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*Knowledge and management
for social change*

FAMILY AND THE NEW GENERATIONS

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GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Synergia is a social research society training and consulting firm operating since 1989 in the field of social and health policy. In the last fifteen years, Synergia developed hundreds of research projects for the public sector (Ministries, Regional governments, Local governments) and for private companies (firms, foundations, associations), on local, national and European levels, deploying solid scientific expertise with a strong commitment to operating efficacy and timely delivery.

Its works answers to specific knowledge, understanding and action needs and translates into projects that include:

- strategic support to targeted social action policies;
- policy and services planning and evaluation;
- quantitative and qualitative research about needs, expectations, behaviours;
- trend and scenario analysis;
- organisation consulting;
- supervision and training;
- information systems implementation;
- thematic database development.

THE TOPIC

Strong are the changes in the institution of the family today. “Normal” biographies are replaced by different ways of growing older and creating a family, each one with its specific potential and risks. Marital instability enlarges the group of **lonely mothers**, who are at major risk of poverty; the increasing number of **migrant families** represents a new challenge for social and health services, as well as schools; the increasing delay young people exit their family of origin with contributes to the **lowering of fertility**; elder women face the double burden of taking care of their parents and their grown-up children; the labour market is not sufficiently prepared to help **balancing family and work life**. Since many years Synergia studies the biographies of families and their **strategies** to answer to their own social needs, as we think that the support to families has to be based on the knowledge of cultural and demographic specificities of single local contexts on one side, and on the analysis and evaluation of policies and services targeted to them, on the other. Through **social surveys, analyses of services, feasibility and impact studies**, we bring out the relationship between single individuals, families and welfare systems, thinking that a family-targeted policy, aimed at making the best out of their resources, has to **integrate social services with labour, fiscal, education and health policies**. A special attention has to be dedicated to the new generations, as well: we develop quantitative and qualitative surveys and consultancy to schools, studying phenomena such as school drop outs and substances abuse, the specificity of **second generation migrants**, integrating our studies with prevention programs or Thematic Observatories. We try to read and describe social change, to listen to the voice of the youth and to give to education agencies tools that are able to help youngsters to develop their talents and abilities and to spread their voice to the society at large.



- 2010 Acquiring knowledge and raising the quality of services targeted to minors victims of violence (2010, 2011)**
Partners: ASL Bergamo, Galdus, Valencia Region, Fundatia Parada, La Voix de l'Enfant, Ecip Foundation, Fundación Comunidad Valenciana - Región Europea, I.Re.R. - Istituto Regionale di Ricerca della Lombardia, CdIE
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- 2010 The Child right to a family: foster care under the lens (2010, 2011)**
Partners: Regione Puglia, Comune di Bari, Romanian Association of Health Psychology, Aproapele (NGO), Municipality of Bucharest, SAPI - Bulgaria, OUR Home Association - Poland, Eurochild AISBL
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- 2010 Supporting life after institutional care (Years 2010, 2011, 2012)**
Partners: Romanian Association of Health Psychology, Foundation for Human Relations, Cooperativa sociale Csapsa, Aproapele (NGO), Ente Procura Generale della Congregazione delle Missionarie Figlie di San Girolamo Emiliani, Comune di Bologna, Municipality of Bucharest, Regione Sardegna
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- 2010 Research on private care demand and on recruiting care givers in Veneto Region**
Customers: Veneto Lavoro - Venezia
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- 2010 Child care services and residential services for minors in Puglia Region (IV year)**
Customers: Regione Puglia
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- 2010 Empowering Non State Actors and Local Authorities in Moldova and Ukraine to promote social inclusion of young care leavers (2010, 2011, 2012)**
Partners: Bethania Christian Relief Association, Chisinau Municipal Directorate for the Child's Rights Protection, Business Advisory Centre, Centrul de Dezvoltare a Resurselor in Domeniul Protectiei Copilului si Familiei, State University of Moldova, Foster Family League, Region of Kiev, International women rights center La Strada, Eurochild AISBL
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- 2009 Planning of the Provincial Young Observatory**
Customers: Provincia di Cremona
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- 2009 Information flow on out-of-family children**
Customers: Regione Puglia
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- 2009 Analysis on the cost structures of child care services in Puglia Region**
Customers: Regione Puglia
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- 2009 Training activity to support the parenthood**
Customers: Provincia di Lecco
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- 2009 Survey on economic and management aspects of child care services in Liguria Region**
Customers: Agenzia Regionale Sanitaria - Liguria
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- 2009 Child care services and residential services for minor in Puglia Region (III year)**
Customers: Regione Puglia
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- 2009 Social and cultural determinants of motherhood**
Customers: I.Re.R - Istituto Regionale di Ricerca della Lombardia - Milano
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- 2009 Services for women victims of violence: analysis of trends and impact evaluation (2009, 2010)**
Partners: Provincia di Foggia, Provincia di Bari, Provincia di Brindisi, Provincia di Taranto, Provincia di Lecce, Region Wallonie, Consultoria de Antropologia Aplicada - FARAPI S.L., Cap Sciences Humaines
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- 2009 Protecting children in the child protection system (2009, 2010)**
Partners: N.A.D.I.A. Onlus, Municipality of Pordim, Municipality of Bucharest, Romanian Association of Health Psychology, New Bulgarian University, Ai.Bi. - Associazione Amici dei Bambini, Regione Veneto
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- 2009 Prevention of poly-drugs addiction and reduction of drug-related harms programs for young people in recreational settings (2009, 2010)**
Partners: University of St. Andrews, National Board of Health - MidWest Region, Eotovos Lorand University,



