

Agenda

Social Inclusion Week 2019 – *Generation Game: social insecurities and inequalities* *How does Ireland measure up?*

Wednesday 9 October 2019
Eurofound Conference Centre, 11.00 – 13.00
Wyattville Road, Loughlinstown, Dublin 18

11.00 **Arrival and welcome coffee**

11.15 **Welcome and Introduction**

Mary McCaughey, Head of Unit, Information and Communication
Deirdre Donnelly, Leas Cathaoirleach, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown CoCo

11.45 **Presentation and discussion:**

- **Social insecurities and resilience for the older generation**
Hans Dubois, Research Manager, Social Policies

Feelings of insecurity in several dimensions of life are widespread in the EU population, even among those who are materially well-off. Policymakers need to take these insecurities into account to better understand the concerns and dissatisfactions of citizens. Eurofound's work examines people's insecurity in five areas: personal, housing, healthcare, employment and income in old age. It identifies where intensity differs among people depending on characteristics such as age, gender and economic circumstances. The report concludes that offsetting social insecurities depends on more than individual resilience.

Q/A

12.20 – **Inequalities in the access of young people to information and support services**
Eszter Sandor, Research Manager, Social Policies

In recent years, concerns have been expressed at EU and national level that the combined stresses arising from school, parental expectations and societal pressures can make the transition to adulthood difficult for young people – with the risk of a long-lasting negative impact. One way of easing the transition is to provide appropriate information and support services during these critical life-changing years. However, it appears that not all young people have access to such services. Eurofound's research describes the characteristics of the young people who face most difficulties in accessing social and health services, the types of services most relevant to them and the main challenges they face in accessing information and support services.

Q/A

13.00 **Closing remarks and departure**

Short biographies



Hans Dubois is a research manager in the Social Policies unit at Eurofound. His research topics include household over-indebtedness, access to healthcare, long-term care, non-take-up of social benefits, flexible retirement schemes, and quality of life in the local area. Prior to joining Eurofound, he was Assistant Professor at Kozminski University in Warsaw. He completed a PhD in Business Administration and Management at Bocconi University in Milan with a research stay at the International Centre for Policy Studies in Kiev, after working as Research Officer at the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies in Madrid. He studied Economics and Medical Biology at the University of Amsterdam, with semesters at Harvard University and Universidad de Salamanca.



Mary McCaughey is Head of Information and Communication in Eurofound, where she has worked since 2003. A graduate in Business and Politics from Trinity College, Dublin and an 'ancienne' of the College of Europe, Bruges, she began her career in journalism in Brussels in 1990 with Europe Information Service and the Wall Street Journal Europe. She subsequently contributed to the WSJE and the Irish Times as a features writer before taking up the post of spokesperson with the Delegation of the European Commission to South Africa in 1998, heading up its press and information department. In 2001, she moved to Belgrade, Serbia, where she worked as a communications consultant for the European Agency for Reconstruction. @MaryMcCaughyEF



Eszter Sandor is a research manager in the Social Policies unit at Eurofound. She has expertise in survey methodology and statistical analysis, she has worked on the preparation and management of the European Quality of Life Survey and is responsible for the quality of the dataset. Her research areas are quality of life in households and families, including subjective well-being, work-life balance and living conditions, as well as the well-being of young people. She previously worked as an economic consultant in Scotland focusing on economic impact assessments, evaluations and input-output analysis. She completed a Master's Degree in Economics and International relations at Corvinus University of Budapest.