

13th Conference “Social Monitoring and Reporting in Europe”

„Inequalities, Fairness and Solidarity
Across Generations – Measurement
and Analysis “

Introduction

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Demographic shifts are going along with serious challenges for intergenerational relations, such as:

- an increasing financial burden for younger people in the pension systems as well as growing risks and uncertainties around their own pension benefits and material well-being in retirement
 - labour market opportunities and career prospects of younger and older age groups are changing differently due to various reasons,
 - in many European societies, young people are currently facing considerable difficulties to enter the labour market and finding a stable career path.
 - there is growing scepticism in European societies that younger cohorts will be able to sustain the living standards of their parent generations.
 - on the other hand poverty in old age is growing in numerous European societies, and increasing percentages of the elderly are concerned about the expected level of their pensions
- All of these tendencies raise the question whether or not institutional arrangements are able to assure fairness across generations

Overall, the conference thus aims to discuss

- how pronounced intergenerational inequalities of different kinds are in European societies,
- to which degrees benefits, risks and opportunities are fairly distributed across generations and
- to which extent the relations between generations are characterized by solidarity.

In call for papers we invited contributions addressing issues like,

- The intergenerational distribution of income and wealth or intergenerational inequalities in material hardship or deprivation;
 - Intergenerational inequalities in well-being, including inequalities in health, labour market opportunities, career and social mobility prospects;
 - Intergenerational justice / fairness and solidarity – objective and perceived;
 - Intergenerational private support networks;
 - Intergenerational relations: reciprocity and conflict;
 - Sustainability of pension and health systems.
- We won't be able to address all of these issues of course, but rather will be focussing at some!