

This is the second newsletter of FamiliesAndSocieties, a large-scale European research project investigating the diversity of family forms, relationships and life courses in Europe in relation to policies.

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1. The issues the FamiliesAndSocieties project is looking at are at the very heart of the EU2020 Strategy - an interview with Marc Goffart from the European Commission.

Read the complete interview on our website! [More](#)

2. The FamiliesAndSocieties research news

Working paper series: Recently launched, state-of-the-art reports on family issues can now be found on the FamiliesAndSocieties webpage. They constitute a key reference about what has been written so far in terms of family-related foresight methods, family forms and their relation to the well-being of children, family dynamics among immigrants and their decedents in Europe, childcare arrangements and much more. [More](#)

Peer-reviewed Publications: FamiliesAndSocieties first publications in prominent journals are already available! [More](#)

Digests: Get updated with the latest research through the short and comprehensive summaries of FamiliesAndSocieties!

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- The benefit of having a wife. To what extent are partners and adult children substitutes for unskilled public care? [More](#)

3. Events

First Annual Stakeholder Seminar: On 28 January 2014, the seminar “*Solomonic choices. Parental separation and family policies in Europe*” will take place at the European Economic and Social Committee. Experts from research, policy, and NGO’s will discuss in a confidential atmosphere the most recent findings on the influence of family forms, cohabitation, and particularly family breakups on the development of children, what role public childcare, as well as joint custody, can play, and what policy recommendations can be drawn from these findings. [More](#)

First FamiliesAndSocieties Consortium Meeting: The first consortium meeting held on 8-10 January 2014 brought together all researchers and stakeholders involved in FamiliesAndSocieties. All on-going research has been discussed among the project’s members and the first results of the project have been presented by its coordinator, Dr. Livia Oláh. The event included keynote presentations by Marc Goffart, from the DG Research and Innovation of the European Commission and Willem Adema, from OECD. [More](#)

4. Sign up for regular updates on the project

The website of FamiliesAndSocieties provides the opportunity to those interested to sign up for regular updates. Get informed on all publications and events of the project. Please register on the project website for the best way to stay updated about research in Europe on family issues! [More](#)

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