

NEWSLETTER

Invalidity Insurance Research Programme (FoP3-IV)

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1 Completed and published FoP-IV research and evaluation projects

Evaluation of integration measures

Description: The evaluation of revisions 5 and 6a of the Invalidity Insurance Act focused on existing occupational reintegration measures: early intervention measures, integration measures and vocational measures. These were examined individually, however the main focus of the analyses was on their implementation and the overall impact they had. This work was divided into two parts. The first took stock of the situation based on findings regarding the metrics, content typology and settings, profiles of the insured, as well as processes and costs. The second involved an in-depth analysis of the impact that these measures had and identified the factors that were decisive for or impeded their success.

Results: *Contractor:* Across concept in cooperation with social design. Since the introduction of occupational reintegration measures, the number of claimants has risen, as have the costs. The results show the success of these measures has increased considerably in recent years.

Status: The project started in June 2019. The final report – [Research Report 17/20](#) – was published in November 2020.

Project lead/info: [Frédéric Widmer \(R&E\)](#) and [Christina Eggenberger \(IV\)](#)

Economic situation of IV claimants

Description: The survey on the economic situation of individuals drawing invalidity insurance (IV) benefits (Wanner et al. 2012) was primarily based on tax data from 2006. However, several parameters had changed in the intervening years due to revisions 5 and 6a of the Invalidity Insurance Act, which were likely to have an impact on the economic situation of this section of the population. One indication of the scale of these changes was the fact that the share of IV claimants who also were in receipt of supplementary benefits had risen from around 30% to over 45%. The project aimed to track the development of IV claimants' economic situation and gauge to what extent the IV scheme was meeting its obligations set out in Art. 1a Let. b of the Invalidity Insurance Act. The study established a baseline measurement for a later evaluation of the economic impact of the measures which are planned as part of the further development of the IV scheme.

Results: *Contractor:* Büro BASS. The study found that the IV scheme protects recipients from financial insecurity. Supplementary benefits also serve the same function.

Status: The project started at the end of 2019. The final report – [Research Report No. 14/20](#) – was published in December 2020.

Project lead/info: [Martin Wicki \(R&E\)](#) and [Christina Eggenberger \(IV\)](#)

2 Update on forthcoming research projects

At-home independent living support: international models

Description: The aim of this study is to create a knowledge base that will enable the Invalidity Insurance (IV) scheme and the cantons to optimise their measures to support at-home independent living. More precisely, it involves generating an overview of at-home independent living support measures and services for people with disabilities available in a selection of countries comparable to Switzerland and identifying which of these measures and services that the IV scheme and the cantons could potentially adopt.

Results: Project proposals are currently in the selection phase. The results of the chosen project should be available by summer 2022.

Status: The selection phase is ongoing and the project is scheduled to start in autumn 2021.

Project lead/info: [Frédéric Widmer \(R&E\)](#) and [Maryka Lâamir \(IV\)](#)

At-home independent living support: needs assessment instruments

Description: The aim of this study is to document the different instruments used in Switzerland to assess an individual's at-home independent living support needs, and identify the main differences between them, as well as document their respective strengths and weaknesses. The results of this comparative analysis will inform efforts to optimise the instruments used by the Invalidity Insurance (IV) scheme, in particular the helplessness allowance, the intensive care supplement and the assessment instrument (FAKT questionnaires) for the personal assistance allowance. They will also make it possible to determine the appropriateness of making these instruments more resource-based.

Results: Project proposals are currently in the selection phase. The results of the chosen project should be available by autumn 2022.

Status: The selection phase is ongoing and the project is scheduled to start in autumn 2021.

Project lead/info: [Frédéric Widmer \(R&E\)](#) and [Maryka Lâamir \(IV\)](#)

3 Future projects

There are currently no open project tenders.

4 Further information/links

General information on the FoP-IV research programme

FoP2-IV: <https://www.bsv.admin.ch/bsv/en/home/publications-and-services/forschung/forschungsbereiche/iv-research-programme--fop-iv-.html>

FoP3-IV: https://www.bsv.admin.ch/dam/bsv/de/dokumente/forschung/FoP-IV/fop3-iv_konzept.pdf.download.pdf/FoP3-IV-Konzept_DE.pdf

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IV: <https://www.bsv.admin.ch/bsv/de/home/sozialversicherungen/iv.html>

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