

	2nd year (February 2008 – January 2009)
Month:	Milestone activity:
February	Meeting of the internal steering committee of REASSESS, February 5, Soria Moria hotel, Oslo. Lecture by Erling Barth (University of Oslo & the Norwegian Centre of Excellence 'Equality, Social Organization & Performance' (ESOP)).
February	Bjørn Hvinden presented the centre and gave a talk on 'Economic success and deficient integration – the price of the Nordic model's success', at a seminar for the staff of the Research Council of Norway, Oslo, February 28.
March	Strand 6 'Combating exclusion – the case of people with disabilities' organised a first workshop & seminar with speakers from the Nordic countries & the Netherlands, Oslo, March 5.
March	Bjørn Hvinden gave keynote talk 'The Nordic and European Social Models: different responses to globalisation and demographic ageing', at the opening seminar of the Academy of Finland Research Programme 'The Future of Work and Well-being' (2008-2011), Helsinki, March 11.
April	Call for applications for Nordic PhDs and mobility grants for PhD students and other scholars in the co-funding countries.
April	First workshop for the planning of an edited volume on 'Universalism and diversity in the Nordic welfare states', organised by strand 9 'Nordic welfare state paths – drivers of change', Tampere University, April 24-25.
May	Nordic conference 'Pension systems for the future', organised by the Research Centre for Social Studies (RCSS), in collaboration with REASSESS, May 7, University of Iceland, Reykjavik. Speakers: Olli Kangas, Joakim Palme, Jørgen Goul Andersen, Axel West Pedersen, Stéfan Ólafsson, and Hrafn Magnússon. The conference received support from the Social Security Administration of Iceland, the Icelandic Ministry of Social Affairs and the Federation of Icelandic Pension Funds.
May	PhD course 'Academic Writing in English', given by Natalie Reid, Lysebu hotel, Oslo, May 19-23, arranged in cooperation between REASSESS and the Department of Social Work and Health Science, NTNU. 23 participants.
June	First workshop of strand 5 'Migration as a challenge to the Nordic Welfare Model' in collaboration with the Stockholm University Linnaeus Center for Integration Studies (SULCIS), Stockholm University, June 11.
June	European conference, organised by REASSESS together with the Institute for Research in Economics and Business Administration (Bergen) and the EU 6th FP Network of Excellence 'Reconciling work and welfare' (RECWOWE), in Oslo June 10-14. The conference included a special half-day plenary session on the Nordic Model chaired by Bjørn Hvinden, June 13; speakers: Kalle Moene (Oslo University), Nabanita Datta Gupta (SFI, Copenhagen), and Ann Orloff (Northwestern University, US); prepared comments from Chiara Saraceni (Turin University, Italy) and Anton Hemerijck (Rotterdam University, the Netherlands). The conference had approx. 150 participants from most countries in Europe.
June	Meeting with the Scientific Advisory Board for the two NCoEs on Welfare, the steering committee for the NCoE programme, the NordForsk administration and representatives of the two centres, June 16, NOVA, Oslo.
June	Joint workshop arranged by REASSESS strand 4 and NordWel on 'Historical and social scientific perspectives on Nordic pension reform', June 17, NOVA, Oslo.

