The main objective of this Action is to provide new insights into fundamental questions regarding the sustainability and equity of living conditions in the EU and into its systems of provision and distribution of the necessary resources. In doing so, it aims to contribute to the ongoing debate about the need for welfare reform in Europe today (MoU).

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Scientific objectives and Scope of the Action.
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- Individual living conditions depend not only on socio-economic development but also on individual capacity to have access to the resources (capabilities).

- The traditional concepts and definitions of living conditions, focused on market economy, wages and household-level analysis, do not accurately reflect inequalities.

- A gendered perspective enables to overstep these limitations by taking in account the diversity of life histories and living conditions, in particular between women and men, and different perceptions of well-being.
Scientific objectives and scope of the Action.

Our project’s aim is to develop new perspectives for the analysis of resource generation and access to wellbeing through a multidisciplinary and historical approach.

- **Historical examples** of strategies to generating well-being and improving its distribution, at the collective and individual levels, will contribute to a more accurate understanding of the present day social systems and women’s and men’s living conditions.

- The **multidisciplinary** approach enables to consider wellbeing as a multidimension, multilevel notion: i.e. the strategies developed by individual and families, as well contributions from public support to generate and facilitate access to adequate, equitable and sustainable living conditions.

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Specific objectives of the Action.

1. To consider methods and concepts which better explain the diversity of processes of resource generation and unequal access to wellbeing in different historical, social and cultural contexts.

2. To compare male and female livelihood strategies and perceptions of the quality of life in different settings.

3. To assess social indicators and measures of the contributions to wellbeing by the market system, by the state, as well as by women and men within their family.
4. To **analyze institutions and policies** from an historical perspective by considering how living conditions have been perceived, conceptualized, measured and defended by means of various strategies. This with the aim to revisit critically the present policies, welfare systems and functioning of the labour markets.
These aims will be reached through five specific objectives:

1. The development of concepts in different disciplines, and the use of historical indicators.

The study of:

2. The historical and present-day strategies used at the level of the family to transfer resources from one generation to another to ensure the family’s well-being.

3. The access to resources through wage labour, but also the relationship between commodity production and social reproduction, as well as between paid and unpaid work.

4. The role of the state in providing transfers and social services and in defining individual rights. In particular, fiscal policies and their impact will be analysed from a woman’s perspective.

5. The impact of social movements on the individual and collective living conditions, as well as their role in defining the notion of well-being and in creating cultural and ethical perceptions thereof.
This COST Action is supported by COST (European Cooperation in the Field of Scientific and Technical Research. European Science Foundation) within the EU Framework Programme. It also receives funding from the University of Barcelona.
The project is implemented by seven Working Groups organizing different activities:

WG1.- **Well-being as a gendered concept**: the development of concepts in different disciplines, and the use of historical indicators [University of Modena, Faculty of Economics, June 2006]

WG2.- **The Transmission of Well-Being**: Marriage Strategies and Inheritance systems in Europe from 17th-20th Centuries [University of Minho, Portugal, April 2007]

WG3.- **Production and Distribution of Well-Being into the Family**: Strategies of Remunerated and Non-remunerated Labour and Consumption Patterns [University of Barcelona, Faculty of Geography and History, June 2007]

WG 4.- **The role of Institutions from past to present** [Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas, June 24th-27th, 2008, Madrid];

WG 5.- **Social Movements and Well-being** [International Institute of Social History, March, 5-7, 2009, Amsterdam];
WG 6.- Final Conference: Lessons learned and recommendations, Geneve, 3-5 September 2009

How do you evaluate the initial "storming and norming" phase of your Action?

The start of very rich scientific exchanges but two main difficulties to implement the programme:

- Difficulty to integrate newcomers not aware of the initial objectives. The project grew from five countries to nine who have submitted the project. 14 other countries have progressively been added, countries with diverse, not always scientific, motivations and with people from heterogeneous background and competences.

- Heavy administrative burden to apply the new COST Annual Grant system. The transfer of administrative tasks to the projects implied to hiring an ad hoc secretary. Also University administrative rules do not always coincide with COST rules.
Plans for collective follow-up activities outside COST (FP7 proposal, ESF proposal, etc.)?

- **ESF 2009-10 Exploratory Workshop** RECONSTRUCTING THE FEMALE LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE IN EUROPE, 18th and 19th centuries (Barcelona)

- Affiliation with FP7 proposal CLIO-INFRA on standardizing socio-economic historical datasets

- New Cost Proposal: Engendering public policies and budgets: using a new macroeconomics framework based on a capability well-being approach
Specific common publications within the Action? Please specify

- Reports from each country on social indicators available on the Action website.
- The main outcomes of each seminar available at the website.
- A contract has just been signed with Ashgate for the publication of a series entitled “Gender and Well-Being”.
Books:


5. **Transforming Gendered Well-Being: The Impact of Social Movements.** *Jean-Michel Bonvin, Mercè Renom and Alison E. Woodward,* editors
### Activities for young researchers -STMS

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Activities for young researchers-Ester Seminars

- An ESTER Seminar (the European network for PhD training in Economic and social History) was organized as part of the Minho conference (26th-27th April, 2007): 8 papers were presented by PhD students from 7 countries.

