, reports of drug treatment facilities and programmes, reports of the municipal administration, research reports and drug brochures.• In the second part 50 semi-structured interviews were carried out with diverse drug policy actors such as policemen responsible for drug affairs, drug treatment professionals, drug prevention professionals, drug administrators etc.• The third part consisted of 50 semi-structured interviews with drug consumers with different experiences with drug control (abstention treatment, substitution, prison sentences etc.) and with parents of drug consumers. All interviews were analysed by content analysis.

Results Five phases of Viennese drug policy could be distinguished. In the first phase drug policy only took place on the national level and it was restricted to penal measures. In the second phase drug treatment was cautiously added to the drug policy measures and hence the regional level came into play. Drug treatment became the leading response to drug problems in the third phase and at the same time regional policy was further strengthened. One result was that in the fourth phase a regional drug administration was established, governing all drug responses besides penal ones and establishing addiction prevention. The fifth phase (the last few years of the research period) was characterised by the integration of regional drug policy into regional social policy and its restricted budget.

Concerning the drug consumers, at the beginning of the 1970s they could hardly find any care and cure, in the end they had troubles to select and decide between the diversified offers, with few of them preferring prison sentences to treatment. Parents of drug consumers, who still hope for a cure, are increasingly worried about substitution programmes, more and more becoming the leading response on the regional level.

The drug policy actors finally – at the beginning mostly enthusiastic pioneers and experimentators – more and more became bureaucrats in restricted and split areas.

The recommendations: despite extensive diversification, drug policy again should be perceived as a whole – on the regional as well as on the national level – and as a social response to basically social problems.

There are plans to extend the study to other European cities and to study different regional answers to the drug questions occurring under the same political conditions.

Multi-City Study on Quantities and Financing of Illicit Drug Consumption

Type of Activity	International Research Project
Status	Ongoing
Duration	2005 – 2007
European Centre Involvement	Exclusive Responsibility
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Financed by	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
Aims of the Project	<p>The aim of the project is to assess the per capita consumption of five main drugs (heroin, cocaine, amphetamines besides ecstasy, ecstasy and cannabis) and the respective financing behaviour in six European cities. In order to increase variability six cities perceived to be heterogeneous were selected: Vienna, London, Amsterdam, Prague, Turin and Warsaw.</p> <p>Per capita consumption will be assessed by interviews with 100 registered and up to 100 non-registered drug consumers, including questions on the drugs consumed, the drug combinations consumed, the frequency and the context of consumption and the (licit and illicit) financing behaviour. In order to select representative or “typical” interview partners and to judge the quality of their responses, interviews with 20 drug policy actors will be carried out in advance: they will function as informants on the regional drug consumption patterns, their developments and the local drug scenes.</p> <p>The study started in July, the first working meeting took place in September. Two further working meetings will be organised in 2006. Members of UNODC will participate in the working meetings and closely accompany the project.</p>

Qualitative Erforschung jugendlicher Alkoholszenen zur Entwicklung effektiver Präventionsinstrumente

Qualitative Research on Juvenile Alcohol Scenes to Develop Effective Prevention Instruments

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Type of Activity	National Research Project
Status	Planned
Duration	2005 – 2007
European Centre Involvement	Exclusive Responsibility
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Financed by	Fonds Gesundes Österreich, Fonds Soziales Wien, Niederösterreichische Landesregierung
Aims of the Project	Juvenile binge drinking is a phenomenon increasingly observed in all industrialised countries. An explorative study for the EU-project MEGAPOLES on behalf of the health administration of the city of Vienna indicated that one part of juvenile binge drinking in Vienna takes place in the public: Groups of youth meet in highly frequented places such as shopping malls and courts of apartment blocs, drinking excessively and repeatedly exhibiting violent behaviour within the group and against “strangers”.

The project aims to collect information on these juvenile alcohol scenes by different qualitative methods (mapping of alcohol scenes on the basis of hidden observations, focus groups with members of selected alcohol scenes, participant observation of the selected alcohol scenes, interviews with selected members of the selected scenes) and to develop effective prevention measures on their basis. The study will be carried out in Vienna and in the surrounding Province of Lower Austria to deal with the question if we are faced with an urban phenomenon.

The European Centre will closely collaborate with the Social Work Programmes at the Universities of Applied Sciences in Vienna and Lower Austria for two reasons: The juvenile alcohol scenes are better approached by (younger) social workers than researchers and besides professional strategies, social workers have professional knowledge about prevention instruments and their adaptation to new social problems. There are plans to extend the study to other cities and regions.

Female Drug Users in European Prisons – Follow-up Based Guidelines for Relapse Prevention

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Type of Activity	International Research Project
Status	Starting
Duration	2005 – 2006
European Centre Involvement	Joint Responsibility
Partners / Co-Organizers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BISDRO, Bremen, Germany • General Directorate of Substance Abuse and AIDS • Glasgow Caledonian University, Scotland, UK • Institute of Psychiatry and Neurology (IPiN), Warsaw, Poland
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Working Language	English
Financed by	European Commission, AGIS Programme for Police and Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters
Aims of the Project	<p>The research project is a follow-up to the international research project “Female Drug users in European Prisons – Best Practice for Relapse Prevention and Reintegration”. It aims to evaluate different prevention interventions with regard to their impact on legal probation and relapse of female drug users after prison release.</p> <p>An investigation of female drug users in the local prison in order to gain detailed information about their drug and crime history and their utilisation of treatment will be carried out. Interviews with former inmates will be carried out in the participating countries and a local project conference will be organised. Practicable and solid recommendations to optimise relapse prevention activities will be developed.</p>

Gesundheitsförderung und Prävention im Bereich sexueller und reproduktiver Gesundheit: Entwicklung von Strategien zur Förderung der Teilnahme männlicher Jugendlicher

**Health Promotion and Prevention in the Area of Sexual and Reproductive Health:
Developing Strategies to Enhance Adolescent Boys' Participation**

Type of Activity	National Research Project
Status	Pending
Duration	2006 – 2008
European Centre Involvement	Exclusive Responsibility
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Aims of the Project	Research in the area of health and gender shows that women and men are different in their health behaviour. They differ in their knowledge and interest in health issues, their health-seeking behaviour, and their relationship to their bodies. It is therefore important to adopt a gender perspective when planning and implementing prevention measures. However, according to WHO, gender-specific determinants of men's health behaviour (especially young men) have not been given enough attention. While a number of health promotion and prevention projects for men have been developed lately, experiences with programmes addressing young men, particularly in the area of sexual and reproductive health, are scarce.

The aims of the project are to:

- 1) Enhance the understanding of adolescent boys' needs in the area of sexual reproductive health, taking into consideration their gender-specific potentials, problems and risks, their attitudes towards and experiences with counselling and health services as well as prevention programmes. This includes insights into the sexual identity of adolescent boys and their perception of respectful and equal relationships.
- 2) 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. Sexual orientation and ethnicity will be taken into consideration.
- 3) Develop a pilot project in the area of sexual and reproductive health together with an interested service provider.

