

International symposium

A minimum budget to participate in the society ?

A European debate on reference budgets

Paris, 13 October 2015

While the European indicators on poverty are taking into account the living conditions of the most precarious populations, new indicators of wealth must be submitted back from now on to the French Parliament every year

In this context, the ONPES (Observatoire national de la pauvreté et de l'exclusion sociale) has carried out for the first time in France a project for developing reference budgets to fully participate in the society with a fresh view on this issue. It raises matters of substance and methodological questions as well.

This international symposium will focus on cross-countries comparisons, including the various approaches and goals, reflecting the diversity of expectations towards reference budgets from social actors.

9h30 Opening

Ségolène Neuville, Minister of State for Disabled People and the Fight against Exclusion

9h45 Inaugural lecture

Ian Gough, *Visiting Professor, London School of Economics, Centre for the Analysis of Social Exclusion (CASE); Associate, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, LSE ;Emeritus Professor, University of Bath*

10h15 Introduction : Why do we need reference budgets ?

Didier Gélot, *General Secretary of the ONPES*

10h30 Fitting methodologies with purposes

- A diversity of approaches : Antoine Math, *IRES*
- The "Minimum Income Standard" in the UK : Donald Hirsch, *Centre for Research in Social Policy, Loughborough University*
- Reference budgets in France : Pierre Concialdi, *IRES*
- The European project for developing a common methodology of reference budgets: Bérénice Storms, *University of Antwerpen, Herman Deleeck Center for social policy*

11h45 Discussion

12h10 Practical uses of reference budgets across the European Union

Bérengère Steppè, *European Commission, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion - Unit D2, Active Inclusion of disadvantaged groups, Fight against Poverty*

12h30 Lunch

14h Reference budgets as a new tool for the public debate in France

Reference budgets for fully participating in social life in France: main results (CREDOC)

14 h 15 Reference budget as a new tool for analyzing poverty and social exclusion

- Escaping from conventions? (Jérôme Accardo, INSEE)
- Economic insecurity and living conditions of people (Magda Tomasini, DREES)

15 h 15 Reference budgets and social intervention: which practical uses?

- The standard budgets of the National Union of the Family association (Myriam Bobbio, UNAF)
- The point of view of people living in poverty (8th college of the CNLE)
- Social intervention at local level, Benoît Calmels, General Directory (National Union of the municipal social action center)

16h Discussion

16 h 30 Conclusion

Jérôme Vignon, President of the ONPES,
Etienne Pinte, President of the CNLE

Moderator : Camille Dorival, *Alternatives Économiques*.

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