

De : Magritte Olivier

Envoyé : mardi 7 septembre 2021 11:42

À : 'Catherine Hale' <coprokent@gmail.com>

Objet : RE: Kent University research into Dignity, Security and Fairness in the experience of claiming benefits across Europe - Belgium

Thank you, Catherine

It will be helpful

I will let you know or the interested organization will contact you referring to me.

Have a nice day

Olivier

De : Catherine Hale <coprokent@gmail.com>

Envoyé : mardi 7 septembre 2021 11:13

À : Magritte Olivier <Olivier.Magritte@minsoc.fed.be>

Objet : Re: Kent University research into Dignity, Security and Fairness in the experience of claiming benefits across Europe - Belgium

Dear Olivier,

Thank you very much for getting in touch in support of our comparative welfare research. We would welcome any expressions of interest and conversations with any of your member organisations by the end of September.

If it's helpful I can share more information about the timescale and level of involvement in the project:

If successfully funded, it would start in September 2022 and last for five years. The level of involvement could be flexible and determined by capacity, but we estimate approximately one day per month on average. There would be more or less busy periods at different phases of the project. The type of activities involved by partner organisations would be:

- shaping the design of the research
- recruiting participants
- if desired, being part of carrying out the research
- if desired, being part of the analysis process of the research
- promoting the research
- shaping the recommendations and how they are promoted and disseminated

Thank you for your support and best wishes,

Catherine

On Tue, Sep 7, 2021 at 9:56 AM Magritte Olivier <Olivier.Magritte@minsoc.fed.be> wrote:

Thank you Haydn and Ms. Hale

This study will be very interesting.

As such, the BDF, as an umbrella, is not fit to take part in this partnership.

I will submit it to some of our member organisation's.

Before when do you need an answer?

Kind regards

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À : Magritte Olivier <Olivier.Magritte@minsoc.fed.be>
Cc : Catherine Hale <coprokent@gmail.com>
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Dear Olivier,

I am writing to you on behalf of Ms Catherine Hale (in cc), who is a disability researcher and activist working with academics at Kent University on coproduction of research into a better social security system. They would like to invite your organisation to register interest and find out more about their proposed research. Eventually they are looking for partners in several European countries, to directly shape and collaborate in their project and ensure it has a positive impact on users of welfare benefit systems. I am passing on the following message to you on her behalf:

Proposed research

Our proposed research project will select 3-5 European countries to answer a question that is almost entirely overlooked in existing research into social security systems:

How does the experience of claiming benefits differ between countries?

This project argues that to achieve the goals of a social security system, policies and practices should aim to create policies that treat people with **dignity**, gives them **security**, and makes **fair** decisions.

Our proposed project will work with user-led organizations to understand lived experiences of claiming benefits in different countries and will map out where claimants have which experiences and why – with a focus on how interactions with benefit systems shape these.

Our aim is to better understand the experiences of claiming benefits, where these experiences are better and worse and why. We believe the three dimensions of dignity, security and fairness are crucial for the sustainability of benefits systems, to improve wellbeing among claimants and to ensure benefit systems meet their diverse goals.

For now, our shortlist of countries for comparison includes Hungary, Belgium, Spain, Estonia, Norway, Scotland and England

Please see [this Q&A document](#) for more information about the proposed research.

What's involved?

This is a scoping phase of the project. We are contacting user-led organisations, as well as academics, in our shortlisted countries to seek out potential partnerships. Partners would then convene in November 2021 to develop a proposal for a large grant from the European Research Council to conduct a comparative study.

We will select 3-5 countries altogether, depending on the interest and capacity of user-led organisations to take part. At this stage we are keen to speak with as many organisations as possible to help inform the selection.

We want to work with claimant/user led organizations from the application process onwards, through to co-producing actionable recommendations coming out of the research.

Expressing interest and finding out more

I would like to invite you to a meeting to discuss this further, answer any questions and hear what capacity and interest your organization has in our research.

I have an automated calendar system for arranging meetings

<https://calendly.com/catherinehalecii/kent-university-research-into-dignity-security-and-fairness>

When booking a meeting please let me know whether you would prefer Zoom or Skype, or telephone. If the automated system is not accessible, or if the dates offered don't work for you, please let me know a selection of dates and times that would be convenient.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

Haydn Hammersley (he/him)

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