



The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change

Joint Call 2015 – Project LONGLIVES

Policies for longer working lives: understanding interactions with health and care responsibilities

SUMMARY AND OVERALL AIM

The project consortium focuses on 2 key factors related to the interest among policymakers across Europe in extending working lives; the relationship of longer working with health and caring responsibilities.

This project brings together expertise from 4 countries to shed new light on how longer working lives might affect the health and well-being of the older population, and how caring responsibilities may affect individuals' ability to work for longer. A core focus of the work is understanding differences in these effects across the population and the resulting impact on inequality.

This project has 3 key strengths:

- The consortium brings together renowned public policy experts from different countries, and exploits significant differences in the policies in place in each country and over time, to examine the role of policies and institutions in determining how longer working lives affect health and care giving, and how the effects differ across groups.
- The work exploits currently under-utilised, comparable multidisciplinary data across these four countries to better understand the multi-faceted circumstances of the older populations and how they differ across countries.
- We use and improve existing detailed dynamic micro-simulation models for each country to help understand how the circumstances of the older population will evolve in each country and what effect alternative policy regimes could have.

PROJECT DURATION AND BUDGET

Project duration: 03/2016 – 02/2019 (36 months)

Project costs/requested funding: 1.252.642 €

CONSORTIUM

The consortium consists of 5 partners from 4 EU countries:

1. German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin), Germany: Peter Haan (coordinator of project)
2. Danish National Centre for Social Research (SFI), Denmark: Paul Bingley
3. Danish Research Centre on Education and Advanced Media Materials (DREAM), Denmark
4. Paris School of Economics (PSE), France: Didier Blanchet
5. Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), United Kingdom: Carl Emmerson

WORK PACKAGES

The research is divided into 4 work packages:

- Work Package 1
Providing a state-of-the-art description of the multi-dimensionality of inequalities at older age and the institutional differences in the public policies of the 4 participating countries.
- Work Package 2
Aim is to go beyond the correlations between work (or retirement) and health outcomes, and provide new evidence on the causal impact of retirement on health.
- Work Package 3
Providing new analysis of the demand for care, and the likelihood of this being met through informal care from family members, in order to refine the way that 'caring' is incorporated into dynamic micro-simulation models in each of the 4 countries.
- Work Package 4
Using the four improved dynamic micro-simulation models to simulate how labour supply, health, and care giving will evolve over the next 10 to 50 years in each country under current and alternative policies.

FIRST JPI MYBL CALL FOR PROPOSALS

LONGLIVES is one of the projects that is funded in the first JPI MYBL call for proposals of 2015, entitled 'Extended Working Life and its Interaction with Health, Wellbeing and beyond'. A total of five projects received funding.

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