Regione Lombardia

2008	Child care services and residential services for minor in Puglia Region (II year) Customers: Regione Puglia
2008	Support to the planning of the first joint "City life time plan" Customers: Comune di Leno, Comune di Ghedi, Comune di Bagnolo Mella
2008	Research and consulting activity for the implementation of a "Pedibus" service Customers: Comune di Cormano
2008	Social survey on women aged 25 to 34 and work-family trade-off strategies Customers: Provincia di Cremona
2008	Life after institutional care. Equal opportunities and social inclusion for young people: identification and promotion of best practices (2008, 2009) Customer: Associazione Amici dei Bambini. Partners: Regione Emilia Romagna, Association pour la Prévention et la Promotion de la Santé Psychique, Latvian Foster Family Society (NGO), University of Latvia, Limbazi Centre (NGO), Ministry for Children and Family Affairs, Ministry of Labour and Family Policies, Bucharest Municipality, Aproapele (NGO), Romanian Association of Health Psychology, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, New Bulgarian University
2007	Child care services and residential services for minors in Puglia Region Customers: Regione Puglia
2007	Social Survey on life patterns and strategies facing social needs of the families Customers: Regione Veneto, Ulss Bassano del Grappa
2006	"Atypical mothers": the actual condition and the risks of labor market expulsion Customers: I.Re.R - Istituto Regionale di Ricerca della Lombardia - Milano
2006	GARAM MARSALA project Customers: Fondazione Aliante - Milano
2006	Learn the future Customers: Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano - Alto Adige
2005	Regional Social Information System - Campania Region Customers: Regione Campania Partners: Università di Napoli Federico II
2005	The image of the local Youth Gathering Places: a training and consulting activity for social workers Customers: Provincia di Milano
2005	Project "City life time plan" Customers: Comune di Cormano
2005	Monitoring and evaluation of the food education programme for students "Ortocircuito" Customers: Regione Lombardia
2005	Training days on young and female migrants Customers: Comunità Nuova - Milano
2005	Family life patterns and strategies facing social needs in Liguria Region Customers: Regione Liguria, Foromez - Roma/Napoli
2005	Study on the second generation immigrants in the city of Turin Customers: Fondazione Giovanni Agnelli - Torino
2004	Planning of the Regional Social Information System in Basilicata Region Customers: Regione Basilicata
2004	Project LetWeKnow Customers: Comune di Cormano, Comune di Bresso, Comune di Cusano Milanino
2004	Consulting for setting up a child care service