June	First workshop of strand 10 'Changes in patterns of poverty, social exclusion and other outcomes in the Nordic countries', aimed at investigating the possibilities for research exchange and collaboration in the field of poverty and social exclusion, University of Turku, June 17-18.
June	First workshop of strand 1 'Care in ageing and diversifying societies', held at SFI (Danish National Centre for Social Research), Copenhagen, June 25. Organised in connection with the international conference 'Transforming elderly care at local, national and transnational levels', June 26-28.
August	Second workshop of strand 9 where draft chapters for two anthologies were presented and discussed, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, August 21-23.
September	REASSESS contributed to a national conference on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Harstad University College, Norway, with plenary talks about aspects of the Nordic Welfare Model by members of REASSESS' steering committee; Jørgen Goul Andersen, Gunhild Hagestad and Bjørn Hvinden, September 22-23.
September	Second workshop of strand 7 on 'Evaluation of the effectiveness of activation programmes and policies', with speakers from the US, the UK & Norway, Oslo University College, September 26.
October	PhD course on 'The Role of Ideas, Discourses and Frames in Welfare Policies'. Organised by Anette Borchorst and Jørgen Goul Andersen, Aalborg University, October 1-3.
October	Strand 3 'Welfare regimes and parent-child relations' arranged a first workshop, discussing conceptual grid, specific empirical issues within grid and identifying potential participants, hotel Gabels hus, Oslo, October 20.
November	PhD course on 'Comparative Analysis of Welfare Models and Welfare Reform', given by Jørgen Goul Andersen & Bjørn Hvinden (both REASSESS) and Bent Greve (Roskilde University & the Danish Research School on Welfare State and Diversity), Roskilde University, Denmark, November 5-7. Other lecturers and paper commentators included Drs Bruno Palier (Sciences Po, Paris) and Clare Bambra (Durham University, the UK). 12 participants.
November	Meeting of REASSESS' internal steering committee: lecture by Stefan Ólafsson about 'The Financial Crisis in Iceland and its consequences for welfare and social policy', reviews of the progress made so far, discussion and planning of forthcoming activities, coordination of activities across strands – discussion of draft publications and reports for mid-way evaluation, November 10, Gardermoen, Oslo.
November	PhD course 'Trends and Challenges in Nordic Disability Policy', organised in collaboration with the Nordic Network on Disability Research (NNDR) and the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Department of Social Work and Health Science, November 17-18, Oslo. Second part held in Trondheim in February 2009. Lecturers: Mark Priestley (Leeds University, the UK), Rafael Lindqvist (Gothenburg University; Sweden) and Jan Tøssebro (NTNU, Norway). 20 participants.
November	PhD course 'Regression Analysis of Survey Data', arranged in collaboration with The Danish Research School: Welfare State and Diversity and The Finnish Research School: Labour Net, at Aalborg University, November 26-28. Lecturers: Henrik Lolle (Aalborg University), Viggo Nordvik (NOVA) & Heikki Ervasti (Turku University). 8 participants.
November	Second workshop of strand 2, with the theme 'Challenges and changes for family policies', SFI (Danish National Centre for Social Research), Copenhagen, November 27-28. Keynote speakers: Gösta Esping Andersen

	and Ulla Björnberg. In connection with the workshop there was a meeting on November 26, concerning a book project on challenges for future family policies in the Nordic countries.
January	Strands 4 & 8 arranged second joint workshop on 'Economic sustainability and social outcomes: Nordic welfare states confronting financial crisis', January 14-16, Oslo.
January	Bjørn Hvinden gave a talk on 'Poverty in the Nordic Countries – what do we know?', at a conference organised by Lillehammer University College and a social NGO, 'Justice for Society's Losers', targeted at administrators and politicians, January 28, Lillehammer.

3rd year (February 2009 – January 2010)	
Month:	Milestone activity:
February	Second seminar of the PhD course 'Trends and Challenges in Nordic Disability Policy', Trondheim, February 17-18.
February	Strand 10 workshop focused on comparing the effects of the 1990s recession in Finland with the current recession in Iceland on welfare and social policy, February 23-25, Reykjavik. Public lecture, 'Social Policy and the Crisis', by strand leader Veli-Matti Ritakallio.
February	Second workshop of strand 6, Hotel Royal Christiania, Oslo, February 27.
March	Strands 4 & 8 organised their third joint workshop, on 'Globalisation, Consequences of the Financial Crisis and Economic Security in Old Age, Economic challenges and institutional change', March 16-17, Oslo.
March	Workshop for PhD students affiliated with the participating institutions of REASSESS, March 16-18, Sundvolden, Norway. Paper presentations, with comments from senior researchers in the centre.
March	Strand 7 was responsible for a special stream at the European conference 'Activation and Security', March 20-21, Brno, Czech Republic. Organised by the Active Social Policy European Network, the European Trade Union Institute & the Masaryk University, Brno.
March	Guðný Björk Eydal and Stefán Ólafsson, together with Arnaldur Sölvi Kristjánsson, gave lectures at the NordWel workshop 'The political economy of welfare: Labour markets, family and globalisation', University of Iceland, Reykjavik, March 26-27.
April	Strand 2 book meeting, Copenhagen, April 24.
April	Strand 9 workshop & book meeting, Stockholm University, April 26-27.
May	Strand 5 workshop & book meeting, Reykjavik, May 4-6.
May	International conference, 'Reassessing the Nordic Welfare Model: taking stock of the progress so far', May 18-20, Soria Moria hotel, Oslo. Keynote talks by Kjetil Storesletten (University of Oslo), Clare Bambra (University of Durham, UK) and Pauli Kettunen (University of Helsinki & NordWel). Main emphasis on integration; parallel sessions for presentation and discussion of papers based on the work so far within and across strands; meetings of the internal steering committee, book-preparing groups, the PhD student group & individual strands.
May	PhD course 'Multilevel Statistical Analysis in Comparative Social Research',

