



Work-Life Balance: Demographics, Care Work and Care Infrastructure

Thematic Seminar

Friday 18th May 2018
Hotel Renaissance
Rue du Parnasse 19
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Aim and objectives

The seminar aims to deepen the knowledge and understanding of changing demographics, the demands of care work, and the care infrastructure required to achieve work-life balance.

Specifically, the seminar seeks to:

- Deepen knowledge about the various elements in the Work-Life Balance Package.
- Explore demographic choices, in particular spacing of births of children within families, and the influence of uptake and length of family leaves.
- Enhance understanding of the mix of paid and unpaid work during the life cycle, including use of career breaks, the sharing of this between women and men, and the implications of this for women's careers.
- Stimulate insights into caring responsibilities and the management of these for women's careers and the implications of these for work-life balance policy and programmes.

Agenda

- 9:00** Registration and Welcome coffee
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Niall Crowley, FGB, Seminar Facilitator
- 9.35** Work-Life Balance: Background to EU Priorities
Presentation by Greet Vermeulen, Gender Equality, DG Justice and Consumers
- 9:50** Work-Life Balance: Implications of uptake and length of family leaves for demography and, particularly, spacing of birth of children in the family
Presentation by Professor Renske Keizer, Professor in Family Sociology, Erasmus University, Rotterdam.
- 10:20** Plenary: Dialogue and questions and answers
- 11:00** Tea/Coffee Break
- 11:15** Work-Life Balance: Gender division of paid and unpaid work and its implications for gender equality and social progress
Presentation by Dr. Ania Plomien, Department of Gender Studies, London School of Economics and Political Science.
- 11:45** Plenary: Dialogue and questions and answers
- 12.30** Close and Lunch