Customers: Comune di Milano, Comune di Brescia

2004 Customer satisfaction of the users of the childcare services

Customers: Regione Basilicata

2004 The critical steps of school non-attendance and work placement

Customers: Provincia di Pescara

2004 Provincial Observatory on Migration (Second Year)

Customers: Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano - Alto Adige

2004 Project on Cocaine addicts

Customers: ASL Monza

2003 Observatory on housing situation in Province of Brescia

Customers: Provincia di Brescia, ALER - Brescia

2003 The role of schoolbooks in the building of gender identity

Customers: Regione Autonoma Valle D'Aosta

2003 Needs and paths of minor foreign population

Customers: Fondazione Aliante - Milano

2003 Observatory on Substance Dependence

Customers: ASL Varese

2003 Family dynamics and social needs

Customers: Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano - Alto Adige

2002 Implementation of an evaluation sheet of the quality in Youth Gathering Places

Customers: Provincia di Mantova

2002 Evaluation of the educational and preventive impact of a film exhibition for the schools

Customers: Associazione Fantarca - Bari

2002 "The representations of the future": a study on young people in Valle d'Aosta

Customers: Regione Autonoma Valle D'Aosta

2002 The critical steps of school non-attendance

Customers: Regione Autonoma Valle D'Aosta

2002 Feasibility study for the development of child care facilities at work in Province of Milan

Customers: Provincia di Milano

2002 Child care services in Marche Region

Customers: Regione Marche

2002 Extra-curricular and extra-family education

Customers: Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano - Alto Adige

2001 The relation school-labour-poverty:expectations and risks in Alto Adige

Customers: Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano - Alto Adige

2001 The sons of the immigration

Customers: Comune di Milano. Partners: AIM - Associazione Interessi Metropolitani

2001 Quality of labour and quality of life in the district of the chair: a gender analysis

Customers: Comune di Manzano, Regione Autonoma Friuli-Venezia Giulia

2000 Project "Monitor"

Customers: Regione Autonoma Friuli-Venezia Giulia

2000 Training-consulting activity for social workers of Youth Gathering Places

Customers: Provincia di Mantova



1999 Database of social workers of Home Care Assistance and Child care center Customers: Provincia di Varese
1999 Database of social workers in Community shelter for minors/disabled persons Customers: Provincia di Cremona
1999 Training programme on family dynamics for the local social-assistance office managers Customers: Regione Autonoma Friuli-Venezia Giulia
1999 Comparison of women generations Customers: Regione Autonoma Friuli-Venezia Giulia
1998 Study on training requirements for child care operators Customers: Provincia di Cremona
1997 Training activity for psychologists and social workers on mediation family Customers: Provincia di Mantova, Provincia di Cremona, USL Casalmaggiore
1997 The network of services for minors in Province of Bolzano Customers: Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano - Alto Adige
1996 Consultancy for the social assistance and social-sanitary regional planning Customers: Regione Autonoma Friuli-Venezia Giulia
1996 Writing the book: "Processi educativi e integrazione culturale. Immigrazione in Provincia di Como" Customers: Provincia di Como
1996 Sociological study on Youth Gathering Places Customers: Provincia di Milano
1995 Training programme on family dynamics for the social assistance unit managers Customers: Regione Autonoma Friuli-Venezia Giulia
1995 Social Survey on family needs in territory of Asti Customers: Regione Piemonte, USSL Asti
1994 Social Survey on family life conditions Customers: Comune di S.Stefano Ticino, Comune di Ossonova
1992 Regional Information System in the Maternal Infant Area Customers: Regione Emilia Romagna
1992 Social Survey on family needs in territory of Verbania Customers: Regione Piemonte, USSL Omegna, Borgomanero, Verbania
1991 Social Survey on strategies facing social needs of the families Customers: Regione Veneto