

The 10th Pre-conference arranged by the EUPHA Section of Social Security and Health at the EPH-conference Malta, 7 November 2012

Theme:

Active aging @ work

This preconference is for researchers involved in studies of sickness absence and disability pension. The aim of the pre-conference is to get a better understanding of concepts, study designs and type of data needed in researching these aspects – and to promote collaborative research in this area.

In many European countries, the employment frequency in higher ages is increasing. Does this also lead to higher rates of sickness absence or disability pension? What is the association between the improving health of older people and their labour market participation? What do we know about health and work after retirement? What do we mean with 'retirement'? Taking out occupational pension? State pension? Private pension? What different routes into labour market exit do we need to consider – e.g. long-term sick leave, disability pension, unemployment, parental leave?

We need to be clearer about concepts. What do we mean with active aging @ work. How can we research this? There are rapid changes regarding these aspects - can our data provide answers to the new evolving questions? We will identify possible data gaps, inspire each other in the use of the data we have and in designing new data collections.

Group work will be mixed with presentation. The pre-conference includes a joint dinner during which we will continue discussions of concepts and projects.

Organising committee: Hugo Westerlund, Martin Hyde, Ute Bültmann, Kristina

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Registration: www.eupha.org

PROGRAM

08:30 09.00- 17:30

18.00-21.

■ Registration, coffee/tea

■ Presentations and group work

■ Dinner, for all participants, where the discussions continue (included in the registration fee).