	organised by strand 10, Morten Blekesaune (NOVA) and Heikki Ervasti (Turku University), with Kristen Ringdal (NTNU) as main lecturer, May 25-27, Turku University. 16-17 participants.
June	Joint meeting of the Scientific Advisory Board, Steering Committee of NCoE Programme and the leaders of the two NCoEs, June 15, Store Brännbo Conference Centre, Sigtuna, Sweden.
June	Meeting of strand 10 as part of the Foundation for International Studies of Social Security (FISS) Conference 'Social Security, Poverty and Social Exclusion in Rich and Poor Countries', June 16-18, Sigtuna, Sweden.
September	Johan Fritzell and Veli-Matti Ritakallio coordinated a stream titled 'Poverty risks and social policy programmes in the 21st century' in the 7 Annual ESPAnet Conference 2009: The future of the welfare state, Urbino, Italy, September 17-19.
October	The Nordic conference 'Beyond Identity Politics? Intersecting disability, ethnicity and religious identities', with a following doctoral workshop, October 21-23, Stockholm University. Organised by Stockholm University, NTNU and REASSESS (strand 5 and 6).
October	Nordic conference on 'Parental Leave, Care Policies & Gender Equalities in the Nordic Countries', October 22, Radisson SAS Hotel Saga, Reykjavik. Financed by the Nordic Council of Ministers with support from REASSESS and others. Public lecture by Guðný Björk Eydal, 'Is there a Nordic model of day care for children?'.
October	International conference on 'The Political and Social Economy of Care' (PASEC), Stockholm, October 26, organised by Marta Szebehely, Teppo Kröger and Anneli Anttonen, financed by REASSESS. Presenters: Christina Bergqvist, Barbara Hobson, Marta Szebehely from Sweden; Anneli Anttonen, Teppo Kröger from Finland; Deborah Brennan and Bettina Cass from Australia; Sue Himmelweit, Fiona Williams and Sue Yeandle from the UK; and Rianne Mahon and Ito Peng from Canada. The scholars behind the conference also met for an internal workshop immediately after the conference. Planned outcome from the conference/ workshop is a joint book with the working title 'Providing care in a globalising world: the role of markets and migration'.
October - November	PhD course 'Care of older people: comparative perspectives on policies, practices and outcomes', organized by Marta Szebehely together with Anneli Anttonen, Stockholm, October 26-27, November 17-18, and November 30-December 2.
November	Combined workshop for strand 1 and 9, University of Tampere, November 2-3. Expected outcome: two special issues of journals around care and care work, the first with a focus on shifting boundaries (eds. Tine Rostgaard and Minna Zechner), the second with a focus on governance/rescaling/local variation (eds. Viola Bureau and Signy Vabo).
November	Care Work symposium organised by strand 1 and 9, November 4-5. The Symposium is part of the 'Quality of Life – Quality of Work Conference' in Tampere, Finland.
November	International book seminar, 'Changing social inequalities', strand 9 by Jon Kvist, Copenhagen, November 12-13.
November	International book seminar, 'Workfare revisited', strand 7, Oxford, November 13-14.
November	PhD course 'Challenges of Ethnicity and Diversity', organized by Department

	of Social Work and Health Science, NTNU, in collaboration with REASSESS, November 17-19, Trondheim.
November	Third workshop for strand 2, November 26-27, SFI, Copenhagen. One-day book meeting prior to workshop, November 25.
December	Public lectures on activation policies given by Ivar Lødemel in Reykjavik, first week of December.
January	Third workshop of strand 10 'Changes in patterns of poverty, social exclusion and other outcomes in the Nordic countries', Århus, Denmark, January 11-12. Includes two mini-seminars, 'Poverty research' and 'Social consequences of the economic crisis', with the participation of Jonathan Bradshaw, Axel West Pedersen, Jørgen Goul Andersen and Veli-Matti Ritakallio.
January	Public lecture by Bjørn Hvinden, 'Three Priority Areas for the Nordic Welfare Model', held at conference organised by the Nordic Welfare Centre (under the Nordic Council of Ministers), Stockholm, January 12.
January	Workshop/book seminar strand 8, 'Nordic welfare states and globalization', January 24-25, NOVA, Oslo.
January	Meeting of internal steering committee: review of progress made so far, discussion of forthcoming activities, including the midterm evaluation, review of progress of scientific publications from the Centre (monographs, edited volumes/anthologies, articles in international and national journals with referees, special issues of such journals), January 27, Gardermoen, Oslo.

