



Report kick off meeting

Equality and Wellbeing across Generations (EWG),

18 May 2021



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Background JPI MYBL

The Joint Programming Initiative 'More Years, Better Lives' ([JPI MYBL](#)) seeks to enhance coordination and collaboration between European and national research programmes related to demographic change. Areas affected by demographic change cover a wide range of research fields and policy topics ranging from health to social welfare, education & learning, work & productivity to housing, urban & rural development and mobility. JPI MYBL therefore follows a transnational, multi-disciplinary approach bringing together different research programmes and researchers from various disciplines in order to provide solutions for the upcoming challenges and make use of the potential of societal change in Europe.

We are an initiative of currently [17 member states](#) represented by representatives of ministries, funding agencies, civil society and research institutes. Throughout the year we organise workshops at conferences and with partners, attend meetings, collaborate with other institutions, organise expert processes, publish positions and policy papers and support and supervise the projects we are funding in research calls.

Aim of the joint call

This call aims to support policy in reducing inequality in the face of demographic change. The call seeks research which will improve our understanding of how demographic change is altering the implicit contract between generations and how policy can ensure that change reduces inequality instead of increasing it. Specifically, the call deals with three aspects of inequality:

- 1. Income and wealth:** Extending working life changes the distribution of income and wealth between generations. Income in later life is very unevenly distributed on the basis of previous employment, earnings, and the structure of different pension systems and different patterns of housing tenure. Changes in the costs of social care and the time people spend longer in retirement are affecting patterns of intergenerational inheritance.
- 2. Caring responsibilities:** A high proportion of older people (particularly, but not exclusively women) undertake caring responsibilities for parents, children or partners. Caring can be emotionally rewarding, but can also seriously damage the mental and physical health of the carer, as well as diminish their employment opportunities.
- 3. Social and political participation:** In many countries older people are more likely than young people to participate in formal political processes. However, their interests and concerns may still be underrepresented in political decision making. Older people are also more vulnerable to social isolation and loneliness. Their sense of identity and security can also be challenged as neighbourhoods change, becoming younger, or possibly poorer.

Funded projects

In total six projects are funded:

- **CAREWELL TF:** Care, Inequality and Wellbeing in Transnational Families in Europe.
- **CIVEX:** Exclusion from civic engagement of a diverse older population: Features, experiences and policy implications.
- **EUROCARE:** Inequalities in informal caring over the adult life course in Europe: social participation, health and the influence of COVID-19
- **EQUALCARE:** Alone but connected? Digital (in)equalities in care work and generational relationships among older people living alone.
- **PENSINEQ:** Unequal ageing: life-expectancy, care needs and reforms to the welfare state.
- **WELLCARE:** Caring Over the Lifecycle: the Roles of Families and Welfare States Today and Into the Future.

Summary kick-off meeting

The chair of JPI MYBL, Peter Allebeck, welcomed all participants (43 in total) to the online kick-off meeting and introduced the aim of the meeting and the topic of the joint call. The meeting was divided in two parts, you can find the detailed programme outline and list of participants in Annex I and II, respectively. Below you can find a written summary of the meeting:

Part I - Getting to know the projects

All funded projects participated in the kick-off meeting. The principal investigators (PIs) gave a short introduction to the projects by explaining the aim, objectives and goals of the project and sharing the expected outcomes (Annex III).

Afterwards, in the interactive session the PIs discussed the opportunities for collaboration with the other projects funded in this call as the aim is to write a joint policy paper at the end of the projects duration. Therefore, it was important to see how the different projects, focusing on different topics, can complement each other. Together, the PIs discovered how research can be performed in a way that enables them to combine their results afterwards. The following complementary themes were identified:

- Life course perspective
- Ageing
- Caring: care across the life course, inside and/or outside the family
- Inequality including the social economic position
- Participatory approach

It was also suggested that the projects could share produced data to collaborate and better exploit the new data. Part I of the kick-off meeting finished with reflections from the chair and the message that the JPI MYBL community is looking forward to the results.