HIV/AIDS/STD – Prevention, Diagnostics and Therapy across Old and New EU Borders (BORDERNET)

Type of Activity	International Research Project
Status	Starting
Duration	2005 – 2008
European Centre Involvement	Joint Responsibility
Partners / Co-Organizers	SPI Research, Germany
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Working Language	English
Financed by	European Commission, DG Health and Consumer Protection
Aims of the Project	<p>BORDERNET aims to build sustainable cross-border networks in the field of HIV/AIDS and STD prevention, diagnostics and treatment.</p> <p>Among others, it is foreseen to develop regionally-situated HIV and STD surveillance systems; carry out representative surveys among regional general populations and among selected target groups; improve prevention offers for groups at risk; support regional prevention campaigns; and improve and standardize pre- and post-test counselling as well as STD diagnostics.</p> <p>The project brings together the expertise of 13 institutional partners from six countries, including Austria, Germany, Italy, Poland, Slovakia, and Slovenia. Four regional networks will integrate neighbour regions in a tandem process (such as Austria and Slovakia) to adjust and improve cross-border HIV/AIDS/STD prevention services.</p>

Implementation of the Austrian Strategy for Sustainable Development

Implementierung der österreichischen Strategie für nachhaltige Entwicklung

Type of Activity	Expert Working Group
Status	Ongoing
Duration	2005
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Aims of the Project	<p>The expert group “Forum Sustainable Austria“ is an interdisciplinary group of scientists and NGO representatives. It provides expertise to the Austrian government in the implementation of the Austrian Strategy for Sustainable Development and sees itself as a critical counterpart to the public actors.</p> <p>Sustainable development means the long-term integration of social, economic and environmental policies with the aim of securing a high standard of living for future generations. The “Ökosoziales Forum Österreich” is compiling a position paper and policy recommendations. The Programme Area Health and Welfare is responsible for the module “social inequalities and health”.</p>

Improving the Sexual and Reproductive Health of Persons Living with HIV in Europe (EUROSUPPORT V)

Type of Activity	International Research Project
Status	Ongoing
Duration	2005 – 2008
European Centre Involvement	Joint Responsibility
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Financed by	European Commission, DG Health and Consumer Protection
Aims of the Project	<p>The project's general objective is to promote the sexual and reproductive health (SRH) of persons living with HIV (PLWH) and to prevent further transmission of HIV to their sexual partners by addressing health determinants that contribute to adopting healthy sexual lifestyles. The project aims at preventing transmission of HIV and other STIs from PLWH to their sexual partners by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improving current strategies of secondary prevention targeting PLWH; • supporting PLWH in adopting safer-sex practices; • empowering PLWH to take informed choices about fertility issues (such as family planning and contraception), pregnancy-related issues and sexual problems related to HIV. <p>The general objectives can be seen as a contribution to further increasing the quality of life of PLWH. In addition, improving secondary prevention will also significantly enhance current primary prevention efforts and thus curb the spread of HIV and other STIs in Europe.</p>

The specific objectives are set out at four measurable levels:

- Identifying SRH needs of men/women living with HIV using sound scientific and gender-sensitive methodologies. Target groups are men having sex with men, ethnic minorities, heterosexual men and women, and PLWH with a current or past (IV-)drug use history. Areas to be covered are: secondary prevention, sexual problems, fertility, and pregnancy-related issues.
- Identifying, analysing and disseminating models of best practice across Europe on the basis of the needs identified. Identifying existing barriers to the integration of HIV and SRH on a policy level.
- Developing policy recommendations and guidelines on the basis of the available best-practice evidence for an integrated field of HIV/Aids and SRH and to disseminate them among the Member States.
- Setting up a network of experts in an integrated area of SRH and HIV/Aids in Member States of the European Union that actively promotes the SRH of PLWH.

MERI – Mapping Existing Research and Identifying Knowledge Gaps Concerning the Situation of Older Women in Europe

Type of Activity	International Research Project
Status	Completed
Duration	2002 – 2005
European Centre Involvement	Joint Responsibility
Partners / Co-Organizers	<p>CESIS, Lisboa, Portugal Dane Age Association, Copenhagen, Denmark Dutch Knowledge Centre on Ageing, Utrecht, the Netherlands Generazioni, Corciano Institut für Soziale Infrastruktur (ISIS), Frankfurt, Germany Sextant Co, Social-Economic Research and Consultancy, Athens, Greece Sveriges Pensionärsförbund, Bollnäs, Sweden The National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health (STAKES), Helsinki, Finland The University of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Bruxelles, Belgium de senectute, Ville d'Avray, Le Monastère, France</p>
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Administration by	European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research
Financed by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Commission, DG Research • Federal Ministry of Social Security, Generations and Consumer Protection
Aims of the Project	<p>One of the main results of the project “Equal Opportunities for Older Women” and the follow-up conference, was the lack of knowledge and research in most European countries, whereby also large country differences were observed. As a second step this project aimed:</p>

- to increase our knowledge about the specific living conditions and problems of older women,
- to improve the empirical basis for work aiming specifically at older women by national and European associations, for government tasks at social policy level, and for research work already in progress on the living conditions of older women,
- to raise the awareness of the general public for the situation of older women.

The status of research on the specific situation of older women was established using a mapping exercise, to identify gaps in research, and to specify the realms in which national and European research should mainly be carried out.

The work was devoted to the following areas in particular:

- Health
- Paid and unpaid work
- Income
- Social inclusion
- Education and qualification
- Interest representation and participation in decision-making processes

In addition, the publicly accessible data of the national statistics offices were analysed as to whether they are differentiated according to age and gender, and existing but as yet unpublished data stocks were examined as to their possible inclusion in a future, more comprehensive statistical publication policy. Of particular interest here, were data on population, labour market, education, health, as well as data related to income, social benefits and political participation, e.g. via elections.

Results The results of the previous project (Equal Opportunities for Older Women) can be accessed through www.sophia-net.at. The final conference took place in Brussels in September 2004. The country results were presented to representatives of policy-makers and NGOs from all participating countries. The country summaries as well as the final report will be made accessible under www.sophia-net.at

Dissemination An Austrian workshop with experts in the field of older women was held in April 2005 to disseminate the project results and discuss which concrete projects could be relevant for Austria. The results of this expert workshop can be found in German under: <http://www.bmsg.gv.at/cms/site/detail.htm?channel=CH0104&doc=CMS1121677255001>

SENSI_TEC. Verbesserung der Rahmenbedingungen für die Integration von Menschen mit Behinderungen durch Sensibilisierung und Nutzung der Informationstechnologie

SENSI_TEC. Improving the Framework for the Integration of People with a Disability through IT and Awareness Raising

