



The European Centre has launched BBinars, a series of webinars, on social policy in Eastern Europe. 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 and learn among peers.

The format includes input by our research partners, policy makers from the region, policy experts, civil society organisations or from international organisations, reflections from relevant actors from the region and European Centre staff, as well as a moderated discussion with the audience.

## Demographic changes in BB countries: challenges, opportunities and responses

The eighth BBinar will focus on the demographic changes in BB countries, the challenges they pose, what opportunities may arise, and what are the possible policy responses. This is in a context where the world is experiencing some of the most dramatic demographic changes in human history. The Western Balkans and the Eastern Partnership countries are no exception. The demographic change there overlaps with profound political, economic, and social transformations, which create idiosyncrasies and patterns without parallel in peace-time demographic history. The BBinar will address some of the idiosyncrasies and patterns that have most salient implications for social policies, individual wellbeing, and inter-generational relations (for example, the combination of natural population decreases and net emigration, the disordered cohort flows, etc.).

Time & Date: **2 July 2024, 10:00 – 11:30** (CEST); online (via Zoom), English.

### Agenda:

#### **10:00 – 10:10: Introductory input (Welcome)**

- Kai Leichsenring, European Centre (Austria)  
Experiences from European Centre's research

#### **10:10 – 10:25: Input presentation from**

- Nikolai Botev, Independent Expert

#### **10:25 – 10:55: Comments to the presentation from**

- Victor Gîlca, Independent Expert, **Moldova**
- Žarko Šunderić, Centre for Social Policy, **Serbia**
- Alexandre Sidorenko, European Centre, **Austria**

#### **10:55 – 11:30: Q&A and discussion with audience**

**Moderator:** Kai Leichsenring, European Centre (Austria)

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