

Belmod NEWSLETTER

Dear reader,

Below you will find the third BELMOD newsletter. Did you miss the previous one? We publish all newsletters on our [website](#). Do you have any questions? Remarks? Suggestions? Contact us via belmod@minsoc.fed.be.

Enjoy reading!

The BELMOD team

Final conference BELMOD x TAKE on 23 June

On 23 June, our FPS and the University of Antwerp organised the closing conference of the BELMOD and TAKE project on "The non-take-up of social rights in Belgium: extent, causes and possible solutions". During this conference, the conclusions of both projects were explained by various speakers. The **presentations** and a video message of Minister Frank Vandenbroucke are available on the [website](#). The conference was also recorded in three languages, these videos will soon appear on the website.

The morning was dedicated to the TAKE project, in which non-take-up figures of Belgian social assistance measures were presented. Some causes were also discussed.

In the afternoon, the BELMOD team presented some policy solutions. We first focused on **digitalisation**, explaining the possibilities and current limitations of proactive allocation and proactive identification. One of the main conditions to make proactive allocation and identification possible is accessible and quality data. Next, we also stressed the importance of **harmonising and simplifying** the legislation, focusing on the exemption of the owner-occupied house, the exemption of received maintenance payments and the consideration of maintenance payments as deductible expenses for some social rights.

Curious about the detailed results? The **final report** will be published on our website at the end of this week.

BELMOD Summer School

Now that the final conference is behind us, the countdown is on for our next event: the BELMOD Summer School! Do you want to work with BELMOD yourself and do you already have a basic knowledge of EUROMOD? On **Thursday 25 August** we are organising a hands-on training in Brussels. During this training we will show you the added value of the BELMOD microsimulation model by means of concrete, topical examples.

During this training you will be informed about our input dataset, you will get to know the structure and specific characteristics of the BELMOD model, and you will be able to deepen your knowledge of the possibilities of BELMOD through exercises with a hypothetical dataset. For this a **basic knowledge of EUROMOD** is required. You do not have any EUROMOD knowledge yet? No worries, this Summer School is the first, but not the last hands-on training we will organise. A new [EUROMOD training course](#) will be organised by JRC in the autumn. Afterwards, we will organise a new BELMOD hands-on training.

Practical information:

- **When?** On Thursday 25 August
- **Where?** In Brussels
- **Language?** English
- **Who is it for?** This training is aimed at people with a certain basic knowledge in the use of microsimulation models. [These slides](#) provide you with a good basis for following the hands-on training.
- **Interested?** Then register [here](#) before 30 June! Registrations will be evaluated based on motivation and prior knowledge. If there are more candidates than available places, we will refer you to the next BELMOD training.



BELMOD logo

A BELMOD logo has been developed to increase recognition and to institutionalise the BELMOD model. The logo forms an attractive whole together with the logo of the FPS Social Security and emphasises our social aim, namely to evaluate policy ex ante so that it benefits the citizen.

Wilt u de nieuwsbrief in het Nederlands ontvangen? Wilt u zich uitschrijven? Stuur ons een [mailtje](#).

Vous souhaitez recevoir la newsletter en français? Vous souhaitez vous

désabonner? Veuillez envoyer un [courriel](#).

Would you like to unsubscribe? Please send an [email](#).



Federale Overheidsdienst
Sociale Zekerheid
Service public fédérale
Sécurité sociale