	4th year (February 2010 – January 2011)
Month:	Milestone activity:
February	Meeting, Midterm Evaluation, Copenhagen, February 17.
March	Workshop for PhD students affiliated with participating institutions of the REASSESS Centre, Sundvolden, Norway, March 17-18.
March	The Stockholm University Linnaeus Center for Integration Studies (SULCIS) and REASSESS co-organised an international workshop on Diversity, Residential Segregation, Integration and the Welfare State, with Christer Gerdes (Sweden), Charlotta Hedberg (Sweden), Lucinda Platt (UK), Jens Rydgren (Sweden), Ryszard Szulkin (Sweden) & Eric Uslaner (US) as speakers, at the Swedish Institute of Social Research (SOFI), Stockholm University, March 17.
April	Two-day book meeting for strand 2, Copenhagen.
April	Jørgen Goul Andersen gave talk on 'The Nordic Model, experiences from Denmark', in the seminar 'Nordic generosity, farewell?', Oslo, April 6.
April	Workshop with paper presentations, gathering Norwegian and Icelandic researchers within the field of family, gender and welfare state issues, organized by Gunhild R. Farstad, PhD-student within REASSESS, Reykjavik, April 23.
April	GIV/REASSESS strand 7 seminar: Public lecture given by Neil Gilbert, University of California, "Welfare States In Hard Times: Challenges to ALMP", with Bjørn Hvinden as discussant, April 26, Oslo University College.
April	International conference 'Income Inequality in the Nordic and Other Countries Compared - The role of welfare states and the distribution of earnings', April

	27-28, Oslo. Keynote speakers: Tony Atkinson (UK), Bea Cantillion (Belgium), Hilde Bojer (Norway), Istvan Toth (Hungary) and Johan Fritzell (Sweden).
April	Joint strand 4 and 8 meeting in connection with the REASSESS conference on income inequality, 28-29 April, Gardermoen, Oslo.
May	GIV/REASSESS strand 7 seminar: Public lecture given by Graham Room, University of Bath, "What Can Complexity Science Offer Social Policy Analysis?", with Einar Øverbye as discussant, May 10, Oslo University College.
May	Conference on the current global economic crisis, 'After the Gold Rush: Economic Crisis and Consequences', organized by Stéfan Ólafsson, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, May 27-28.
June	Seven REASSESS-papers presented at the FISS 2010 Conference, 'The Global Crises: Impact and Challenges', Sigtuna, Sweden, June 16-18.
June	International conference "Transforming care: Provision, quality and inequalities in late life", with Allison Bowes (UK), Yueh-Ching Chou (China), Michael Fine (Australia), Evy Gunnarsson (Sweden), Sheila M. Neysmith (Canada) & Annamaria Simonazzi (Italy) as speakers, jointly organized by Tine Rostgaard (SFI and REASSESS strand 1), Hildegaard Theobald (University of Vechta) and Birgit Phau-Effinger (University of Hamburg) and funded by REASSESS, together with SFI, the universities of Hamburg and Vechta, Copenhagen, June 21-23.
July	REASSESS-researchers gave nine presentations and chaired four sessions at the ISA World Congress of Sociology, Gothenburg, Sweden, July 12-16.
July	REASSESS contributed to the 2010 European Summer School at the University of Oviedo, Spain, organised in collaboration with ESPAnet and the 6FP EU Network of Excellence RECWOWE, July 20-28.
August	Joint NordWel and REASSESS International Summer School, 'State, Society & Citizen – Cross- and Multi-disciplinary Perspectives on Welfare State Development', Svendborg, Denmark, August 15-20.
October	Bjørn Hvinden gave talk on "The Nordic Welfare Model", at seminar with Chinese delegation of researchers, third sector leaders and journalists, organised by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Norwegian Embassy in Beijing, Frognerseteren, Oslo, October 21.
October	International workshop "Activating Local Welfare Systems", with Enzo Mingione, Yuri Kazepov, Alberta Andreotti and Stephania Sabatinelli (all Italy), Ivan Hasløf and Steinar Stjernø (both Norway), organised by REASSESS strand 7 and GIV / Oslo University College, Oslo, October 21.
November	Workshop strand 6 on exclusion and disability, Copenhagen, Denmark, 4-5 November.
November	International seminar "Workfare Revisited: Activation reforms in Europe and the US", with speakers Robert Walker (UK), Michael Wiseman and Theresa Anderson (US), Tomáš Sirovátka (Czech Republic), Alexander Goerne (UK), Erika Gubrium, Amilcar Moreira & Ivar Lødemel (all Oslo University College), November 12 at Oslo University College; followed by book seminar "Workfare Revisited. Activation reforms in Europe and the US", November 13-14; both organised by REASSESS strand 7 and GIV / Oslo University College.
November	Meeting of internal steering committee, reviewing progress made so far, discussion of forthcoming activities, coordination of activities across strands, planning final publishing and dissemination and continuation strategies, November 23, Gardermoen, Oslo.

