

European Centre BBinars on Social Policies in Eastern Europe: **Informal Care and Gender Equality in the Western Balkans**

The fourth BBinar will discuss progress and challenges of developing accessible, affordable, and high-quality care for older adults as one way to improve gender equality in Western Balkan countries. Informal care remains an important component of long-term care systems for older adults across most Western Balkan countries. Lack of alternative care services has meant that the responsibility for providing care for older adults falls on the family, and more often, women. In turn, this has led to women remaining out of the labour market to provide care for their older family members, leading to a larger gender gap in employment. This BBinar will present a snapshot of the care situation and associated gender inequality in some Western Balkan countries, as well as discuss solutions and challenges.

The aim of this series of webinars is to offer members of the [Eastern European Social Policy Network \(EESPN\)](#), European Centre colleagues and a wider audience, especially interested in the Western Balkans and the Eastern Partnership region a possibility to exchange at a practical level about common challenges and progress on different social policy areas.

Time & Date: **16 March 2023, 11:00-12:30** (Vienna time), online (via Zoom), English - no translation provided.

Agenda:

11:00-11:15: Introductory input: Ms. Cassandra Simmons, Researcher, European Centre (Austria)

11:15-11:45: Brief reflections:

- **Ms. Mirela Arqimandriti, Executive Director, Gender Alliance for Development Center (Albania)**
- **Ms. Svetlana Atanasova, Project Manager, Eurocarers (Belgium)**

11:45-12:30: Q&A and discussion with the audience

Moderator: Ms. Magdi BIRTHA, Research Team Leader, European Centre (Austria)

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