Part II - Networking with Advisory Boards

Part II of the meeting started with a coffee break during which the PIs had their first meeting with the projects' Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) liaison person. The liaison person establishes and maintains a relationship with the project in order to enhance communication between JPI MYBL and the research project, to provide advice to support the progress of the project and share the JPI MYBL perspective.

Afterwards there were two speed date sessions with Societal Advisory Board (SOAB) organizations. During these sessions the PIs had short meetings with stakeholder organizations that are part of the JPI MYBL.

Annex I: Programme outline kick-off meeting EWG call

Part I – Getting to know the projects

Time	Topic
15.00 - 15.25	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening words by the JPI MYBL chair Peter Allebeck• Presentation about structure JPI MYBL by MYBL secretariat• Introduction Scientific Advisory Board by the chair Johan Fritzell• Introduction Societal Advisory Board by the chair Nathalie Noupadja
15.25 - 15.55	Introduction to the projects <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CAREWELL TF, coordinator Ruth Evans• CIVEX, coordinator Rodrigo Serrat• EUROOCARE, coordinator Anne McMunn• EQUALCARE, coordinator Miranda Leontowitsch• PENSINEQ, coordinator Antoine Bozio• WELLCARE, coordinator Concepció Patxot
15.55 - 16.00	Screen break
16.00 - 17.00	Interactive session <p>During this session we aim to find out what the similarities and differences between the projects are and how they can complement each other. How can they perform research in a way to combine their results afterwards?</p>
17.00 - 17.10	Closing part I <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summary and closing by Peter Allebeck

Part II – Networking with Advisory Boards

17.10 - 17.25	Coffee break with SAB liaison
17.25 - 17.45	Speed date with SOAB organizations

Annex II: List of participants

Research projects

Name	Project	Institution / organization
Rosa Mas Giralt	CAREWELL TF	University of Leeds
Ruth Evans	CAREWELL TF (coordinator)	University of Reading
Rodrigo Serrat	CIVEX (coordinator)	University of Barcelona
Fredrica Nyqvist	CIVEX	Abo Akademi University
Anne McMunn	EUROCARE (coordinator)	UCL
Jeroen Spijker	EUROCARE	Centre d'Estudis Demografics
Miranda Leontowitsch	EQUALCARE (coordinator)	Goethe-University Frankfurt
Antoine Bozio	PENSINEQ (coordinator)	Paris School of Economics
Concepció Patxot	WELLCARE (coordinator)	Universitat de Barcelona

General Assembly

Name	Affiliation	Institution / organization
Peter Allebeck	Chair JPI MYBL	Independent member
Bettina Glaser	GA representative Austria	Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research
Susanne Dragosits	GA representative Austria	Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research
Jacques Critchley	GA representative Canada	Canadian Institute of Health Research
Jane Rylett	GA representative Canada	Canadian Institute of Health Research
Susan Rogers	GA representative Canada	Canadian Institute of Health Research
Minna-Liisa Luoma	GA representative Finland	Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare
Josselin Thuilliez	GA representative France	Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation France
Angelika Frederking	GA representative Germany	VDI/VDE Innovation + Technik
Katrin Nostadt	GA representative Germany	Federal Ministry of Education and Research
Maxie Lutze	GA representative Germany	VDI/VDE Innovation + Technik
Siri Hollekim Haaland	GA representative Norway	The Research Council of Norway
Sofie Wallerström	GA representative Sweden	Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare (Forte)
Corinna Jaitner	GA representative UK	Economic and Social Research Council
Eve Forrest	GA representative UK	Economic and Social Research Council
Uldis Berkis	Representative Latvia	State Education Development Agency Republic of Latvia
Edvard Beem	JPI MYBL ambassador	ZonMw

Scientific Advisory Board

Name	Affiliation	Institution / organization
Anne Meißner	SAB member	University of Hildesheim
Christine Le Clainche	SAB member	University of Lille
Clemens Tesch-Roemer	SAB member	German Centre of Gerontology
Erik Buskens	SAB member	University of Groningen
Eskil Wadensjö	SAB member	Swedish Institute for Social Research
Georg Ruppe	SAB member	Austrian Interdisciplinary Platform on Ageing
Janice Keefe	SAB member	Nova Scotia Centre on Ageing
Lynn McDonald	SAB member	University of Toronto
Sibylle Olbert-Bock	SAB member	University of Applied Sciences St Gallen