Type of Activity	Evaluation Project
Status	Completed
Duration	2002 – 2005
European Centre Involvement	Joint Responsibility
Partners / Co-Organizers	Bundessozialamt für Wien, Niederösterreich und Burgenland Integration Österreich Prove Unternehmensberatung GmbH Austrian Trade Union Federation (ÖGB) Institut für Humanistisches Management HuMan Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKÖ) Online GmbH
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Aims of the Project	Within the framework of the European Union's EQUAL Programme, the European Centre was a partner in a "development partnership". The partnership focused its work on measures of awareness raising and information and on activities that help to improve the framework for the integration of people with disabilities on the labour market. The European Centre was responsible for the module "external evaluation" on the level of the different thematic modules as well as on the level of the development partnership and the transnational partnership with other European EQUAL projects.
Results	The project was successfully completed. The evaluation team accompanied the individual partners throughout the project and supported them in formulating their goals and assessing in how far they have reached them. The partners considered the evaluation as very helpful and stated that it played an important role in helping them reach their project aims. See also: www.sensitec.info

Health and Social Care Services for People with Disabilities: Indicators of Quality Standards (Phase II)

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Type of Activity	International Research Project
Status	Ongoing
Duration	2003 – 2005
European Centre Involvement	Joint Responsibility
Partners / Co-Organizers	<p><i>France</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institute for Research and Information on Volunteering (IRIV) • Institute for Professional Training (Institut Universitaire Professionnalisé) (IUP) – Maine University • Centre for Information and Social Communication (Centre d'Information et de communication sociale) (CICOS) • Association for Students in the City (Association pour la Fondation Etudiante pour la Ville/ AFEV) • Region Champagne Ardenne • Regional Direction for Youth and Sports <p><i>Germany</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INBAS – Sozialforschung • Deutscher Paritätischer Wohlfahrtsverband (DPVW) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verband Österreichischer Volksbildungswerke (OEVBW), Austria • PRISMA, Centre for Development Studies, Greece • Önkéntes Központ Alapítvány / Volunteer Centre Foundation (OKA), Hungary • Fondazione Italiana per il Volontariato (FIVOL), Italy • Wolontariat Centrum, Poland • Institute for Volunteering Research, UK
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Aims of the Project

The project covers a range of services working with different target groups: people with mental health problems; people with mental or motor disabilities; people with physical disabilities; people with sensorial disabilities. The overall aim of the project is to define service quality and quality indicators and to develop and pilot quality assessment tools based on a conceptual framework of quality criteria developed in Phase I of the project. This conceptual framework reflects the perspectives of the different actors involved, especially that of the service users.

The main objectives of the project in Phase II are:

- 1) Development of service quality assessment tools for each of the four services covered by the project. These tools will incorporate user and staff views through surveys, self-evaluation and documentary data.
- 2) Pilot application of the assessment tools by the provider organizations of the partnership and using them for self-evaluation.
- 3) Preparation of quality assessment guides for broader use by the service provider community.
- 4) Dissemination through the project's web site; publicity; country workshops; the end-of-project dissemination seminar; and the publication of a synthesis of project outputs, experience and lessons learned in book form.

Assessing Voluntary Experience in a Professional Perspective

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Type of Activity	International Research Project
Status	Ongoing
Duration	2004 – 2006
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Financed by	European Commission, Leonardo da Vinci Programme, DG Education and Training
Aims of the Project	<p>Identifying and evaluating the skills and qualifications acquired through volunteering to recognize and validate informal learning is the focus of this project. Assessing these voluntary experiences and making them visible for use in the labour market can be very useful for young people who have no professional experience and for people who have been away from the labour market and who would like to take up a professional activity again. Voluntary experience can be an alternative way to experiment, develop or renew specific skills and qualifications in a specific context.</p> <p>The aim of this project is to look at ways of identifying, evaluating and validating skills and qualifications acquired through volunteering as an informal learning for a professional purpose.</p> <p>To reach these aims two networks are being used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a network of experts in different European Countries: Centrum Wolontariatu, European Centre, FIVOL, IRIV, ISIS, IRV, OKA; • a network of associations and partners in 7 European countries.

The following tools and methods are used:

- identifying and evaluating the skills and qualifications required and acquired in volunteering,
- validating these skills and qualifications in a professional perspective,
- experimenting with assessment methods through the network of associations.

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Results So far we have:

- compiled an overview of voluntary work in each of the seven countries and the kind of training proposed by professionals to volunteers and the qualifications they require;
- collected a synthesis of the main skills and qualifications developed in voluntary activities and examined the ways and tools to identify them;
- developed individual tools to assess voluntary experience in each of the seven countries.

Presently, one proposal has been compiled from the seven existing tools. This will be discussed at a project meeting in Vienna in October 2005 and trialled in each country in the last phase of the project.

Homepage All relevant information is available at: www.eEuropeassociations.net

Wissenschaftliche Begleitung zur Einführung einer Pflegeversicherung in Südtirol

Introduction of Care Insurance in South Tyrol / Alto Adige

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Type of Activity	Technical Assistance and Consultancy
Status	Ongoing
Duration	2000 – 2006
European Centre Involvement	Joint Responsibility
Partners / Co-Organizers	Autonomous Province of Bolzano-Alto Adige, Italy
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Financed by	Autonomous Province of Bolzano-Alto Adige, Italy
Aims of the Project	<p>The Autonomous Province of Bolzano-Alto Adige is more than ever determined to introduce a long-term care fund in order to improve the existing schemes in this area of social protection. The European Centre has accompanied the respective reform process since the year 2000, in particular to elaborate on the existing bill concerning needs assessment, entitlements and organizational issues.</p> <p>The fifth phase of this consultancy project in 2005/06 serves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to realize an ultimate test of the newly-developed assessment scheme (V.I.T.A. – an integrated tool to assess individual needs in terms of time for care) and its application for EXCEL in the Province of Bolzano-Alto Adige; • to finalize forms, schedules and the IT-version of the new assessment tool (V.I.T.A.) for regular use; • to train several assessment teams, consisting of nursing care and community care staff, in order to increase assessment reliability and long-term care planning capacities;

- to thus prepare a training module to be introduced in relevant education and training programmes for health and social care professions; and
- to provide consultancy in the drafting of the legislative framework of the future long-term care insurance.

Results Long-term care needs of 831 persons with an invalidity of at least 50% living in a chosen area of the province (Südtiroler Unterland) were assessed with the new instrument VITA 1.0. These assessments were carried out by five assessment teams each of them consisting of a health care professional (e.g. home nurses) and a social care professional (e.g. social worker). From the most interesting results the following should be highlighted:

- In the future, the number of persons entitled to long-term care provisions will more than double, in particular favouring those persons who suffer from dementia, learning difficulties and mental health problems. The aim of the newly-developed instrument has thus been accomplished so that it can now be prepared for its general application.
- Assessment teams reported high satisfaction with this kind of assessment process, offering opportunities for confronting and exchanging different professional perspectives. It is most important, however, to train team members' communication and social skills, rather than just their technical capability to apply VITA 1.0.
- In the future, 20-30 assessment teams will be trained and established in different parts of the province to assess altogether the care needs of about 10,000 persons (about 2.3% of the Province's population). The training programme will be developed with support from the European Centre during winter 2005/2006.

