

# EUROSHIP



**Closing gaps in social citizenship:  
New tools to foster social resilience  
in Europe (EUROSHIP)**



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# THE PROJECT

**EUROSHIP is an international collaborative research project about ways to strengthen social citizenship in Europe. The project will capture personal narratives and experiences among women and men with low education and low income. It puts into focus the opportunities, challenges and responses individuals encounter in different and rapidly changing institutional and societal contexts, also taking into account the new conditions imposed by the Covid-19 emergency.**

**The research team will:**

- 1. examine** the social protection systems (including the role of minimum income schemes);
- 2. focus** on the experiences of three vulnerable population groups (youth at risk of in-work poverty, prime age precarious workers with care obligations, and low-income persons with disabilities, including the elderly with long-term care needs);
- 3. interrogate** the implications of introducing digital technologies to deliver social protection systems and address some of the problems arising from this broader social and economic transformation; and
- 4. analyse** how the EU may contribute to close current gaps in social citizenship in a multilevel and territorially diverse Europe.

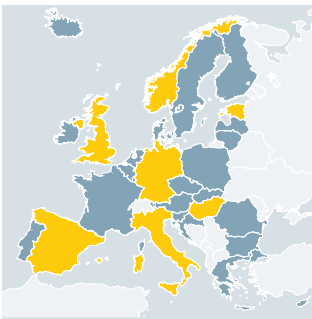
## OBJECTIVES

The EUROSHIP project aims to provide an original and gender sensitive assessment of old and new gaps in social protection against poverty and social exclusion in Europe.

Through the involvement of national and European stakeholders, EUROSHIP has a strong ambition to develop policy recommendations on how to strengthen social citizenship at the national and EU level. The research results will support the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights.

## EVIDENCE AND ANALYSIS

**EUROSHIP has set itself the tasks of identifying factors that currently prevent women and men with low education and income from exercising social citizenship, and more positively, to identify means that enable them to mitigate risks of poverty and social exclusion over the life-course.**



The EUROSHIP team will synthesise policy lessons from seven European countries (**Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Spain, and the United Kingdom**) and the **EU-level**. The seven countries represent

highly diverse contexts for realizing social citizenship across Europe. Acknowledging the current social, economic and political conditions across European countries, EUROSHIP will assess the available EU level policy instruments to promote upward social convergence, social resilience and social cohesion across Europe.

# POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**The Covid-19 pandemic reminds us about the importance of comprehensive social protection systems that are able to prevent poverty and promote social cohesion within and across Europe.**

The project will support the development of evidence-based and innovative policy that may help the EU and national governments boost social citizenship for individuals particularly at risk of poverty and social exclusion. The active involvement of key national and European stakeholders will ensure that project results reach relevant policymakers.

EUROSHIP has a strong potential for generating long-term benefits – for European societies as a whole as well as for individuals facing social and economic vulnerabilities.

**EUROSHIP contributes to Europe's commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals in general and in particular goals:**



**End poverty in all its forms everywhere**



**Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all**



**Reduce inequality within and among countries**

## WHAT WE WILL DO

The project's main source of primary data will be a set of coordinated life-course interviews with women and men with low education and low income from three different generations (born around 1950–1955, 1975–1980 and 1990–1995). The interviews will allow us to examine historical changes in opportunities for exercising social citizenship, as reflected in the narratives of the individuals. The life-course perspective gives an improved understanding of the lived experiences of women and men at different stages of life.

Additionally, EUROSHIP will organize focus forums with stakeholder representatives in each of the seven countries. The focus forums will provide data on citizens' opportunities for influence and involvement in the deliberation and enforcement of social rights through labour and civil society organizations.

To maximise the project's societal impact, EUROSHIP will collaborate with a European Stakeholder Committee as well as National Stakeholder Committees in each of the seven countries in which the project team will collect data (Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Spain, and the United Kingdom). The European Stakeholder Committee includes members from the **AGE Platform Europe, COFACE Families Europe, European Anti-Poverty Network, European Trade Union Confederation, European Youth Forum, the International Labour Organization** and the **European Commission**.



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# PROJECT IDENTITY

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(coordinator) Norway**

**University of Milan Italy**

**University of Tallinn Estonia**

**University of Hamburg Germany**

**TÁRKI Social Research Institute Hungary**

**University of Florence Italy**

**Autonomous University of Barcelona Spain**

**Swiss Paraplegic Research Switzerland**

**University of Sussex United Kingdom**

**Social Platform Belgium**

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