	5th year (February 2011 – January 2012)
Month:	Milestone activity:
February	Joint workshop of strand 8 on globalisation and strand 4 on economic security in old age, on the progress of books from the strands, Institute of Social Research (ISF), Oslo, February 14-15.
February	Joint meeting of the Scientific Advisory Board, Steering Committee of NCoE Programme and the leaders of the two NCoEs, February 24-25, London.
March	Ivar Lødemel and Amilcar Moreira were invited to present results from the Workfare Revisited project at the international expert conference “Reforming Activation: A New Turn in Policy?”, University of Hamburg, March 24-25.
April	Hvinden gave talk at the conference “What role will the Nordic Welfare Model play in globalization?” in Helsinki 5-6 April. The conference is part of the programme for the Finnish Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers 2011 and is sponsored by the Nordic Council of Ministers. The organisers are the Finnish Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, the Nordic Centre for Welfare and Social Issues, and the National Institute for Health and Welfare in Finland.
May	PhD course “Children of the Welfare State - the case of Disability”, organised by strand 6 in cooperation with the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) and The Nordic Network of Disability Research (NNDR): First part, University of Reykjavik, May 30-31.
June	“Crisis and Renewal: Welfare States, Democracy and Equality in Hard Times”, international conference organised in collaboration with NordWel and EDDA, with Michael Freedon (UK), Diane Perrons (UK) and Stefán Ólafsson (Iceland) as keynote speakers, University of Reykjavik, June 2-3.
June	REASSESS-participation at the 2011 FISS-conference, June 8-10, at Sigtuna, Sweden.
August	International symposium: “Her and his adulthood: contemporary European patterns”, organised by REASSESS strand 3/Humvib, held at the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, Oslo, August 26. Speakers included Dominique Anxo, Richard Settersten, Aat Liefbroer, Jackie Scott, Zsolt Speder, Espen Røysamb, and Vibeke Ottesen.
August-September	Strand 10 in collaboration with the Turku Center for Welfare Research organized a summer school (workshop and seminar) on “Life course dynamics and the mechanisms of Social Inequality”, August 29-September 2, Turku, Finland, with support from REASSESS.
September	Meeting of internal steering committee, planning of final REASSESS conference in combination with RC19 conference, planning of joint NordWel and REASSESS 2012 summer school, planning of final publications, dissemination, and exit strategies, September 19-20, Gardermoen, Oslo.
September	Second part of PhD course “Children of the Welfare State - the case of Disability”, organised by strand 6 in cooperation with NTNU and NNDR; Trondheim, Norway, September 19-20.
November	Meeting at Gardermoen, Oslo, November 17-18, on the globalization book.
November	Book launch November 28, Stockholm: Changing Social Equality: The Nordic welfare model in the 21st century, editors Jon Kvist, Johan Fritzell, Bjørn Hvinden, and Olli Kangas.

6th year (February 2012 – December 2012)	
Month:	Milestone activity:
April	Workshop on Nordic model challenges at the interface of education, employment and ethnicity.
June	REASSESS-participation at the 2012 FISS conference, June 18-20, Sigtuna, Sweden.
July	(Pilot) Summer School on Life Courses and Welfare States in a Comparative Perspective.
August	Joint NordWel and REASSESS International Summer School, "State, Society & Citizen – Cross-disciplinary Perspectives on Welfare State Development", Helsinki, August 12-17.
August	Final international conference of REASSESS, August 21-22, in connection with the annual RC19 meeting in Oslo, August 23-25.
November	PhD course on Activation, organised by strand 7 in collaboration with Oslo University College.
December	Final meeting of internal steering group - self-assessment.