The technical and organizational framework for the introduction of a long-term care fund in the Autonomous Province of Bolzano-Alto Adige has been realized. Due to the political process, however, the introduction is still pending and now foreseen for 2006/2007.

PROCARE - Providing Integrated Health and Social Care for Older Persons: Issues, Problems and Solutions

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Type of Activity	International Research Project
Status	Completed
Duration	2002 – 2005
European Centre Involvement	Exclusive Responsibility
Partners / Co-Organizers	Institute of Gerontology, Dortmund, Germany National Centre for Social Research (EKKE) – Institute of Social Policy, Athens, Greece Studio Come Srl, Roma, Italy The Danish National Institute of Social Research, Copenhagen, Denmark The National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health (STAKES), Helsinki, Finland The University of Kent, Canterbury, UK Union nationale interfédérale des oeuvres et organismes privés sanitaires et sociaux (Uniopss), Paris, France Verwey-Jonker Institute, Utrecht, Netherlands emme&erre S.p.A., Padova, Italy
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Financed by	European Commission, DG Research
Aims of the Project	The increasing life-expectancy of older persons will remain a key issue across Europe during the next decades. The overall goals of “successful ageing”, autonomy, social integration, quality of life and, particularly relevant for this project, coping with disability, are however constantly challenged by the organizational framework older persons encounter when they are confronted with long-term care needs. In this connection, one of the most prominent shortcomings in

Europe, allegedly independent from national traditions and structural peculiarities of national health and social care systems, remains the interface between the health system on the one hand, and the system of social care for older persons, on the other.

Therefore, the main aim of this project was to help in defining the new concept of integrating health and social care systems for older persons in need of care and to contribute to the provision of a sustainable model of this type of service by comparing and evaluating different modes of care delivery. The key objectives thus were:

- to confirm that a new model of community health and social care is needed to enhance the care for older persons,
- to provide valid research methods to evaluate long-term care services for older persons, in particular at the interface between health and social care, and between institutional and community care,
- to identify factors and actors that constitute an integrated care system with enhanced outcomes for all actors involved,
- to develop performance indicators for use in evidence-based policy-making, planning, quality assurance and controlling social and health services,
- to promote the dissemination of best practice by involving professionals at different levels.

Results The overall achievement of this project was to analyse model ways of working with respect to their methods and tools, their responsiveness to users/carers, and their ways to overcome problems and shortcomings at the interface between health and social care systems. In particular, the project has realized the following products and results:

- A literature review and a cross-national comparison of participating EU countries focusing on successful innovations in modes of organization, finance and professional collaboration observed in Europe over the last decade. The national reports, a European overview and theoretical considerations concerning the definition and most salient discourses on integrated care were published at the beginning of 2004.
- A pool of 50 model ways of working in the nine participating countries was identified.
- A sound methodological concept for in-depth studies of model ways of working (interview schedules for different stakeholders, design for group discussions/focus groups) was developed.

- “National Project Committees”, consisting of researchers, practitioners and policy-makers, were founded in each participating country to increase visibility, inter-disciplinarity and local support. They helped by giving feedback and useful hints to models and literature but also as an opportunity to disseminate results.
- Empirical research in 18 selected model ways of working (2 per country) was carried out: 300 interviews with different stakeholders, including users and family carers, and about 25 focus groups with staff and management of the models formed a broad basis for the analysis.
- Eight main areas for analysis were identified: Definition of integrated care from stakeholders’ views, Access and pathways, Professional cultures and joint working, Key innovations (instrumentation), Role of the family, Quality of service (person-centredness, outcome indicators), Working conditions and Financial issues.
- These transversal topics have been analysed with a comparative perspective by eight trans-national teams.
- Preliminary results were presented at the Final PROCARE Conference (Venice, 21-23 October 2004) to 140 researchers, policy-makers and providers of services from all over Europe, Israel, the US and Canada (20 countries), to exchange experiences and to further increase networking.
- Final results are published in the second PROCARE publication that will become available by December 2005.
- Furthermore, dissemination activities were facilitated by a public web site (www.euro.centre.org/procare), participation in relevant conferences and networks, as well as by publishing articles in several international journals.

As a side-effect of the expertise gathered at the European Centre around issues of integrated care, the Netherlands’ Ministry of Welfare, Health and Sports invited the European Centre and the Verwey-Jonker Institute to organize an international invitational conference in The Hague to present solutions in integrating health and social care services and to discuss them with invited high-level policy-makers from all 25 EU Member States (18-19 November 2004).

The project received positive feedback from a number of relevant national and international organisations which also resulted in many invitations to seminars and conferences during 2004 and 2005.

Type of Activity	International Research Network and Working Group Meetings
Status	Ongoing
Duration	2001 – 2005
European Centre Involvement	Joint Responsibility
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Working Language	English
Date / Location of Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8-11 November 2001, Cost meeting in Trondheim, Norway • 3-4 May 2002, Expert meeting of WG 2 in Berlin, Germany • 14-16 June 2002, Cost meeting in Pühajärve, Estonia • 7-10 November 2002, Cost meeting in Florence, Italy • 6-9 November 2003, Cost meeting in Paphos, Cyprus • 17-20 June 2004, Cost meeting in Norrköping, Sweden • 28-31 October 2004, Cost meeting in Zagreb, Croatia • 2-4 July 2005, Cost meeting in Oslo, Norway • 18-20 November 2005, Cost meeting in Freising, Germany
Financed by	European Commission, Action COST A 19

Aims of the Project

The main objective of the Action is to enhance the knowledge of children's welfare in both private and public realms in terms of their access to and use of material resources, services, space, and time by employing a generational and a comparative perspective. Further objectives of the Action are to share ideas across national borders, to improve the basis for political action and to establish networks among researchers interested in these issues. The Action aims at promoting comparative research about the proposed research issues in order to reflect national conditions and policies.

The specific aim of the working group "Children's Access to Space and Use of Time" is to explore the understanding of seemingly contradictory trends where children, on the one hand, expand their spatial areas (e.g. travelling long distances to visit non-custodial parents, exposure to and active use of the "virtual" world through the internet), while on the other hand they are confined to particular spaces and kept out of others (e.g. growing domestication of children's life worlds, in Germany noted as "Verhäuslichung"). While such developments open children's life worlds they may also represent a new control over children. Concerning the time patterns children experience, it is common knowledge that children are using their time within more or less obligatory forms – consequences of broad social changes for children's lives. One of the aims of this COST Action is the analysis and interpretation of these changes.

Further specific objectives of the COST A19 Action are:

- To enhance international efforts in childhood research by means of network activities.
- To improve the basis of collecting information about children's lives from a child-centred perspective.
- To improve the understanding of children's welfare under the impact of globalization, internationalization, and the market as growing factors in children's lives.
- To improve the understanding of differences in welfare, space and time use between children and between generations.
- To improve the understanding of children's provision from public budgets.
- To make children's welfare transparent as far as intergenerational distribution of resources and children's use of space and time are concerned.