Societal Advisory Board

Name	Affiliation	Institution / organization
Alexander Peine	SOAB member	Independent member
Alexandre Sidorenko	SOAB member	Independent policy advisor
Anne-Mie Driescens	SOAB member	Confederation of Family Organisations in the European Union (COFACE)
Heidrun Mollenkopf	SOAB member	AGE platform Europe
Henk Bakkerode	SOAB member	Eurocarers
Nathalie Noupadja	SOAB member	Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)

MYBL secretariat

Denice Moi Thuk Shung	MYBL secretariat	The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development (ZonMw)
Lianne van Horen	MYBL secretariat	The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development (ZonMw)

Annex III: Getting to know the projects

CAREWELL TF: Transnational Families

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Introduction consortium

Expertise in geographies of care & family relations, transnational migration, sociology, multilingualism, ethnography, participatory action research & visual methodologies.
Close collaborations with refugee and other migrant organisations and other practitioners.

UK:

- University of Reading: Ruth Evans, Tony Capstick, Sally Lloyd-Evans, Grady Walker
- University of Leeds: Rosa Mas Giral, James Simpson

Spain:

- ESOMI (Societies in Motion Research Team), University of A Coruña (UDC): Laura Oso Casas, Maria Paloma Moré, Laura Suárez-Grimalt, Raquel Martínez Buján

France:

- TELEMME research Unit, University of Aix-Marseille: Virginie Baby-Collin, Polina Palash
- CNRS, Montpellier: Assaf Dahdah

Sweden:

- Institute for Studies of Migration, Diversity & Welfare (MIM), Malmö University: Brigitte Suter, Ingrid Jerve Ramsey

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Objectives and goals

To investigate relationships between care, inequalities & wellbeing among different generations of transnational families in UK, Spain, France, Sweden and in countries of origin/ other settlement countries.

Objectives:

1. To establish a new transnational interdisciplinary network that will inform policy, build capacity & share learning.
2. To explore caring responsibilities among different generations of transnational families & impacts on wellbeing, education & employment opportunities, with a specific focus on young caregiving.
3. To explore the economic, health, social & emotional impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on transnational families with care needs.
4. To analyse intersecting inequalities among transnational families with care needs & compare how these shape opportunities & access to social protection in different settlement countries.
5. To explore how language barriers may perpetuate inequalities facing transnational carers & how multilingualism may be used as a resource by different generations.
6. To inform policy & practice to enhance the wellbeing, equality & opportunities of young & adult carers & their transnational families.

Which aspect(s) of equality does the project deal with?

- **Caring responsibilities**, relates more broadly to Income and Wealth & Social and Political Participation

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Expected outcomes

1. Through the new Transnational Network, capacity will be built: of migrants through research skills & co-production, which may foster peer support & empowerment; of practitioners, early career & established academics through mutual learning & experience in participatory approaches. It will facilitate comparative research, influence policy & foster future collaborations
2. Final Report, 6-8 Policy Briefs will summarise findings, provide country overviews & transnational comparisons and influence policy
3. 14 Scientific Articles & a Co-edited Volume will be produced, papers will be presented at conferences & final Symposium
4. Documentary Video & Tools will embed findings in practice, free to download from Project Website, disseminated through Regional Workshops, final Symposium, professional networks
5. Dataset of 300-400 family transcripts & 65 policy transcripts will be archived for researchers' future use.

