

OSE Newsletter 3 – February 2010

/// FOREWORD

The new year would appear to be crucial for the EU. On the one hand, the months ahead will see the gradual implementation of the Treaty of Lisbon and of the new institutional architecture for the Union. On the other, the EU is about to revise its economic and social strategy under the new EU 2020 plan. In such a fast-moving context, the European Social Observatory (OSE) is increasingly involved in the debate about the social dimension of Europe. As this edition makes plain, the OSE team is active on several fronts: labour market transformation, the evolution of social pacts, the Europeanisation of national social policies, social protection reforms, and the consequences of the Treaty on the EU's social competencies are all issues at the core of our activity. In this edition we also begin to reflect broadly on the future of Social Europe that will culminate under the Belgian Presidency of the EU in the second half of 2010. The OSE is already involved in three different projects to provide scientific input into the Presidency. Happy reading !

David Natali, Scientific Director
Cécile Barbier, Researcher

Publications Update

Quality of Work in the European Union - Concept, Data and Debates from a Transnational Perspective

Ana M. Guillén and Sverre Aage Dahl (eds.), Work & Society Series P.I.E. Peter Lang 2009.

This volume is the result of a collaborative project among an interdisciplinary team of researchers within the European network of excellence RECWOWE. It includes two contributions by Ramón Peña-Casas (OSE) and a contribution by Dalila Ghailani (OSE).

[More info...](#) [EN](#) | [FR](#)

Arm Europa. Over armoede en armoedebestrijding op het Europese niveau

Vranken, J., Campaert, G., Dierckx, D. and Van Haarlem, A. (eds.), Leuven: Acco, 2009.

At the start of the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion (2010) and in the run-up to the Belgian Presidency of the EU, this new book (in Dutch) assesses the domestic impact of European initiatives in the area of poverty and social inclusion. Rita Baeten and Bart Vanhercke (OSE) contributed three chapters to the book.

[More info...](#) [EN](#) | [FR](#)

Purchasing health services abroad: Practices of Cross-border Contracting and Patient Mobility in Six European Countries

Glinos, I.A., Baeten, R. and Maarse, H., Health Policy, 25 December 2009

[More info... EN | FR](#)

L'Europe en Belgique, la Belgique dans l'Europe. Configuration et appropriation des politiques sociales

Vanhercke, B., Verschraegen, G., Van Gehuchten, P-P. (eds.) (2009).

Final report of the research project 'Outils européens et politique sociale belge' (ETOS.be) (European tools for social policy in Belgium), forming part of the Federal Scientific Policy programme 'Société et Avenir' (Society and Future).

[Rapport \(PDF\)](#) [More info...](#)

Le nouveau Président du Conseil européen face aux défis sociaux majeurs

Cécile Barbier, OSE Paper series, Opinion Paper No.1, December 2009, 4p.

[More info... EN | FR](#)

Brèves sur les soins de santé en Europe / Nieuws over gezondheidszorg uit Europa

No.12 December 2009

[French version](#) [Dutch version](#)

Activities

Ensuring an Adequate Pension in a European Context

The OSE is engaged in a research project on "Ensuring an Adequate Pension in a European Context". The aim is to inform decision-makers about the social consequences of recent pension reforms and shed light on the impact of EU initiatives on domestic pensions systems. The research findings will feed into the preparation of the upcoming Belgian Presidency of the EU.

[More info... EN | FR](#)

News

The OSE is coordinating some new research into the **social dimension of the Lisbon Strategy**, in the context of the current economic crisis and negotiation of the future EU 2020 Strategy. It focuses particularly on the Social Inclusion and Social Protection OMC, on which the DG Strategy and Research of the federal Social Security administration will be organising a high-level conference in mid September 2010.

[More info... EN | FR](#)

Forthcoming events

8 February 2010 "OSE Lunchtime Session"

Reinforcing the EU Strategy on Social Inclusion. OMC, Economic Crisis and the EU 2020 Strategy, with Anne Hoël, Policy Coordinator, Platform of European Social NGOs (Social Platform). The OSE Lunchtime Sessions (Midis de l'OSE) bring together the OSE team and their guests.

[More info... EN | FR](#)

11 March 2010 Social Dialogue in Times of Crisis

Debate organised by the European Social Observatory in collaboration with the

European Economic and Social Committee, with presentations by Waltraud Schelke (London School of Economics), Jean De Munck (Université catholique de Louvain), Maarten Keune (Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Labour Studies), Lowell Turner (Cornell University) and chaired by David Natali (OSE) and Philippe Pochet (ETUI).
[More info... EN | FR](#)

Past events

10-11 December 2009 “The New Welfare State in Europe”

This high-level conference, held at the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence, was co-chaired by Giuliano Bonoli and David Natali, and co-organised by the EUI, the IDHEAP of Lausanne, the University of Bologna-Forli and the European Network of Excellence RECWOWE.

[More info... \(RECWOWE website\)](#)

The OSE in European Networks

ECAB project

The OSE is a partner in the ECAB (Evaluating Care across Borders) research project, funded by the European Commission under its 7th Framework Programme. The project, which will start on 1 May, aims to examine aspects of safety, quality and continuity of care delivery and looks into existing cross-border collaborations in the field of health care. Coordinated by the London School of Economics (LSE) Health research centre (Prof. Elias Mossialos), this project brings together 13 partner institutions from all over Europe. The OSE will, amongst other tasks, lead an investigation into cross-border medical prescriptions.

[More info... EN | FR](#)

OSE asbl 13, rue P.E. Janson 1050 Bruxelles tel :32-2-5371971 www.ose.be

If you would like to join our mailing list to receive future issues of this newsletter, please click on [Subscribe](#)