Results In 2003, a Country Report summarizing the findings of the two working groups “Children’s Access to Space and Use of Time” and “Children’s Economic and Social Welfare” has been prepared in collaboration with our Austrian partners. At the Cost meeting in Cyprus (held in November 2003) the outcomes of the Country Report were discussed and the preparation of the planned publication *Children’s Welfare in Ageing Europe* started (to be published by the Norwegian Centre of Child Research, NOSEB).

In 2004, the book contribution for Volume I, entitled “Childhood in Austria. Cash and Care, Time and Space, Children’s Needs, and Public Policies” has been revised and submitted to the editorial board. In the meantime, both volumes of *Children’s Welfare in Ageing Europe* have been published (in total 833 pages). This publication pictures childhood through a set of country studies. Building upon a common framework the country reports reflect the country-specific variation as well as basic commonalities in children’s welfare. Ageing societies, new family structures and parental roles, the new precariousness of the welfare state and the growing influence of the market are impacting on children’s life worlds, their everyday lives in families, schools, kindergartens and leisure areas. These are the new challenges to children’s material and social welfare, their access to space and use of time which make this publication so timely. The 13 country studies represent a cross-section of European countries and Israel.

In 2005, members of the Cost A 19 will concentrate on the dissemination of these findings as well as on plans of possible collaboration in the future.

Publication Beham, Martina/ Wintersberger, Helmut/ Wörister, Karl/ Zartler, Ulrike (2004): ‘Childhood in Austria: Cash and Care, Time and Space, Children’s Needs, and Public Policies’, in: Jensen, An-Magritt/ Ben-Arieh, Asher/ Conti, Cinzia/ Kutsar, Dagmar/ Phadraig, Maire Nic Ghiolla/ Warming Nielsen, Hanne (Eds.): *Children’s Welfare in Ageing Europe*. Volume I. Trondheim: NOSEB.

“ChildONEurope”
European Network of Observatories, Centres
and Places of Observation of Children

Type of Activity International Networking and Consultancy

Status Ongoing

Duration 2002 –

European Centre

Involvement Joint Responsibility

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Aims of the Project	<p>ChildONEurope was created after two years of preparatory work in the context of the Permanent Intergovernmental Group <i>L'Europe de l'Enfance</i> and held its first official meeting on 24 January 2003.</p> <p>ChildONEurope is an institutional Network composed of the National Observatories or institutions on childhood indicated by the national ministries composing the Intergovernmental Group <i>L'Europe de l'Enfance</i>. It pursues the following aims :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchanging knowledge and information on laws, policies, programmes, statistics, studies, research, best practices regarding childhood and adolescence. • Supporting the development of measures and actions to promote the rights and well-being of the child as defined by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the other international standards in force. • Realising surveys, studies and research mainly through a multidisciplinary and comparative approach on specific issues related to childhood.

- Disseminating the results achieved among the partners and also outside the network including to other national and international organizations dealing with childhood.
- Identifying, sharing and promoting good practices from the results achieved through comparison and analysis also in support of a reflection on national and European policies.
- Developing and exchanging knowledge on indicators and methodologies in order to obtain the comparability of data and information.
- Organising conferences, seminars and mutual training to share experience with a view to the use of minimum common tools in the process of data and information collection.

Results As of September 2005, the ChildONEurope network is composed of eight member states (Belgium, Denmark, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal and Spain) and nine observer states (Austria, Germany, Greece, Finland, Sweden, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Latvia and Lithuania). Since May 2004 the new EU member states are invited to participate in the network assemblies and join the network as members or observers. In addition, national and international, governmental and non-governmental organizations or individual experts are invited to some specific network initiatives.

Up to now ChildONEurope has prepared analyses and reports, normally through the compilation of questionnaires submitted to ChildONEurope Members and Observers, on the following issues: activities of National Observatories, data on demography and family composition, on family mediation and on unaccompanied foreign children. The finalisation of a compilation of statistical data and legal information on the issues “adoption” and “child abuse” is on the 2005 agenda. In addition, a seminar on “post-adoption” (approaches, models and support services for parents) to be held in 2006 is under preparation.

Jugendliche SchulabbrecherInnen In Österreich

Early School-Leavers In Austria

Type of Activity	Pilot Study
Status	Completed
Duration	2004
European Centre Involvement	Exclusive Responsibility
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Working Language	German
Financed by	Federal Ministry for Education, Science and Culture, Austria
Aims of the Project	Early school-leavers only recently became a matter of public interest, in Austria not at least because the current situation on the labour market handicaps their social integration through work. The aim of this project was to provide an overview on the situation of early school-leavers in Austria, based on the analysis of existing data and literature. This background information can be used as a basis for further prevention and intervention measures as well as for designing new studies to fill the current gaps in research on the topic.

Results The trend towards higher qualification in Austria as well as in other countries is not being followed by those who do not achieve an upper secondary graduation, a fact which is also reflected upon in the Lisbon Strategy of the European Union. In Austria, between 15 and 17% of the 20- to 24-year-olds are early school-leavers without a secondary graduation.

The main reasons for early school-leaving are situated within the family and the school setting as well as within the peer group. Frequently named causes are: bad grades, social problems with teachers, a rather unspecific dislike of the school often related to the feeling of alienation and senselessness, peers who invite others to common truancy and finally also bullying peers. Some parents stress their children with excessive demands while others, for different reasons, keep them away from school.

In Austria, as well as in other countries, early school-leavers have great problems with their integration into the labour market. Their well-being very much depends on whether they find a job and if it enables them to social participation. The self-esteem of these young people is usually quite low, as they blame themselves for their bad performance.

Measures for early school-leavers are set on different levels: preventive measures within the school system, provision of qualification measures for early school-leavers as well as policy measures improving the living situation of disadvantaged groups.

Report Riepl, Barbara (2004): *Jugendliche SchulabbrecherInnen in Österreich. Ergebnisse einer Literaturstudie*. Unpublished Final Report on behalf of the Bundesministerium für Bildung, Wissenschaft und Kultur, Vienna.

Parenting of Children at Risk of Social Exclusion

Type of Activity	International Networking and Consultancy
Status	Ongoing
Duration	2005 – 2006
European Centre Involvement	Joint Responsibility
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Working Languages	English / French
Date / Location of Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-4 March 2005, 1st Meeting of the Working Party at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France • 28-29 September 2005, 2nd Meeting of the Working Party at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France
Financed by	Council of Europe

Aims of the Project

With respect to the Terms of References, the working party will look into parenting problems where children are at risk of social exclusion and how such problems affect the child-parent relationship and the child's relations with the outside world, and school in particular. A particular effort will be made to clarify the connections between the individual children's needs, interests, rights and creating equal opportunities and a favourable environment for children's personal development.

The working party will go on to consider what short-, medium- and long-term measures should be recommended to Member States in various fields (social assistance and security, social services, health, etc.) for helping parents in their parenting functions with the aim of giving children a future outside poverty.