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CIVEX



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CIVEX consortium

UNIVERSITAT DE BARCELONA	Abo Akademi University	Newcastle University	UPPSALA UNIVERSITET	VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT BRUSSEL
UGT	UJP	Vanhustyön keskusliitto	Voice	Seniöruniversitetet i Stockholm
		SPF		VLAAMSE OUDERENRAAD

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Objectives and goals

CIVEX Objectives

<p>Objective 1: To examine and compare micro-level variables associated with older people's exclusion from multidimensional civic engagement.</p> <p>Objective 2: To explore the influence of contrasting meso-level contexts on older people's exclusion from multidimensional civic engagement.</p> <p>Objective 3: To examine the influence of contrasting macro-level contexts on older people's exclusion from multidimensional civic engagement.</p>	<p>Objective 4: To explore the experiences of inclusion/exclusion from multidimensional civic engagement of potentially marginalised groups.</p> <p>Objective 5: To study the ways in which conditions earlier in life and at key stages in older adults' life courses affect their opportunities for multidimensional civic engagement in later life.</p>
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WP 2: QUANTITATIVE STUDY
Co-leader:
Sarah Dury (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)
Fredrick Mykletun (Abo Akademi)

RESULTS

WP 3: QUANTITATIVE STUDY
Co-leader:
Sandra Torres (Uppsala Universitet)
Rodrigo Sarat (Universitat de Barcelona)

RESULTS

Compare & relate

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Interpret

WP 4: IMPACT AND DISSEMINATION
Co-leader:
Thomas Scharf (Newcastle University)
Lynne Corner (VOICE)

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Expected outcomes

What do you want to achieve?

WP 2: To understand the impact of micro-, meso-, and macro-level factors on older people's exclusion from different types of civic activity

WP 3: To gain an in-depth understanding of older people's life-course pathways and lived experiences of exclusion from civic engagement, giving voice to people who are most at risk of experiencing such exclusion in later life.

WP 4: To disseminate generated knowledge both at the scientific and societal levels, and to inform decision-making processes by relevant stakeholders and policy makers.

Co-production approach:
Acting as an advisory board, older people's organisations involved in CIVEX will work side by side with academic partners to ensure the societal relevance of the research conducted, its appropriate translation into effective policy messages, and its wide dissemination to pertinent audiences.

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This consortium will investigate **inequalities** in employment, social participation and health (mental and physical) between carers and non-carers, as well as gender, socioeconomic and ethnic differences in the **social, economic and health consequences of caring across European countries.**

We will adopt a **life course perspective**, using longitudinal data investments to focus on the consequences of young adults providing care, alongside those providing care in mid- and later-life.

							
	Anne McMunn		Jeroen Spijker		Morten Wahrendorf		Margarete Vollrath
							
	Rebecca Lacey		Mariona Lozano		Christian Deindl		Thomas Hansen
							
	Giorgio Di Gessa		Elienda Reneria				Ragnhild Bang Nes
							
	18 May 2021 Carers Trust		Barcelona Time Use Initiative		The Centre for Quality in Care		Norwegian Relative's Alliance

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Objectives and goals

Objective 1 investigates the *impact of providing care in early adulthood* on key life course transitions to employment and family life, educational and socioeconomic attainment and health and wellbeing, as well as by intensity of care and country context.

Objective 2 examines the *impact of providing care in mid-life* on employment and broader social participation, health and wellbeing, as well as by intensity and duration of care, socioeconomic and household circumstances, gender, ethnicity and country context.

Objective 3 focuses on life course inequality in relation to who becomes a caregiver and the consequences of *caring in later life*, country differences in relation to macro-level indicators of state care regimes, and caring in the context of the Covid-19 epidemic.

Objective 4 will identify *changes over time* in the life stage of caregivers in Europe, country-level differences in these changes, and whether changes have been greater for particular socioeconomic or ethnic groups.

Objective 5 will develop *policy recommendations* for addressing the specific support needs of carers across the life course to ensure maintenance of good health, work participation, economic and psychological wellbeing, and social inclusion.

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Expected outcomes




We want to increase understanding of barriers to good health, and social & economic inclusion of carers at all stages of the life course and the policy measures that are likely to reduce barriers to work and social participation and increase support. This will be achieved through:

- Close collaboration with non-academic partners and carer panels.
- Presentation at a multidisciplinary range of international and national conferences and academic society meetings.
- Knowledge exchange with stakeholders at roundtable events.
- A range of scientific publications in international peer-reviewed journals (20 proposed)
- Policy briefing document launched at end-of-project policy event.

