

WHAT WE DO

WORKCARE SYNERGIES is a support action with the aim of disseminating research findings of previous EU Framework Programme projects in the field of work-care. Our dissemination scheme is based on the concept of local key mediator teams, which are based in each of the seven countries where dissemination will take place. The mediator teams consist of local researchers, knowledge transfer and communication specialists. Local teams will implement local dissemination activities.

WORKCARE SYNERGIES will

- collect, select and prepare relevant findings from different existing FP projects
- in the form of (theme-specific and target-group oriented) discussion materials
- and other dissemination tools (e.g. film, newsletter, folder, poster, homepage, etc.)
- to make existing research findings available
- to NGOs, policy makers, trade unions, labour representatives, regional organizations and services, companies, other local actors, interested parties, etc.
- in local dissemination events and
- summarize material and discussion results for publication.

Altogether, local dissemination events will present relevant research findings from 20 research projects within the EU Framework Programmes and initiate their discussion in a local context. All deal with questions of work-care, i.e. how families in different societal frameworks and settings combine their work and (child-)care responsibilities. Chosen to reflect current local concerns and to make use of existing research, actual dissemination themes vary by country.

For country themes and details see inside.

PROJECT INFORMATION

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Roskilde University (UNIRUC, Denmark)



Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU Wien, Austria)



TARKI Social Research Institute (TARKI, Hungary)



University of Warsaw (UWAR, Poland)



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PARTNERS AND COUNTRY THEMES

Social Quality

The Scottish team will disseminate in Edinburgh and London, supporting the current local policy debate on

- reducing the inequality between men and women in paid and unpaid work
- the need to provide larger public support for families with children.

These issues will be addressed in the context of social quality model regarding work and care.

UNITED KINGDOM/SCOTLAND



Flexibility in Work and Care

The Danish team will support the national policy debate on the need of diversity and flexibility of work-care policies and gender equal conditions for participating in paid work, caring activities and different forms of unpaid work in politics and organisations.

They will discuss

- gendered citizenship and work-care relations
- diversity and flexibility in family policy.

DENMARK



Elites and work-care relations

The Polish team will discuss values and behaviours of members of different social groups in national and cross national perspective to support the current local policy debate on

- gender inequality and problems facing women seeking to reach or on higher position in science, politics and other sectors
- and the reconciliations of work and family life in Polish households.

POLAND



Labour Market Transitions

The British team will implement local dissemination activities in Brighton and London, with the aim to

- examine and illustrate the impact of labour market transitions across generations.
- This focuses on a comparison of younger and older workers, as well as labour market transitions around family formation.

UNITED KINGDOM



Work-Care Tensions

The Austrian team will support the local policy debate on

- higher female labour market participation vs. the strong Austrian tradition of caring for small children at home,
- how to balance childcare and work/professional career with children of different ages
- extensive parental leave vs. life course concepts of work and social security.

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Social cohesion

The Hungarian team will support the present debate on the reform of family and employment policies to create incentives for increasing the extremely low labor market participation of mothers with young children. They investigate

- social outcomes of family policies (working time flexibility, benefits, institutional childcare)
- and how such tools promote social cohesion.

HUNGARY



Work-care and gender equality in private and public contexts

The Portuguese team will support the current local policy debate on how to shape work care orientations for gender equality in private and public contexts through policy measures and incentives for families and employers. Two main policy issues and their social acceptance will be addressed:

- support of childcare services and
- promotion of gender equality on the labour market.

PORTUGAL



Social care and work-care balance

The Italian team will disseminate in Italy (Florence, Padua, Rome, Naples) where the debate about conciliation is not yet really part of political and daily public discourse. Therefore, the team will aim at having an effect on

- civil society's actors (instead of politicians)
- including members of the next generation and their educators
- non profit and private organisations.

ITALY



Work-Life-Balance

This team will discuss the quality of work and life in times of economic crisis, with a special focus on

- how to balance interests of persons involved in managing work and care over their life course.
- Which options/measures do exist in different countries?
- What are their strengths and limitations when seen from the perspective of individuals, the state or the market?

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