Taking as its starting point a basic aspect of the Revised Strategy for Social Cohesion, namely support for families and encouraging family solidarity as a way of counteracting the risk of social exclusion of children, the working party will decide by what practical means families and children should be assisted. With the assistance of Member States and NGOs, the working party will identify and assemble research material on the subject. It will study examples of good practice and examine a range of projects. It will likewise endeavour to obtain information about unsuccessful initiatives so as to draw conclusions from their mistakes.

The working party will closely work together with the European Health Committee (CD-SP), the Committee of Experts on Standard-Setting Instruments in the Social Security Field (CS-CO), the European Population Committee (CAHP), the European Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ) and the Steering Committee for Education (CD-ED).

It should develop its work in connection with the 28th session of the Conference of European Ministers Responsible for Family Affairs (Portugal, May 2006). A report setting out guidelines will be drawn up which will have regard to member states' different family policies. The key points in the report could be condensed into a draft recommendation for submission to the Committee of Ministers, through the CS-EF and the CDCS.

Against this background, rough guidelines for reports on the situation of parents and children at risk of social exclusion in the respective countries have been developed during the first meeting of the Working Party in March 2005. In the meantime, a compilation of data and research findings on this topic and models of good practice has been prepared by the members of the Working Party. These reports as well as the next steps are on the agenda of the second meeting of the Working Party which will take place in September 2005.

Evaluation des Kindschaftsrechtsänderungsgesetzes (KindRÄG) 2001, insbesondere der Obsorge beider Eltern

Evaluation of the Children's Rights Amendment Act 2001, in particular of Joint Custody after Divorce

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Type of Activity	National Research Project
Status	Ongoing
Duration	2005 – 2006
European Centre Involvement	Exclusive Responsibility
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Working Language	German
Date / Location of Meetings	15 April 2005, 1st meeting of the Steering Committee 17 May 2005, 2nd meeting of the Steering Committee 25 October 2005, 3rd meeting of the Steering Committee
Financed by	Federal Ministry of Justice, Austria

Aims of the Project

This project aims at evaluating the Children's Rights Amendment Act which was introduced in 2001. The Children's Rights Amendment Act 2001 continued the implementation of the UN Children's Rights Convention in Austria. The legal position of young people has been strengthened: e.g. by the reduction of the age of legal majority from the 19th to the 18th birthday, or by the increased consideration given to their wishes in questions of upbringing and by extended rights to file petitions and the ability to independently take part in legal proceedings for minors under 14. "Visiting rights" after divorces were also standardised as a right of the child. The possibility to enforce this right was improved and it was also made possible for both parents to be legal guardians after divorce. Furthermore, the possibility for accompanied visits has been introduced.

Against this background, the evaluation of the Children's Rights Amendment Act focuses on the implementation of these legal regulations in practice. Special emphasis is given to the claiming of joint custody after separation and its impact on parents and children in the view of different professionals dealing with divorce:

A standardised questionnaire was sent out to judges, advocates, notaries, representatives of the youth welfare authorities, staff of counselling centers, court surveyors and mediators (in total 1.900 persons). In addition to the questionnaire, oral interviews will be carried out with judges and then qualitatively evaluated. Finally, we asked the Austrian Children's ombudspersons and women shelters for statements concerning the achievement of the objectives of the Children's Rights Amendment Act 2001.

A Steering Committee consisting of representatives of the ordering party, the Ministry of Justice, and representatives of umbrella organisations of occupational groups dealing with divorce, has been established at the start of the study as a consultative body.

Based on the results of the evaluation, policy recommendations will be drawn in order to improve the implementation of the Children's Rights Amendment Act 2001.

PISA & Patchwork-Kindheit. Elternzeit und Schulerfolg

Pisa & Patchwork-Childhood. Parents' Time Use and Children's School Achievement

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Type of Activity	National Research Project
Status	Ongoing
Duration	2005 – 2006
European Centre Involvement	Exclusive Responsibility
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Working Language	German
Date / Location of Meetings	11 October 2005, Workshop
Financed by	Federal Ministry of Social Security, Generations and Consumer Protection, Austria

Aims of the Project

In the public discussion of the rather poor results of Austrian children in the two PISA studies of the OECD, growing interest has been expressed in the share of the parents. Fears exist that parents do not dedicate enough time to their children in general and specifically do not satisfyingly support or supervise their children in school matters.

Against this background, the study aims to increase knowledge on the role of the family with regard to children's school achievement. Based on a literature review, a randomised letter survey is designed to interview ca. 4,000 parents about the following issues:

- Parental time use
- Family structure
- Critical life events
- Forms of care-taking of school-aged children
- Private lessons, tutoring and other learning support
- Demographic and socio-economic variables

These groups of variables will then be screened as regards their correlation with children's school achievement.

Zählen Kinder? Zeitverwendung von Eltern mit Schulkindern

Do Children Count? Time Use of Parents with School-aged Children

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Type of Activity	National Research Project
Status	Planned
Duration	2005 – 2006
European Centre Involvement	Exclusive Responsibility
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Working Language	German
Financed by	Federal Ministry of Social Security, Generations and Consumer Protection, Austria
Aims of the Project	<p>In addition to the parents' survey on their time use and the analysis of its impact on the school achievement of their children (see project "PISA & Patchwork-Childhood"), a comprehensive review of literature and available statistics on this topic will be carried out. Moreover, secondary analyses of the following data-sets will be undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data of the two PISA Studies (OECD). • Data of the Young Voices opinion poll of young people (aged 9-17) in 35 countries which we obtained from UNICEF. • Available Austrian data on parents' time use, in particular data on time use with children under 14 years of age. <p>The findings of the international literature review and the results of the secondary analyses will serve as a basis for recommendations which will be developed together with experts in the fields of family research and policy.</p>

Kinderbetreuungsplätze: “Zwischen 10.000 und 100.000”

Demand for Formal Child Care in Austria: “Between 10,000 and 100,000 Places”

Type of Activity	National Research Project
Status	Ongoing
Duration	2005
European Centre Involvement	Exclusive Responsibility
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Working Language	German
Financed by	Federation of Austrian Industry
Aims of the Project	<p>A sufficient and adequate supply with child-care facilities is very important in the context of enabling economic growth, employment and the reconciliation of family and working life.</p> <p>In Austria there is a long-standing discussion about the additional need for child-care places for children below 15 years. Different studies using different methods (e.g. interviews with parents vs. determining the need via increasing the child-care quota to a district average where the quota is below that average) show different results.</p> <p>The aim of this project is to review and assess the methods used in the different studies and to combine the results with other data (e.g. on children without formal child care with an employed mother) to estimate the “real” demand for child-care places in 2005 and 2015.</p> <p>The demand should be subdivided by age-groups and regions (the Austrian provinces). Furthermore, “qualitative” aspects of child-care (e.g. opening hours, child-care costs, quality of care) should be taken into account.</p>



European Observatory on the Social Situation

Type of Activity	International Research Project
Status	Ongoing
Duration	2005 – 2006
European Centre Involvement	Joint responsibility
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Working Language	English
Financed by	European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
Aims of the Project	<p>The European Centre is one of three partners in the Social Inclusion Network of The European Observatory on the Social Situation managed by the European Commission. The general task of the network is to monitor and report on trends in income distribution and social inclusion, i.e. the overall inclusiveness of European society, which incorporates the situation in terms of income and wealth, the impact of tax/benefit systems, the access to services, questions related to poverty and population groups facing a higher risk of exclusion.</p> <p>The Centre undertakes the leading role in particular as regards monitoring developments and trends in social inclusion and income distribution in the 25 Member States, and in conveying new research results in the area of social inclusion and income distribution.</p>
Results	<p>In 2005:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of the draft report (final report will be completed by 31 December 2005). • Presentation of preliminary results to the European Commission and representatives of other networks within the Social Observatory on 19-20 September in Brussels.

