

Participating Projects



Combating Poverty in Europe

Reducing poverty and social exclusion is one of the main challenges for ensuring social cohesion in modern Europe. How to facilitate active inclusion through integrated and participatory modes of multilevel governance is the core of COPE's research. The project addresses key questions: How can the combat against poverty be organised in practice? How do European, national and local institutions shape the co-production of active inclusion? How do beneficiaries participate in these policies and how does this shape their life courses?



Impact of Local Welfare Systems on Female Labour Force Participation and Social Cohesion

This project is about the causes and effects of women's labour market integration, which is an issue that represents a major challenge for the European Union and its member states, and supposedly a precondition for the sustainability of the European social model. The overall aim is to analyse (1) how local welfare systems support women's labour market participation, as well as (2) the extent to which (and under which conditions) female labour market integration has contributed to strengthening social cohesion.



Local Worlds of Social Cohesion

Radical changes in the local governance of social cohesion in many Member States of the European Union are the focus of LOCALISE's research on the organisational challenges of an integrated social and employment policy. How do different institutional contexts influence local worlds of social cohesion? How do local actors deal with the conflicts and dilemmas caused by integrated social cohesion policies? What impact do these policies have on social inequality and the conception of social citizenship?



Welfare Innovations at the Local Level in Favour of Cohesion

WILCO aims to examine, through cross-national comparative research, how local welfare systems affect social inequalities and how they favour social cohesion with a special focus on the missing link between innovations at the local level and their successful transfer and implementation to other settings. The results will be used, through strong interaction with stakeholders and urban policy recommendations, to link immediately to the needs of practitioners. In doing so, we will connect issues of immediate practical relevance with state-of-the-art academic research on how approaches and instruments in local welfare function in practice.

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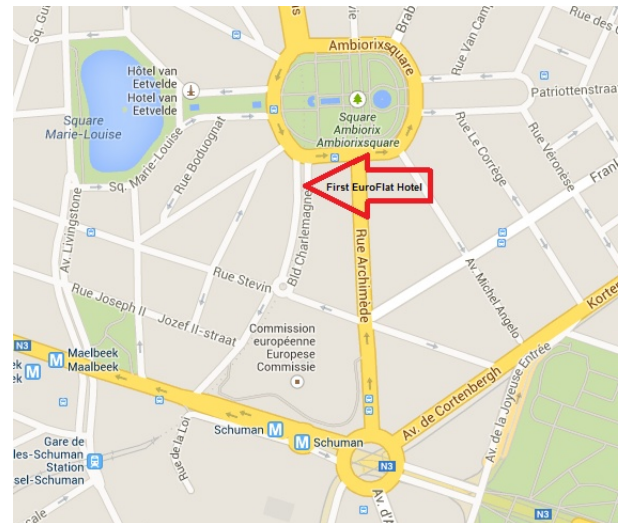
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Venue



First EuroFlat Hotel Brussels

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Building inclusive welfare systems

A dialogue between research and practice



Policy Conference

Brussels, 5 June 2014

First EuroFlat Hotel

Boulevard Charlemagne 50, Brussels

About the Event

All over Europe, formerly 'passive' social protection systems are undergoing substantial reform. Under the policy agendas of active inclusion and more recently, social investment, welfare states are seeking to simultaneously increase the labour market participation of formerly excluded groups (such as women, youth, elderly people and migrants) and the efficiency of employment services. In order to achieve these goals, policy-makers have not only introduced programmatic policy changes (such as curtailing the duration or eligibility of/for benefits) but also changes to the governance systems through which social policies are administered. Especially the local governance level has come to play an important role under such a 'new welfare' agenda because it is here where employment incentives and measures can be tailored most effectively to individual client cases as well as regional labour market characteristics.

In June 2014, four international research projects funded by the European Commission under the call "Local welfare systems favouring social cohesion" – COPE, FLOWS, LOCALISE and WILCO – will present their policy-relevant findings to an audience of policy-makers, researchers and interested others in Brussels. The aim of the conference is to fuel a constructive dialogue between practitioners and researchers on the following issues:

- How do local active inclusion policies shape the life courses of beneficiaries? (COPE)
- How do local welfare systems support women's labour market participation? (FLOWS)
- How do different institutional contexts influence local activation policies? (LOCALISE)
- How do local welfare systems favour cohesion through social innovation? (WILCO)

Conference Programme

12:30 - 13:00	Registration and lunch buffet
13:00 - 13:15	Welcome and introduction
13:15 - 13:45	Lessons from the COPE project <i>Flashlight 1: Matteo Jessoula, University of Milan</i> <i>Flashlight 2: Håkan Johansson, Lund University</i> Discussion
13:45 - 14:15	Lessons from the LOCALISE project <i>Flashlight 1: Martin Heidenreich, University of Oldenburg</i> <i>Flashlight 2: Paolo Graziano, Bocconi University Milan</i> Discussion
14:15 - 14:45	Lessons from the FLOWS project <i>Flashlight 1/2: Per Jensen, Aalborg University</i> Discussion
14:45 - 15:15	Lessons from the WILCO project <i>Flashlight 1: Taco Brandsen, Radboud University Nijmegen</i> <i>Flashlight 2: Adalbert Evers, Gießen University</i> Discussion
14:15 - 15:35	Coffee Break
15:35 - 16:20	Panel discussion: What is relevant for practitioners?
16:20 - 16:30	Conclusion

Registration and Accommodation

Participation in the conference is free of charge, but registration with the conference secretariat is required.

To register for the conference, please e-mail Kerstin Zemke (kerstin.zemke@uni-oldenburg.de) until **15 May 2014**.

Accommodation at the First EuroFlat Hotel (conference venue) is available at a special rate of 140 € per single room. If you wish to benefit from the conference rate, please send an e-mail to sales@firsteuroflathotel.be by **4 April 2014** at the latest, mentioning the booking reference OLDE0506.

Travel and accommodation costs can unfortunately not be reimbursed.