



Dialogue on Fairness

A Series of Science for Policy Events

Europeans are better educated and live longer, healthier and more prosperous lives today than a few decades ago. However, not everyone has experienced similar improvements. Income and wealth inequalities have risen and social mobility is still limited. This may be fuelling the discontent felt by many of our fellow citizens. Recent data show that 39% of Europeans believe that they are not treated fairly and 42% do not agree that they have equal opportunities in life.

Starting autumn 2019, the Fairness Community of Practice (CoP) will organize a series of events to foster and deepen the dialogue between policymakers and academic researchers on increasingly relevant topics related to fairness: measuring absolute poverty in the European Union; how families' socio-economic circumstances shape their children's school achievements; and how insights from behavioural sciences can help us understand perceptions of fairness.

These events, held in Brussels, will precede the launch of the second JRC Fairness Report. The report will contribute to a better understanding of income inequality, inequality of opportunities, (un)fairness perceptions and what policy makers can do about these issues.

30 SEPTEMBER 2019. *Towards an Absolute Measure of Poverty in the EU*

Workshop

This workshop will explore the latest developments in the measurement and monitoring of absolute poverty in the European Union. Drawing on expertise from policy makers, academics and stakeholders, it will discuss the methodological challenges and possible solutions in estimating poverty. It will also explore the substantial differences emerging when using an absolute as opposed to a relative measure of poverty.

Organised by the JRC Finance and Economy Unit

14 OCTOBER 2019.

Book launch

Socio-economic Inequality and Student Outcomes: Cross-National Trends, Policies and Practices

How much is the school achievement of pupils shaped by their family background? How have national trends evolved and what policies can offset socio-economic disadvantages? This event launches the eponymous Springer book which addresses these questions by connecting country specific policy choices with student outcomes.

Organised by the JRC Monitoring, Indicators and Impact Evaluation Unit

10 DECEMBER 2019. *The Behavioural Aspects of Fairness*

Workshop

This workshop will investigate how insights from psychology and behavioural economics might improve our understanding of the determinants of individuals' perceptions of fairness. It will then discuss how such perceptions influence the formation of individual policy-related preferences.

Organised by the JRC Foresight, Modelling, Behavioural Insights & Design for Policy Unit

EARLY 2020 [date tbc]. *2nd Fairness Report*

Report launch

The second Fairness Report will contribute to a better understanding of the dynamics and the perceptions of income inequality and inequality of opportunities, as well as the fairness of taxation systems. The report will provide support to European policy makers in the formulation of appropriate policy responses.

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