Family Obligations in Europe

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Abstract

The continuing controversies over issues such as community care, day care for children, financial support for young people and child support all illustrate the difficulties and dilemmas involved in striking the right balance between family support and state provision. These issues are particularly important in the context of reductions in social welfare expenditure and family change.

Research carried out at the University of Bath, in collaboration with a network of researchers from 15 other western European countries, has examined how the balance between state provision and family support is defined in law and policy in these countries.

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Services for Supporting Family Carers of Elderly People in Europe: Characteristics, Coverage and Usage. Pan-European Background Report - PEUBARE. The enforceability of laws regarding family obligations to support dependent members, depended on the type of support specified, although almost no country could cite any case law examples where the practical duties of families to care were legally enforced. Portugal was the country that considered case law existed for the enforcement of care by families, while in Poland there were joint legal inheritance agreements on inheritance in exchange for care. Guarantee Obligations. Guarantee Obligations in Europe. Insurance or guarantee obligations for service providers presenting particular risks in relation to the E.U. Services Directive. The following is an examination of insurance or guarantee obligations for service providers presenting particular risks regarding the [...] Legislation. Legislation. European Union legislation impacts on a wide range of policy areas in all the Member States, [...] EEC Treaty. EEC Treaty in Europe. The Treaty on the functioning of the European Union (which is an Annex to the Treaty of Lisbon) the ages of consent vary by jurisdiction across Europe. The ages of consent are currently set between 14 and 18. The vast majority of countries set their ages in the range of 14 to 16; only four countries, Cyprus (17), Ireland (17), Turkey (18) and Vatican City (18), do not fit into this pattern. The laws can also stipulate the specific activities that are permitted or differentially specify the age at which a given sex can participate. Below is a discussion of the various laws dealing with this