- This advanced seminar enables PhD’s Students to participate more than usually in conferences and allows them to present work in progress. Experts comment their papers, but also the problems that young researchers might experience with their research project.
Activities for young researchers

- Summer school: Quantitative and qualitative methods and their relative merits in research on gender and well-being (University of Sassary, Spring 2009), 8 teachers, 21 students.
Contacts with other COST Actions and/or ESF Activities

With Action A19 (Children Welfare) and A35 (some members participated in the Minho Symposium last April).

With Phoenix (members of Action a34 participated in several symposia organized by Phoenix).
Problems concerning the Grant System

- In-flexibility of the fund scheme

- Little COST contribution to publication:
  a) No funds for translation into English in an action where 22 out of 23 are not English speaking countries.
  b) Neither COST funds for editing, this very high time consuming task.

- The main difficulties have been linked to
  a) comprehension of the functioning mechanisms of COST projects and
  b) the frequent changes of its rules and procedures.
These changes have considerably incremented the work of the secretary, whose means are much lower than what is necessary to manage the complexities of this Action.

Furthermore the Grant Holder has a critical vision with respect to the financing of the Secretary.

The work carried out by the Secretary is fixed and independent of funds, and yet this party is paid with a percentage of the actual spending (max. 15%) , which in most occasions is below the indispensable minimum wage. This furthermore makes the administrative processing of this salary very difficult since it is impossible to know beforehand what the actual expenses of the Action will be.

Therefore, in our opinion, the financing of the Secretary should be a fixed quantity, not depending of the actual spending but of the allocated grant.
Wednesday - 28th June

8:30-10:00 Session 6: Household and well-being (Lecture room 2)
Chair: Jan Kok (Netherlands)
Tiziana Addabbo and Antonella Picchio (Italy), Working and living conditions: new perspectives and measures

Marie-Pierre Airizabalaga (France), Household organisation as a tool for the study and measurement of individual well-being from a gendered perspective in the western Pyrenees: the Basque case in the nineteenth century

10:00-10:30 Coffee break
10:30-13:00 General discussion and conclusion
13:00-14:00 Lunch break
14:00-17:00 Management Committee Meeting (Seminar Room)

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- from the bus station (100 meters)
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A map can be found at www.economia.unimore.it

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First Symposium

Well-being as a Social Gendered Process

26th - 28th June 2006
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Friday - 17th April

Third Session: Well-being and inheritance strategies: The effects of family origins on income selection
9:00-11:30 Panel 6: Changing an open: The links of inequality (Anamorphose 2/11)
Chair: Joost Parfitt (Spain)

1. 11:15-11:30 Panel 6. Family well-being, health, income, children and aging (Anamorphose 2/11)
Chair: Antoinette Faure-Chamoux (France)

2. Richard Wall (invited kingdom)
Hilje Jakobsen (Norway): The savings of widows and old age
Nathalie Amelin & Carole Harba (Portugal): Struggles for illegitimacy and social reproduction in Algerian communities of the Paris region
Sebastien Saurat (France): Marriages, women and family patterns in 19th century northern France
Michel Lévy & Lea de Van (Holland & Belgium): The effects of family origins on income selection

3. Constitucional (Mexico): Marriage strategies and sex roles: Prosperity or conflict between families (Anamorphose 2/10)

Discussion on Third Session: 11:15-14:00 lunch

Fourth Session: Well-being and inheritance strategies: Comparing life courses of men and women
11:15-11:30 Panel 7: Well-being and inheritance strategies (Anamorphose 2/11)
Chair: Marie-Anne Amsalama (France)

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Chair: Marie-Anne Amsalama (France)

2. Carmen Sólarz (Spain)
Radboud Koekkoek (United Kingdom): Slavery and family property in 17th and 18th century France and Sweden

Margaret Durrás (Portugal): Proving well-being in their parents: the role of female inheritors and non-inheritors

Mary-Anne Amsalama (France): Marriage strategies and inheritances systems in Madagascar and Senegal

Saturday - 28th April

ESTER Plenary Session: Transmission of inequality between the generations in Europe (16th-20th centuries)
8:00-11:00 ESTER Plenary 3 (Anamorphose 2/11)
Chair: Mari Hânele (Netherlands)

Second Symposium: Gender and Well-Being: Work, Family and Public Policies
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11:30-11:45 Coffee break
Chair: Cristina Bonfante (Spain)

