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Social Situation Monitor

The Social Situation Monitor is directed by Applica in Brussels and includes the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research in Vienna, TáRKI in Budapest, ISER at the University of Essex (UK) and Athens University of Economics and Business in Greece.

A large number of researchers, from the member organisations as well as from outside, contribute to the analysis.

Core team

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Research team

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