



## The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change

### Joint Call 2016 – Project CREW

#### Care, retirement and wellbeing of older people across different welfare regimes

##### SUMMARY AND OVERALL AIM

As societies age, the well-being of the elderly increasingly becomes a priority and challenge. CREW is an interdisciplinary team from six institutions in five countries poised to examine the interrelationships between social participation (in the forms of paid work and caregiving) and health and wellbeing.

Our proposed research covers four broad topics. First, we investigate the determinants of health and wellbeing in older age and critically examine new and old measures. Second, we describe patterns of caregiving and the impact of providing care on the wellbeing of caregivers. Third, we analyze the challenges faced by pension systems as consequence of changes in family dynamics and work patterns. Finally, we examine the population of older adults without close kin, analyze its characteristics, and how the welfare state shapes their well-being. Gender and welfare policies are transversal themes of each topic, as they shape all of the dynamics analyzed.

CREW fills key policy-relevant gaps in existing research, ultimately contributing to knowledge which inform policies to guarantee high quality of ageing and equal opportunities for successful ageing for both men and women and for people of different socio-economic groups.

##### PROJECT DURATION AND BUDGET

Project duration: 01/2017 – 12/2019 (36 months)

Project costs/requested funding: 922,554 € / 879,006 €

##### CONSORTIUM

The consortium consists of 6 partners from 5 countries:

1. Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain: Bruno Arpino (coordinator of project)
2. Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute, Netherlands: Anne Gauthier
3. Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium: Ester Rizzi
4. University of Florence, Italy: Gustavo De Santis
5. University of Padua, Italy: Maria Letizia Tanturri
6. University of Western Ontario, Canada: Rachel Margolis

##### WORK PACKAGES

WP1: Management and coordination

WP2: Definitions, measures and determinants of wellbeing at older ages

WP3: The joys and burden of caring

WP4: Retirement, health, caregiving, and wellbeing: who, when, how?

WP5: Ageing without (close) kin and consequences on wellbeing

WP 6: Dissemination

##### SECOND JPI MYBL CALL FOR PROPOSALS

CREW is one of the projects that is funded in the second JPI MYBL call for proposals of 2016, entitled “Welfare, Wellbeing and Demographic Change: Understanding Welfare Models”. A total of five projects received funding.

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