

SUBSCRIPTION STUDY



Social Policies and the Challenge of Innovation

The French system of social protection is sick; it is beset by financial crisis and a crisis of efficiency and legitimacy. How should it be modernized?

Many countries confronted with these challenges have developed innovative schemes in the social policy field. What are these innovations? Which could be usefully transposed to France? Under what precise conditions and with what effects?

Working with a team of leading experts, Futuribles International has decided to conduct a project for identifying innovations implemented in the social sphere within and outside Europe, be they tools, technologies, objectives or arrangements for the management of social risk.

The aim of this project is twofold:

- To highlight, in the different countries of Europe and the world, principles of management of social risks and modes of organization of benefit delivery that are original, efficient and well-suited to the current period of an accelerating globalization of economies;
- To study the conditions in which these new principles and arrangements can be transposed into the French context, taking account of the existing institutional framework and the budgetary and social constraints.

Production

This study will produce:

- A framework document resituating French social policies in a European and global context (September 2008).
- An explicated list of the innovations identified (December 2008).
- A closed seminar with the subscribers, identifying and presenting the 10 innovations on which the exercise will be focussed (September 2008).
- A list of institutions, schemes and experts to be evaluated and visited (December 2008).
- Operationally-oriented summary reports on each of the 10 innovations (January-April 2009).
- A presentation and discussion around these innovations in a seminar reserved for subscribers (April 2009).
- Additional material on each of these reports relating to the conditions for transposing them to France and the expected implications (May-June 2009).
- A closed seminar with subscribers at which this last phase of the work can be presented and discussed (June 2009).
- A general report on the exercise (June 2009).

These products will be exclusive to the subscribing bodies during the course of the study. These bodies will be closely involved in the steering of the project.

Diffusion and Publicity

Once the study is completed, the Futuribles group will endeavour – so far as is possible with the subscribers' participation – to make fullest use of this work, the clear intention being to contribute, by way of policy-oriented studies, to a necessary modernization of social policy.

To this end, the following measures are envisaged:

- The publication of the work in the form of a special issue of the *Futuribles* journal (2009).
- The organization of an international conference in France in the latter half of 2009. The aim of this conference will be to reflect the work to a wider public and guarantee it the widest possible publicity.

Project Team

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A **Scientific Committee**, composed of recognized figures in the field, is currently being formed. It will direct the work and monitor its quality. It will be consulted at each phase of the project and associated with the different stages of the study.

The following have already agreed to join the committee: Claude Bigot (École nationale supérieure de sécurité sociale), Gilbert Cette (University of the Mediterranean), Louis Chauvel (Sciences Po), Martine Durand (OECD), Yannick d'Haene (International Social Security Association), Robert Holzmann (World Bank), David Khayat (Assistance Publique - Hôpitaux de Paris), Frédéric Lerais (European Commission), Mathilde Lemoine (HSBC), Bruno Palier (Sciences Po), Pierre Rosanvallon (Collège de France).

Subscription Details

The cost of subscription to this study is 20,000 Euros (ex-VAT) and 23,920 Euros including VAT at 19.6%.

The members of the Futuribles International Association are eligible for a discounted rate.

Subscription is open from 2 June 2008.

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