

## NETWORK

CAPRIGHT gathers 24 partners from:

◆ **Twelve Member States:**

Austria France Poland Spain  
Belgium Germany Portugal Sweden  
Bulgaria Italy Romania the United Kingdom

◆ **An Associated Country:**

Switzerland

◆ **Two Third Countries:**

Argentina Uruguay

## KEY ANNUAL EVENTS

◆ **Two meetings a year** are planned to be the common milestones of the research work. On the basis of draft deliverables they will provide a common locus for discussion, appropriation and organisation within and between the work packages, and the different CAPRIGHT bodies.

◆ The **First meeting** is organised by the CNRS (France) and will be held at the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan (March 15-17, 2007). The main objective is the implementation of the scientific and administrative organisations of CAPRIGHT.

◆ The **Second meeting** of CAPRIGHT will be organised by the University of Porto (Portugal). It will be held in Porto (September 19-22, 2007).

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## OVERVIEW

The promotion of individual and collective capabilities underpins CAPRIGHT's research on the relations between labour markets, employment and welfare regimes. This agenda creates a positive dynamic between social justice and economic efficiency, the vital foundations for a knowledge economy. The important priority is to allow every person, wherever they live and work, to develop their own future with the resources that are available to them. What possibilities are open to them? What effective freedom of choice do they have? What obstacles impede their plans? What forms of public action, subject to what types of public debate, are available to overcome these restrictions? How can public policy overcome inequalities of capabilities? What political procedures can Europe undertake to drive Member states in the direction of such change?

**CAPRIGHT integrates two approaches into one process:** one addresses resource regimes (<http://www.univ-nancy2.fr/ILSTEF/RESORE/>), the other inequalities in capabilities, developed from the work of Amartya Sen (<http://www.idhe.ens-cachan.fr/Eurocap/>). This involves disciplines of anthropology, economics, history, law, political science and philosophy, sociology.

**CAPRIGHT inquiries into three key areas:** gender equality, professional development and work restructuring. Each area is analysed from three entry points, offering empirical evidence "from the bottom up" within a Work Package: the actual trajectories of people's working live; situated public action; social dialogue and European policy development.

CAPRIGHT intends to contribute to the creation, on several levels, of public spaces within which processes of deliberative social democracy can address these issues.

## WORK PACKAGES

### WP2: THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK: SOCIAL JUSTICE, RESOURCES AND CAPABILITIES

The objective is to build an innovative theoretical framework to offer (by combining resources and capabilities approaches) a basis for new understandings of the relations between labour markets, employment and welfare regimes. It will function on the basis of periodical seminars, reading and discussing a selection of seminal texts on social justice, resources and capabilities.

### WP3: INDIVIDUAL WORKING LIVES: COLLECTIVE RESOURCES AND EMPLOYMENT QUALITY

The objective is to analyse, in a longitudinal perspective, critical points in individual working lives and to shed light on mechanisms and process connecting individual and collective resources to individual and collective capabilities on three transversal domains, gender equality, professional development and work restructuring. WP3 will combine statistical and econometric approaches based on existing surveys with qualitative tools such as in-depth interviews, participatory observation.

### WP4: BETWEEN NATIONS AND LOCALITIES: COORDINATING AGENCIES AND POLICY INSTRUMENTS

WP 4 identifies how far policy agencies involved in employment and welfare co-ordinate to promote independence and personal initiative for all in the context of a knowledge-based economy. The relationship between central evaluation and local practice is of particular significance. This implies focusing on both the available resources (e.g. training, professional services, social benefits) and the cognitive and normative tools employed to monitor action (quantitative and/or qualitative indicators). Historical research on specific cities will be used as a benchmark to contemporary reforms.

### WP5: SOCIAL DIALOGUE, RIGHTS AND CAPABILITIES. NEW INSIGHTS ON THE EUROPEAN PUBLIC ACTION

The objective of WP5 is to evaluate how far, starting with the European social dialogue, the palette of European instruments (fundamental rights, legislation, open method of coordination, other soft methods) take into account the development of collective capabilities to be represented, to voice and deliberate (with special concern to the gender-mix and to negotiation agendas in employment and social domains). It will combine case studies and the analysis of the European legal framework.

### WP6: POLITICAL PERSPECTIVES ON DELIBERATIVE SOCIAL DEMOCRACY

WP6 will deal with political perspectives drawn from the empirical and theoretical research of other work packages. The political approach of WP6 will be mainly based, not on the concept of governance, but on the concept of deliberative social democracy, considered as the political arena for the different individual and collective capabilities for voice and for argumentation in the European socio-economic model. A series of meetings with a Practical Actors Team will be organised, as well as some initiatives towards institutions like the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) or the International Labour Organization (ILO).

### WP7: DISSEMINATION AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

WP7 gathers dissemination and training as specific tasks to be integrated within the scientific process. It aims at a wider diffusion and sharing of CAPRIGHT framework and outcomes towards international and European research area, actors dealing with the political deliberation, decision and implementation of employment and welfare policies (unions, companies, actors from public and private agencies, at 'situated' levels. Special attention will be given to the implementation of specific actions in new member states.