Poverty of Elderly People

Type of Activity	International Research Project
Status	Ongoing
Duration	2005 – 2006
European Centre Involvement	Exclusive Responsibility
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Working Language	English
Financed by	European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
Aims of the Project	<p>The study will cover the following research tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A study of the degree of comprehensiveness of available data sources to study elderly poverty in each EU Member State as well as the degree of international comparability of results on elderly poverty drawn from the data sources available. • A summary of strengths and limitations of different methods used in operationalising income-based monetary poverty amongst the elderly across the Member States. • An up-to-date account of incidence and depth of monetary poverty as well as the identification of high poverty risk groups amongst the elderly in each Member State. • A concise account of trends of poverty amongst the elderly by using consensus measures of monetary poverty. • An outlook on the expected evolution of poverty of elderly people for the coming decades – by analysing the potential effects of policy reforms and of common socioeconomic trends on poverty of elderly people in each Member State. • The analysis of different sources of income of poor elderly people.

I-CUE: Improving the Capacity and Usability of EUROMOD

Type of Activity	International Research Project and Network
Status	Ongoing
Duration	2005 – 2008
European Centre Involvement	Joint Responsibility
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Financed by	European Commission, DG Research, 6th Framework Programme
Aims of the Project	<p>The aim of this project is to upgrade an existing European social science research tool, the tax-benefit simulation model EUROMOD, in order to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) enhance its geographical coverage, from EU-15 to EU-25, 2) increase its capacity, 3) make it more accessible through improving ease-of-use, 4) improve the quality of results through enhancing comparability across countries, 5) make it easier to maintain and update, <p>and to do this in such a way as to take account of</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6) inter-dependencies and synergies between the various tasks and 7) the needs of users and potential users of EUROMOD. <p>The European Centre has a main responsibility in (1).</p>

Results In 2005:

- Exploring potential collaborators in the New Member States and establishing cooperation with teams of researchers.
- Project meetings with national teams, explaining the goals of the project, discussing the specific features of the national tax- and benefit systems and the feasibility of model-building:
 - Budapest, June
 - Nicosia, July
 - Prague, September
 - Warsaw, September
 - Vilnius, September
 - Tallinn September
 - Riga, October
 - Ljubljana, October
 - Bratislava, November

AIM-AP: Accurate Income Measurement for the Assessment of Public Policies

Type of Activity	International Research Project
Status	Planned
Duration	2005 – 2008
European Centre Involvement	Joint Responsibility
Partners / Co-Organizers	University of Essex Centre for Economic Research and Environmental Strategy Katholieke Universiteit Leuven Economic & Social Research Institute Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung Berlin e.V. Universiteit van Tilburg Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona Luxembourg Income Study Asbl National University of Ireland, Galway Universiteit Antwerpen
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Financed by	European Commission, DG Research, 6th Framework Programme

Aims of the Project

This programme of activity will improve the comparability, scope and applicability of tools, methods and data for the measurement of income and the analysis of the effects of policies on inequality, poverty and social inclusion. It includes three linked projects on:

- a) The distributional effects of non-cash incomes and the implementation of a more comprehensive income definition.
- b) The implications of (and methods to account for) errors in targeting social benefits, tax evasion, and measurement error in income data.
- c) Incorporation of the effects of indirect, as well as direct taxes and social benefits in redistribution analysis.

All three projects are designed to improve the degree of comparability of measurement and analysis across countries. Each project will develop methodologies within a cross-national perspective and demonstrate their applicability to a wide range of research questions in diverse scientific fields. The resulting data and method enhancements will be made generally accessible and re-useable by implementing them within the EU tax-benefit model EUROMOD, an existing research infrastructure used for policy analysis and evaluation.

AUSTROMOD/EUROMOD: Eine Anwendung des Steuer- und Transfer-Mikrosimulationsmodells EUROMOD auf Österreich. Verteilungswirkungen von Änderungen im Steuer/Transfer-System in Österreich 1998 bis 2005

AUSTROMOD/EUROMOD: An Adaptation of the Tax/Benefit Microsimulation model EUROMOD to Austria. Distributional Effects of Implemented and Hypothetical Tax-benefit Policy Changes in Austria 1998-2005

Type of Activity	National Research Project
Status	Ongoing
Duration	2005 – 2006
European Centre Involvement	Joint Responsibility
Project Team at the EC	Michael Fuchs
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Working Language	English
Financed by	Austrian National Bank (ÖNB)
Aims of the Project	<p>The project consists of two major parts. In a first step we will analyse the impact of policy changes implemented in Austria between 1998 and 2005 (e.g. introduction of a universal child-care benefit, tax reform 2004/5), with a focus on income distribution, poverty and inequality. Questions to be addressed are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who benefited most from changes in taxes and benefits, and who lost ground? • In particular, did specially vulnerable groups such as children or the elderly gain from these reforms? • What have been the effects on people living in different household constellations (e.g. couples with and without children, single parents, singles, households with different degrees of attachment to the labour market)? • What were the budgetary consequences of the policy changes? <p>In a second step we aim to answer “What, If” questions about hypothetical policies aimed at alleviating poverty and their potential distributional effects, for example measures proposed in the Austrian National Action Plan for Social Inclusion such as the introduction of a means-tested minimum pension.</p> <p>To carry out the study we will adapt EUROMOD – an EU-15 wide tax-benefit microsimulation model – in two ways. Firstly, we will integrate the latest available household micro-data for Austria (EU-SILC 2003). Secondly, we will implement the tax-benefit rules for additional policy years up to 2005.</p>

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Integrating Health and Social Care Services for Older Persons

Evidence from Nine European Countries

Jenny Billings / Kai Leichsenring (Eds.)

Ashgate, 2005, in press

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“Providing Integrated Health and Social Care for Older Persons – Issues, Problems and Solutions (PROCARE)” is a project in the EU Fifth Framework Programme (Quality of Life and Management of Living Resources, Area “The Ageing Population and Disabilities”) that aims to help in defining the new concept of an integrated health and social care for older persons in need of care by comparing and evaluating different modes of care delivery.

Following the publication of the first book “Providing Integrated Health and Social Care for Older Persons – a European Overview of Issues at Stake” (published in March 2004) this book will draw on the achievements of the second project phase (2003-2004) that consisted in empirical fieldwork and a cross-national analysis of model ways of working in the nine participating EU Member States (Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, the UK).

