



The European Research Network of Excellence RECOWE (part of the European Union's Sixth Framework Programme) and the Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration (IDHEAP) jointly organise the:

Third RECOWE Executive Seminar

The coordination of social security schemes for working age people

Integrating income protection and activation in European welfare states

30th September and 1st October 2010, Lausanne / Switzerland

RECOWE Executive seminars aim at transferring knowledge developed by academic researchers on labour market and social protection issues to the policy-making community. They cover policy-relevant topics and provide accessible information of high scientific quality.

This seminar deals with one of the most topical current issues in social security policy: how to ensure optimal coordination of schemes that make references to different social risks: unemployment benefits, invalidity benefits, social assistance. In conjunction with the reorientation of social security towards activation, many European countries have discovered that the fragmentation of social security for working age people into risk based schemes generates several problems, such as cost shifting between schemes; unclear system accountability; lack of adequate competences within individual schemes. Against this background, several countries have started a process of internal reorganisation of their welfare states.

The seminar will provide an opportunity to discuss both theoretical and practical issues related to the coordination of social security schemes. Its international focus (both speakers and participants) will facilitate the exchange of experiences being made in different countries.

Objectives:

The seminar seeks to:

- discuss the problem associated with the internal fragmentation of social security system for working age people;
- examine the tools available for improving coordination;
- analyse specific reforms adopted in a selection of countries;
- provide an opportunity to discuss actual problems in an multinational context: participants are coming from all European countries.

Target audience

- people involved in the design, implementation and evaluation of social security policies;
- employment and social affairs departments/ministries;
- trade unions and employers associations;
- NGOs active in the field of social exclusion;
- international organisations active in the field of social security.

Programme

Day 1 (Thursday 30 September)

09.00 – 10.30

Welcome, presentation, introduction

Giuliano Bonoli, IDHEAP, Lausanne

10.30 – 11.00

Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30

Regulating the risk of unemployment in Europe: towards a triple integration?

Daniel Clegg, University of Edinburgh

12.30 – 14.00

Lunch

14.00 – 15.30

The provision of income protection and activation in active welfare states

Rik van Berkel, University of Utrecht

15.30 – 16.00

Coffee break

16.00 – 17.30

Panel Discussion

Day 2 (Friday 1 October)

09.00 – 10.00

The British experience

Jochen Clasen, University of Edinburgh

10.00 – 11.00

Decentralisation and marketisation in activation: the case of Dutch social assistance

Rik van Berkel, University of Utrecht

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 – 12.30

Coordination in federal countries: Germany and Switzerland compared

Cyrielle Champion, IDHEAP, Lausanne

12.30 – 14.00

Lunch

14.00 – 15.00

Coordination in Nordic countries

Renate Minas, Institute for Future Studies, Stockholm

15.00 – 15.30

Conclusion

Practical details

Location

The seminar will take place at the Alpha-Palmiers hotel in Lausanne, Switzerland. The hotel is only 100 meters walk away from the Lausanne railway station (Rue du Petit-Chêne 34). Different accommodation opportunities in three hotels – Alpha-Palmiers, Agora and City – are available at different rates (see registration form). (<http://www.fassbindhotels.com>)

Lausanne is a city in the French-speaking part of Switzerland, situated on the shores of Lake Geneva (*Lac Léman*), facing Évian-les-Bains (France) and with the Jura mountains to its north. Lausanne is located some 50 km northeast of Geneva. It is the capital of the canton of Vaud. The headquarters of the International Olympic Committee are located in Lausanne. It lies in the middle of a wine region and is the gateway to the alpine Canton of the Valais, home of some of the best known mountains in the Alps. The population of the greater Lausanne area (*grand Lausanne*) is about 250,000. Lausanne enjoys some world class higher education establishments such as the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL), the University of Lausanne (UNIL), the International Institute for Management Development (IMD) and the Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration (IDHEAP).

(Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lausanne> , see also <http://www.lausanne-tourisme.ch>)

Costs

This seminar is *sponsored* by the RECWOWE Network of Excellence. The academic activities, usually charged €550 per participant, are entirely financed by RECWOWE. For this reason we request the payment of a “catering fee” only, of approx. €120 (CHF 190). Accommodation, travel and additional catering, have to be paid by participants. See the registration form for more details.

The number of participants is limited to 25. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The deadline for applications is 30 August 2010.

Access

- *by train*:

Lausanne is served by one of the most efficient passenger rail services in the world, the Swiss Federal Rail system (<http://www.sbb.ch>). Trains run roughly each half-hour between 4:45am and 1:30am every day to and from Geneva, Zurich and Bern. There are four trains daily from Paris Gare de Lyon via the SNCF's TGV "High Speed Train, and three per day from Milan on the Swiss-Italian *Cisalpino*.

- *by plane*:

the closest airport, Geneva airport (<http://www.gva.ch>) is served by almost all European carriers. Trains between Geneva Airport and the Lausanne railway station take about 45 minutes and run at least twice each hour. Zurich airport or Basel EuroAirport provide an alternative (2 hours and 30 minutes by train from Lausanne).

(Source: <http://wikitravel.org/en/Lausanne>)

The organisers

RECOWOE – Reconciling Work and Welfare in Europe (<http://recwowe.eu>)

RECOWOE is a Network of Excellence (NoE) of the Sixth Framework Programme (FP6) of the European Union (EU) on 'Reconciling Work and Welfare in Europe' (start date: October 2006; duration: 5 years). This network includes 29 Research Partners (18 universities and 11 other institutions, 180 researchers and 80 PhD students) in 17 countries (Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom).

The paramount objective of RECOWOE is to create a European research network capable of overcoming the fragmentation of existing research on questions of work and welfare in Europe.

RECOWOE integrates existing research activities on the various tensions that characterize the relationships between work and welfare. The ultimate aim is the constitution of a 'virtual institute' promoting the research excellence required in identifying and understanding the multiple tensions between work and welfare, as well as strategies for managing or resolving them.

IDHEAP (<http://www.idheap.ch>)

The Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration (IDHEAP) in Lausanne is the Swiss institute of postgraduate education that prepares students for the most senior functions in the country's public and para-public administrations. IDHEAP is accredited by the Swiss Confederation and at international level (EAPAA), and also acts as an independent observer and provider of advice and expertise, called upon by the administrations, political leaders, and the Confederation. Finally, IDHEAP is a centre of interdisciplinary research, both fundamental and applied, and participates as an independent scientific body in national and international public sector research networks.

Registration form

- I would like to participate to the 3rd RECWOWE executive seminar on 30 September-1 October 2010.
- I need hotel accommodation (please select one of the options below, the hotels Agora and City are approx. 15 minutes away from the seminar location).

ROOM TYPE	HOTEL ALPHA-PALMIERS (Rate per room per night in CHF – Swiss Francs; Breakfast included)	HOTEL AGORA (Rate per room per night in CHF – Swiss Francs; Breakfast included)	HOTEL CITY (Rate per room per night in CHF – Swiss Francs; Breakfast included)
Single Standard	<input type="radio"/> 225 CHF	<input type="radio"/> 172 CHF	<input type="radio"/> 164 CHF
Double standard	<input type="radio"/> 255 CHF	<input type="radio"/> 204 CHF	<input type="radio"/> 185 CHF
City Taxes	3.10 (per person per day)	2.80 (per person per day)	2.50 (per person per day)

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- I accept to pay a catering fee (includes lunch on Thursday and Friday, coffee breaks and water) of CHF 190. The fee must be paid at the hotel upon registration on arrival.

Name:

Organisation:

Postal address:

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Email:

Phone:

Credit card number with expiry date:.....
(needed to secure your hotel registration)

Additional requests:

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Date:

Signature:

Please send, fax or email to: Regula Schlanser, IDHEAP, Route de la Maladiere 21, CH-1022 Chavannes-près-Renens – Lausanne, Switzerland / Fax: +41 21 557 40 09 / Email:

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Deadline: 31 August 2010. Number of places is limited. Apply early to secure your place.