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EqualCare

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Introduction consortium

Four national teams:

Finland: Charlotta Niemiströ, Jeff Hearn (Hanken School of Economics Management and Organisation)

Germany: Miranda Leontowitsch, Frank Oswald, Rafaela Wemy (Goethe-University Frankfurt)

Latvia: Aivita Putnina, Ilze Mileiko (University of Latvia)

Sweden: Clary Krekula, xx (xx)








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Objectives and goals

EqualCare has four objectives:




- To investigate the construction of **care work and generational relations** for older people who live alone.
- To investigate how digitalization figures in and affects these care relationships for older people living alone.
- To empower, through **participatory action research**, local stakeholders in learning from each other in generating and gaining greater access to knowledge and skills for more effective self-care and, where relevant reciprocal, care among family members, friends and those in wider circles.
- To identify what can be learnt – for **future policy and practice challenges** – from and between the local projects, and their interconnections, and from the country contexts, with different care regimes and extent of digitalization of private and public life. This includes identifying both **positive** ways of enhancing intersections of digitalization and collective agency, and reducing inequalities, and more **problematic** future scenarios, such as entrenchment of further (digital) inequalities, and retrenchment of collective and state responsibility, as in ineffective, decontextualized policy application/transfer.

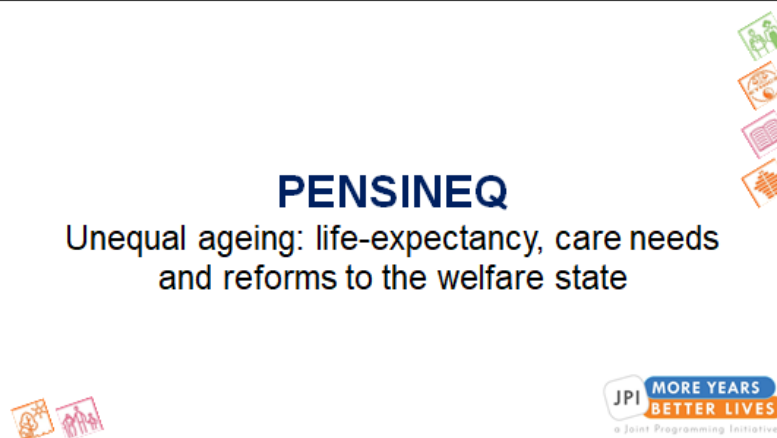
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Expected outcomes

- **Outcome 1:** A better understanding of (a) how care work and generational relations are constructed for older people who live alone, including in terms of social inequalities; (b) how (mobile) technology figures in and affects care work for older people living alone across four European countries, and (c) what policies at regional, national and EU-level in relation to (a) and (b) are in place.
- **Outcome 2:** Empowerment of co-researchers and older people living alone to (a) learn from each other in generating and gaining greater knowledge and skills for more effective self-care and, where relevant reciprocal, care among family members, friends and those in wider circles; and (b) lobby for provision of public care and social services at local and regional levels.
- **Outcome 3:** Reduction of inequalities through cross-national comparative policy modelling focussing on what can be learnt from and between the local projects, and their interconnections, and from the different country contexts, with different care regimes and extent of digitalisation of private and public life. This includes identifying both **positive** ways of enhancing intersections of digitalisation and collective agency, and reducing inequalities, and more **problematic** future scenarios, such as entrenchment of further (digital) inequalities, and retrenchment of collective and state responsibility, as in ineffective, decontextualized policy application/transfer.

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PENSINEQ

Unequal ageing: life-expectancy, care needs and reforms to the welfare state

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Canada:

- Prof. Kevin Milligan (University of British Columbia)
- Prof. Tammy Schirle (Wilfrid Laurier University)

France:

- Prof. Antoine Bozio (Paris School of Economics, Institut des politiques publiques IPP)
- Mrs Delphine Roy (Institut des politiques publiques, IPP)

Germany:

- Prof. Peter Haan (DIW-Berlin)
- Dr. Katharina Wrohlich (DIW Berlin)

United Kingdom:

- Mrs Rowena Crawford (Institute for Fiscal Studies, IFS)
- Mr Carl Emmerson (Institute for Fiscal Studies, IFS)

Sweden:

