

Welfare and Religion in a European Perspective

A comparative study of the role of the churches as agents of welfare within the social economy (WREP)

Aim

The project ran between 2003-2006. It aimed to analyse the role of majority churches as actors within the social economy in a European Perspective. The study focused on countries with different welfare models and church traditions: Sweden/Finland/Norway (Social Democratic/Lutheran), England (liberal/Anglican), Germany/France (Corporative/religiously mixed), Italy (Corporative/Roman Catholic) and Greece (Corporative/Orthodox). Twenty-five researchers in eight countries participated in the project.

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Final reports

Four working papers have been published in the publication series of Uppsala Diaconal Institute (DVI series) no 9,10,11,12 (see below). The final reports from the WREP project are published by Ashgate in two volumes:

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