

UPDATE on the status of the Fourth Invalidation Insurance Research Programme (FoP4-IV)

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1 Completed and published FoP-IV research and evaluation projects

Third IV Research Programme (2016–2022)

Description: The findings and recommendations of the 24 studies conducted as part of the Third IV Research Programme (FoP3-IV), which ran from 2016 to 2022, have influenced the further development of the Swiss Invalidation Insurance scheme. Many recommendations have already been implemented, while others continue to inform ongoing development work. The synthesis report presents the key findings and recommendations of the 24 studies and sets out the FSIO position in relation to them.

Results: *The report was published on 25 April 2023 ([Report no. 12/22](#))*

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

At-home independent living support: international models

Description: The aim of this study was to create a knowledge base that will enable the Invalidation Insurance (IV) scheme and the cantons to optimise their measures to support at-home independent living. More precisely, it generated 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 identified which of these measures and services that the IV scheme and the cantons could potentially adopt.

Results: *Contractor:* HETSL (Lausanne School of Social Work). The report was published in February 2023 ([Report no. 10/22](#))

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At-home independent living support: needs assessment instruments

Description: The aim of this study was 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 Invalidation Insurance (IV) scheme, particularly those used to assess the needs of helplessness allowance and intensive care supplement claimants, and the personal assistance allowance survey instrument (FAKT questionnaire). They will also make it possible to determine the appropriateness of making these instruments more resource-based.

Results: *Contractor:* HSLU and HES VS. The report was published in February 2023 ([Report no. 11/22](#))

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Direct payments and financial assistance pursuant to Art. 74 InvIA

Description: The Federal Council's disability policy and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities raises the question of what steps can be taken, also in relation to the financial assistance provided for under Art. 74 of the Invalidity Insurance Act (InvIA), to strengthen the self-determination of people with disabilities. A thorough evaluation of current financial support measures is needed. The evaluation should take account of incentive effects as well as future expenditure allocations in the event of a shift towards direct payments. Such an analysis is particularly warranted after a modest reallocation of benefits towards currently underserved recipients was rejected in the consultation process regarding the proposed further development of the IV scheme. The project explored different direct payment types that could be used to provide the financial assistance stipulated in Art. 71 InvIA.

Results: *Contractor:* FHNW and HES VS. The report was published in March 2023 ([Report no. 4/23](#))

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2 Current status of ongoing research projects

Quota and voluntary schemes: the role of social partners in the labour market integration of health-impaired workers

Description: This review aims to catalogue existing quota and voluntary schemes adopted by social partners in industrialised countries, describe how they operate and the (legal) bases underpinning them, and provide a summary of the findings on their implementation and effects.

Results: Results are expected in July 2023.

Status: The project started in August 2022. The final report is scheduled for publication in autumn 2023.

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New pension claims (2018–2021) following legislative amendments affecting the mixed-method evaluation and pension entitlement for drug addictions and mental disorders

Description: The central element of this research project is the detailed analysis of the impact on invalidity assessment and new pension claims as the result of legislative amendments regarding the mixed-method approach to calculating pension applicants' degree of invalidity, and pension entitlement for drug addictions and mental disorders. The project includes a differentiated assessment of the quantitative significance of these changes for new pension claim trends and collects qualitative evidence on how the IV offices have applied them in practice and adapted the relevant assessment and decision-making processes.

Results: Results are expected in October 2023.

Status: The project started in August 2022. The final report is scheduled for publication in autumn 2023.

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3 Future projects

There are currently no open project tenders.

4 Further information/links

General information on the FoP-IV research programme

FoP-IV: [Invalidity insurance research programmes \(FoP-IV\) \(admin.ch\)](#)

General information on invalidity insurance

IV: [Invalidity insurance \(admin.ch\)](#)

General information on the Research and Evaluation Section

R&E: [Research and Evaluation \(admin.ch\)](#)

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