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Doing Justice to Diversity

Challenges and Visions

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Konzept, Anwendung, Erfolgsaussichten

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Pensionsreformen sind ein weltweites Thema. Die Antreiber der Reformen weisen dabei über Länder und Regionen drei wesentliche Gemeinsamkeiten auf: Kurzfristiger fiskalischer Handlungszwang und langfristiger Reformbedarf aufgrund der Alterung der Bevölkerung; zahlreiche sozio-ökonomische Veränderungen die ein Überdenken des bestehenden Systems verlangen; die Herausforderungen und Chancen der Globalisierung, welche Länder dazu anhalten, den ökonomischen Auswirkungen von Pensionssystemen mehr Aufmerksamkeit zu widmen.

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Die Wiener Drogenpolitik im Urteil ihrer Adressaten und Akteure

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Ziel des Projektes war es, die Entwicklung regionaler Drogenpolitik in einer Periode der „Europäisierung“ nationaler Drogenpolitiken und -kontrollen zu untersuchen und die Wahrnehmung der regionalen Maßnahmen durch jene zu erfassen, die unmittelbar von ihnen betroffen sind: die DrogennutzerInnen und ihre Angehörigen einerseits, jene die die drogenpolitischen Maßnahmen durchsetzen – die drogenpolitischen Akteure – andererseits.

Die Studie setzt mit dem Jahr 1970 ein und sie besteht aus drei Teilen: Im ersten wird die Wiener Drogenpolitik anhand schriftlicher und statistischer Materialien beschrieben – unter anderem anhand von Polizei- und Gerichtsstatistiken und von Berichten von Einrichtungen der Drogenhilfe und der Drogenverwaltung. Für den zweiten Teil wurden rund 50 strukturierte Interviews mit drogenpolitischen Akteuren durchgeführt, u. a. mit Suchtgiftfahndern, Professionellen aus der Drogenhilfe und der Suchtprävention und MitarbeiterInnen der Drogenverwaltung. Im dritten Teil wurden rund 50 Betroffene befragt, darunter DrogennutzerInnen mit unterschiedlichen drogenpolitischen Erfahrungen (Freiheitsstrafe, Ersatzdrogenprogramm, Abstinenzbehandlung u.a.) und Eltern von DrogenkonsumentInnen. Die Interviews wurden in inhaltlich korrespondierenden Untergruppen zusammengestellt und einer Inhaltsanalyse unterzogen.

Anhand der Ergebnisse konnte die Wiener Drogenpolitik in 5 Phasen eingeteilt werden. Die erste Phase war durch die Drogenpolitik auf nationaler Ebene und die Vorherrschaft der strafrechtlichen Maßnahmen bestimmt. In der zweiten Phase wurden gesundheitliche Interventionen in den Maßnahmenkatalog aufgenommen und damit die regionale Politikebene ins Spiel gebracht. Die gesundheitlichen Maßnahmen wurden in der dritten Phase zur leitenden drogenpolitischen Intervention, was die regionale Politik weiter stärkte. Dies führte in der vierten Phase zur Einrichtung einer speziellen Wiener Drogenverwaltung, die – außer den strafrechtlichen – alle drogenpolitischen Initiativen reguliert und professionelle Suchtprävention etablierte. Die fünfte Phase ist schließlich durch die Integration der regionalen Drogenpolitik in die regionale Sozialpolitik und deren beschränktes Budget gekennzeichnet. Aus der Sicht der Betroffenen stellt sich die Entwicklung zusammengefasst so dar: Konnten die DrogennutzerInnen zu Beginn der 70er Jahre kaum mit Betreuung und Behandlung rechnen, haben sie Anfang des dritten Jahrtausends Mühe unter allen Angeboten das geeignete auszuwählen, was unter anderem dazu führt, dass einige Freiheitsstrafen den Vorzug geben. Die Eltern von DrogennutzerInnen, die nach wie vor auf die Heilung ihrer Kinder von der Sucht hoffen, sind durch die Ersatzdrogenprogramme irritiert, die im letzten Jahrzehnt zur leitenden drogenpolitischen Initiative anwuchsen. Die drogenpolitischen Akteure schließlich, die am Beginn der Untersuchungsperiode passionierte Neuerer waren, sind zu Bürokraten geworden, die in begrenzten und voneinander getrennten Subbereichen tätig sind. Die Empfehlungen lauten: Die Drogenpolitik sollte über die zahlreichen Diversifikationen auf nationaler und regionaler Ebene hinweg, wieder als Gesamtes wahrgenommen, und als sozialpolitische Antwort auf genuin psychosoziale Probleme gesehen werden.

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AsylwerberInnen und Drogenkriminalität

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Die Studie beschäftigt sich mit den Vorurteilen und Realitäten im Bereich „AsylwerberInnen und Drogenkriminalität“ in Wien. Hierzu wurde zum einen die Polizeistatistik herangezogen und die Entwicklung der Anzeigen von AsylwerberInnen für Vergehen und Verbrechen gegen das Suchtmittelgesetz in Wien und in Österreich in den letzten Jahren analysiert. Zum zweiten wurden die einschlägigen Berichte zweier ausgewählter österreichischer Tageszeitungen während der letzten fünf Jahre einer quantitativen und qualitativen Inhaltsanalyse unterzogen. Außerdem wurden strukturierte Interviews mit professionellen BetreuerInnen von AsylwerberInnen, wie auch Interviews mit Rechtsexperten für das Asylwesen durchgeführt.

Die Analyse der Polizeistatistik erbrachte, dass AsylwerberInnen in ganz Österreich, aber speziell in Wien in den letzten Jahren zunehmend wegen Verstößen gegen das Suchtmittelgesetz angezeigt wurden. Insbesondere werden Personen auffällig, die angeben die Staatsbürgerschaft eines speziellen Schwarzafrikanischen Landes zu besitzen. Der Zusammenhang zwischen – schwarzafrikanischen – AsylwerberInnen und Drogenkriminalität wird von den beiden untersuchten österreichischen Tageszeitungen enger dargestellt, als in der Anzeigestatistik. Er wird vor allem von der populäreren Tageszeitung dramatisiert. Die interviewten Experten zeichnen ein wesentlich differenzierteres Bild der untersuchten Zusammenhänge und sie werfen ein wenig Licht auf ihren psychosozialen Hintergrund: Im Gegensatz zu anderen AsylwerberInnen handelt es sich bei den schwarzafrikanischen zumeist um alleinstehende, junge Männer, die starke Bindung an ihre Herkunftsfamilie und wenig Kontakte zu Österreichern und in Österreich lebenden Landsleuten haben. Die Gründe für ihre Asylwerbung sind weitgehend unbekannt, wie auch ihre Verwicklung in den Drogenhandel und ihre Integration in Österreich wird durch die ihnen entgegengebrachten Vorurteile und durch die gesetzlichen Vorgaben stark behindert. Aus den kurz dargestellten Forschungsergebnissen ergeben sich eine Vielzahl weitergehender Forschungsfragen.

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