



This is the eighth and final 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. "Legal support is essential to foster social inclusion of same-sex couples" – Interview with Dimitri Mortelmans and Ariane Pailhé, co-leaders of the FamiliesAndSocieties Work Package 2**

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**2. "Genes may have a say in when we have children and how many we end up with" - Interview with Melinda Mills, co-leader of the FamiliesAndSocieties Work Package 4**

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**3. "Policy measures have to meet the needs of the families to stop the reproduction of vulnerability" – Interview with Bernhard Riederer, senior researcher at the Work Package 10**

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### 4. FamiliesAndSocieties research news

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## 5. Events.

**Fourth Annual Stakeholder Seminar from FamiliesAndSocieties - Policies for families: Is there a best practice?** Read the event review [More](#)

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## 6. Sign-up for regular updates on the project.

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