Presentations:
- Cristina Bonfante (Spain): Work,-family and public policies: analyse the relationship between work, family and public policies in Europe
- L. Tweedy (United Kingdom): Work, family and public policies in United Kingdom
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Discussion on Fourth Session: 11:15-14:00 lunch

11:45-11:50 Panel 9: Broadened discussion (Anamorphose 2/11)
Chair: Maria Nascimento (Portugal)

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13:00-13:15 Management Committee meeting (Anamorphose 2/11)

14:00 Cultural programme
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Third Symposium

Wednesday - 27th June

9:00-11:00: Session 5, Panel 6: Social reproduction, being conditions and sustainability

Chair: Lina Gómez (Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla)

Discussion: Tinéda Addabbo (Universitat de Modena e Reggio Emilia)

Annaletta Picchio (Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia): Living and working conditions: analytical and political links

Coffee Break

11:00-11:15

11:15-13:00: Session 6, Panel 7: Family strategies and the use of public services to secure well-being. Case studies

Chair: Joana Esteves (NOVA - Norwegian Social Research)

Discussion: Florence Dugave (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

Pedro Carasa, Montse Garzia & Jose moma (Universidade de Vigo, Universitat Pompeu Fabra & Universidad del País Vasco): Family strategies, gender and the use of public services to secure well-being (18th-20th centuries)

Alexa Khislav (Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic): Work-life balance: Reality of Czech parents

Sarah Searle (European University Institute, Florence): Informal transfers, men, women and children: Family economy and private social security in early 20th century Polish households

Lunch

13:15

(Restaurant El Gran Cafe, c/ Avinyó nº 3)

15:00-17:00: Conclusions and closing session

Chair: Tinéda Addabbo (Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia) & Cristina Bertolin (Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia)

Coffee

17:00-17:30

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**Lunch (T&H)**
13:00

14:30-16:15 Round Table: Social movements and well-being: practices and outcomes
Chair: Myra Marx Ferree (University of Wisconsin)
Participants: Activists from European Women Movements (TBA)

**Coffee Break**
16:15-16:45

16:45-18:30 Session 6: Care, well-being and collective action
Chair: Antoinette Faure-Chamoux (UHESS, Paris)
Discussant: Florence Dogarre (Université Catholique de Louvain)
Jacqueline Helmes (Université Versailles St Quirennce-Université), Gender, family policies, and democracy in Eastern Europe after 1989
Tiziana Addabbo (Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia), Giovanna Badalassi (Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia), Valeria Borghi (Università degli Studi di Bologna) & Vittoria Manestroni (Centro Documentazione Donna, Roma), Working women: The interweaving of social movements and local governments in the labor and quality of public childcare services

Hana Haakova (Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic), Children between women, families and the state (the case of the Czech Republic)

18:30-20:00 Core Groups meetings

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**Saturday - 7th March**

9:30-11:15 Session 7: Frames of empowerment
Chair: Bernard Harris (University of Southampton)
Discussant: Paul Thane (University of London)

Lisa Rolandseck Agustina (Feminist Research Centre of Denmark), Empowerment through participation/Transnational women’s movements as actors in the European sphere

Pernilla Jansson (Uppsala University) & Silke Naeminger (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austria), Feminism, Feminism, Women’s work for the movement: A resource in building the social and bourgeois women’s movements

Magda Grabowska & Joanna Repsalis (Rutgers University), Resilience and being through action: Women’s feminism and the Polish state

Leila Hedj-Aidou (Université Paris) "Our choice, our freedom, our right", Muslim women’s framing and public influence of voting

**Coffee Break**
11:15-11:45

11:45-13:15 Concluding session
Chair: Allison Woodward (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)
Speaker: Wendy Harcourt (Professor at the European University Institute, Florence and Senior Adviser and Editor of Development, Society for International Development Rome, Italy), Women’s Organising and Care Economics: Well-being in the global age

Concluding Remarks: Marcel van der Linden (T&H)

**Dinner**
21:00

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**Gender and Well-being: Work, Family and Public Policies**
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Social Movements and Well-Being

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**4th-7th March 2008**
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Nature and causes of gendered inequalities in well-being

We shall discuss the ways the Action has considered the articulation between gender and well-being in terms of vision, concepts and indicators, by discussing the issue of “inequality of what and for whom”, through what we have learned about:

- The dimensions of contemporary social change.
- The role of households and families as sites of gender inequalities in well-being and in the transmission of well-being.
- The importance of accessing paid work as a source of gendered inequalities in well-being.
- The importance of institutions and public policies in determining women and men well-being and the institutional potential to offset gender inequalities in this regard.
- The role of social movements for change addressing sustainable human well-being and its gender inequalities.
- The conceptualisation, definition and measurement of well-being, and particularly gender-differences in well-being and what are the strengths and weaknesses of the capability approach in this perspective.

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