



This is the fourth 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.

Our Topics

1. Interview with the Work Package 8 co-leader Amparo González-Ferrer, senior research fellow at the Spanish National Research Council (Madrid).
2. Interview with the Work Package 7 co-leader Pearl Dykstra, Professor at the Department of Sociology, Erasmus University Rotterdam.
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1. Avoiding segregation is crucial – interview with Amparo González-Ferrer, co-leader of the work package 8 in FamiliesAndSocieties.

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

2. We need to think of four generation families - an interview with Pearl Dykstra from Erasmus University Rotterdam.

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3. The FamiliesAndSocieties research news

Working paper series: 26 research reports on family issues can 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 descendants in Europe, childcare arrangements and much more. [More](#)

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PERFAR (Population Europe Resource Finder & Archive) offers a broad collection of policies related to population developments throughout Europe, a catalogue with links to socio-economic and demographic data, and an online repository for related research results. Check out our collection of family-related laws for 16 European countries on childcare, divorce, marriage and registered partnerships, maternity leave, parental leave, and family allowances. [More](#)

5. Events

The FamiliesAndSocieties second annual consortium meeting was held in Madrid, Spain, on January 14-16, 2015. The primary aim of this mid-term meeting was to provide a progress overview on the first two years of the project and to strengthen contacts between researchers and stakeholders. [More](#)

FamiliesAndSocieties' Second Annual Stakeholder Seminar - Multiple pathways towards integration: The diversity of immigrant families in Europe: Experts from research, policy, and NGO's discussed in a confidential atmosphere about the most recent findings on transnational families, immigrants' childbearing, and well-being among children of immigrants in the EU context. [More](#)

6. 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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