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Dear subscriber to the HWF Infoletter,

This is a first issue of the "HWF Brief News" that shall be distributed among those interested in the project "Households, Work and Flexibility."

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1. About the HWF Project

"Households, Work and Flexibility" (HWF) is an international research project implemented since 2000.

The HWF is a complex study that looks at the relationship between home and work in different countries in Eastern and Western Europe and the impact that flexibility has had upon this in different contexts. The countries covered are: the UK, the Netherlands, Sweden, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Romania and Bulgaria. These countries represent a range of experiences of flexibilisation and policy initiatives with regard to flexibility. The methods of research used include a sample survey in each country and an analysis of labour market and policy trends. The results of the survey analysis and the labour market and policy trends for each country will be available from April 2002 whilst the comparative analysis will take place mainly in the last year of the project and will be available from April 2003.

The project is funded by the programme "Improving Human Research Potential & the Socio-Economic Knowledge Base" of the European Community.

2. Series of HWF Project Research Reports.

A series of HWF Research Reports (ISSN: 1682-9131) represents the main findings and outcomes of the research project "Households, Work and Flexibility" (2000-2003). The five reports are dedicated to various aspects of the problem-filed flexibility, home and labour market. The analysis is based upon a comparative survey along with labour market and social policy studies. Some reports are collections with chapters representing each individual country report and some are comparative reports where the chapters represent instead different themes, written by different team members. Editor of the series is Prof. Claire Wallace.

The reports are:

- (1) Critical review of literature and discourses about flexibility. 2002, pp.234.
- (2) Country contextual reports (Demographic trends, labour market and social policies). 2002. Forthcoming.
- (3) HWF Survey report by countries. 2003. Forthcoming.
- (4) HWF Survey comparative report (two volumes). 2003. Forthcoming.
- (5) Comparative contextual report. (Demographic trends, labour market and social policies). 2003. Forthcoming.

The reports are published and distributed by the Institute for Advanced Studies // Institut für Höhere Studien (Vienna/Wien).

Selected chapters of individual reports, detailed Publication Prospectus as well as Subscription / Order form could be downloaded from the HWF web-site:
http://www.hwf.at/project_reports.html

3. Newsletter of the HWF Research Consortium

The HWF research consortium publishes a newsletter "Flexy-Findings" (FF) that informs you about main findings and events of the 8-nation study.

FF is published at a conclusion of every important stage of the HWF study and is widely distributed (free of charge) among the subscribers to the HWF Research Reports and other interested parties. FF can be requested from the HWF Project Coordinator or downloaded from the project home page. FF is available in printed and electronic (PDF) formats. The FF issue is expected in the Fall 2002 and shall be devoted mainly to the main findings of the HWF Contextual Studies as well to preliminary results of the large-scale HWF Survey.

"Flexi-Findings" is available for download from the HWF web-site:
http://www.hwf.at/project_newsletter.html

4. Web-site of the HWF Research Project

Further information about the HWF Research Project, including detailed descriptions of the studies, along with selected publications, as well as contacts of project partners and the Project Coordinator is available on the web-site of the HWF Project:
<http://www.hwf.at>

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