- Dr. Lisa Laun (Institute for Evaluation of Labour Market and Education Policy, IFAU)
- Prof. Mårten Palmer (Stockholm University)

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Objectives and goals

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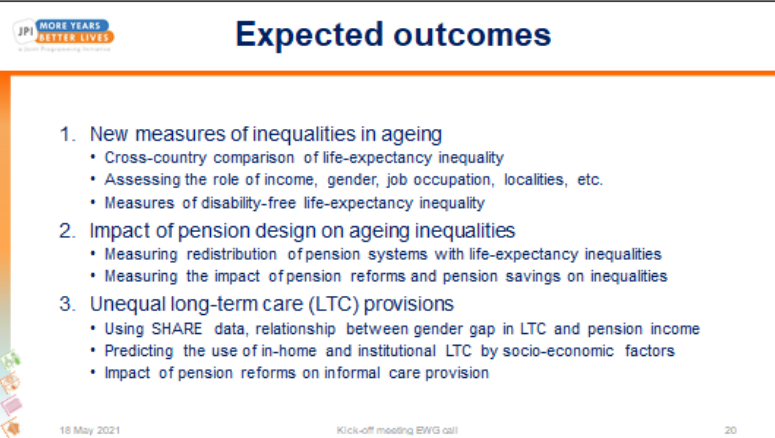
1. Document trends in life-expectancy and healthy ageing inequalities
 - Using administrative data, compute income-mortality gradient
 - Using survey data, compute inequalities of healthy ageing by socio-economic factors
2. Measure how pension reforms have impacted these ageing inequalities
 - Combining estimates of income-mortality gradient with impact of pension reforms
 - Incorporating behavioural responses on retirement age and savings
3. Measure how care provision policies have impacted inequalities in care giving/receiving
 - Inequalities in care provision by gender and socio-economic background

• Which aspect(s) of equality does the project deal with?

- Income and wealth
- Caring responsibilities

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Expected outcomes

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1. New measures of inequalities in ageing
 - Cross-country comparison of life-expectancy inequality
 - Assessing the role of income, gender, job occupation, localities, etc.
 - Measures of disability-free life-expectancy inequality
2. Impact of pension design on ageing inequalities
 - Measuring redistribution of pension systems with life-expectancy inequalities
 - Measuring the impact of pension reforms and pension savings on inequalities
3. Unequal long-term care (LTC) provisions
 - Using SHARE data, relationship between gender gap in LTC and pension income
 - Predicting the use of in-home and institutional LTC by socio-economic factors
 - Impact of pension reforms on informal care provision

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WELLCARE



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Introduction consortium


Introduction consortium

- Universitat de Barcelona (C. Patxot)
- Austrian Institute of Economic Research – WIFO Research Group "Labour Market, Income and Social Security" (M. Spielauer)
- University of Ottawa Faculty of Medicine, School of Epidemiology and Public Health (M. Wolfson)
- University of Essex (M. Richiardi)



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Objectives and goals


Objectives and goals project as described in the proposal

- Which aspect(s) of equality does the project deal with?
 - Income and wealth: Education level, gender, parenthood status
 - Caring responsibilities: Integrate formal and informal care
 - Social and political participation
- Main research question: How does the care economy affect intra- and inter-generational inequality through the life cycle, and how will these evolve with population ageing and related socioeconomic trends?



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Expected outcomes

What do you want to achieve?

1. Offer a comprehensive and quantified view of care along the lifecycle using existing comparative EU data sets + Canadian data (WP1)
2. => Analyse how different care systems and policies influence the size and composition of the caregiving groups in society and their welfare (labor market, outcomes and income); formal and informal care, gender-mix and nationality of caregivers; role of family vs the role of the state (WP2).
3. Internationally comparable dynamic micro simulation tool to project demand and supply of care in the context of an ageing society, National Transfer Accounting (NTA) and National Time Transfer Accounting (NTTA) framework (WP3)
4. Investigate the savings, employment and welfare effects associated with the demand and supply of care, and how do these vary through the life-course under alternative assumptions concerning agent behavior (intertemporal planning). UK case-study (WP4).



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