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ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
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Raise Awareness Meeting

## Poverty, work-family balance and intergenerational solidarity

convened as part of preparations for the  
Twentieth Anniversary of the  
International Year of the Family, 2014

Hosted by

EUROPEAN UNION



5 June 2012  
9:30-1:00

Room JDE 51

**Committee of the Regions**



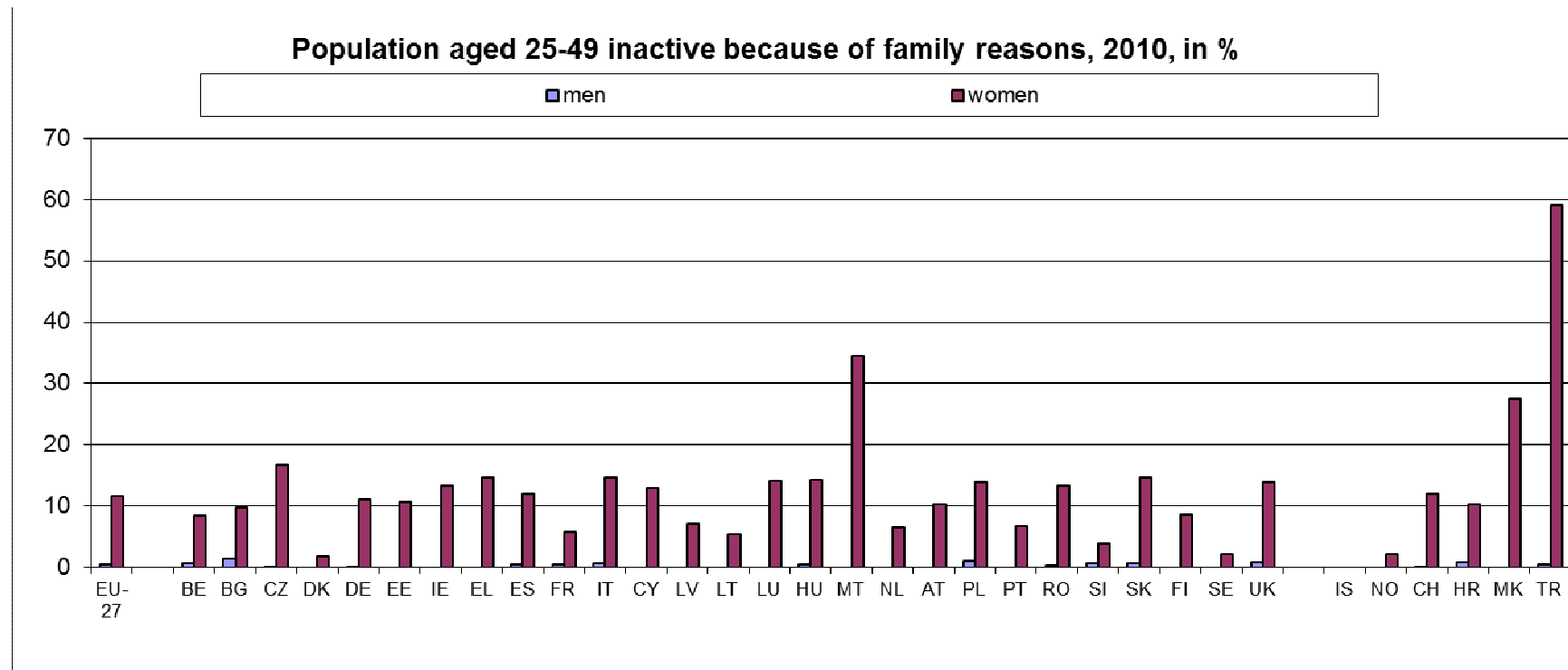
# **Family-oriented strategies for ensuring work-family balance**

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**5<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

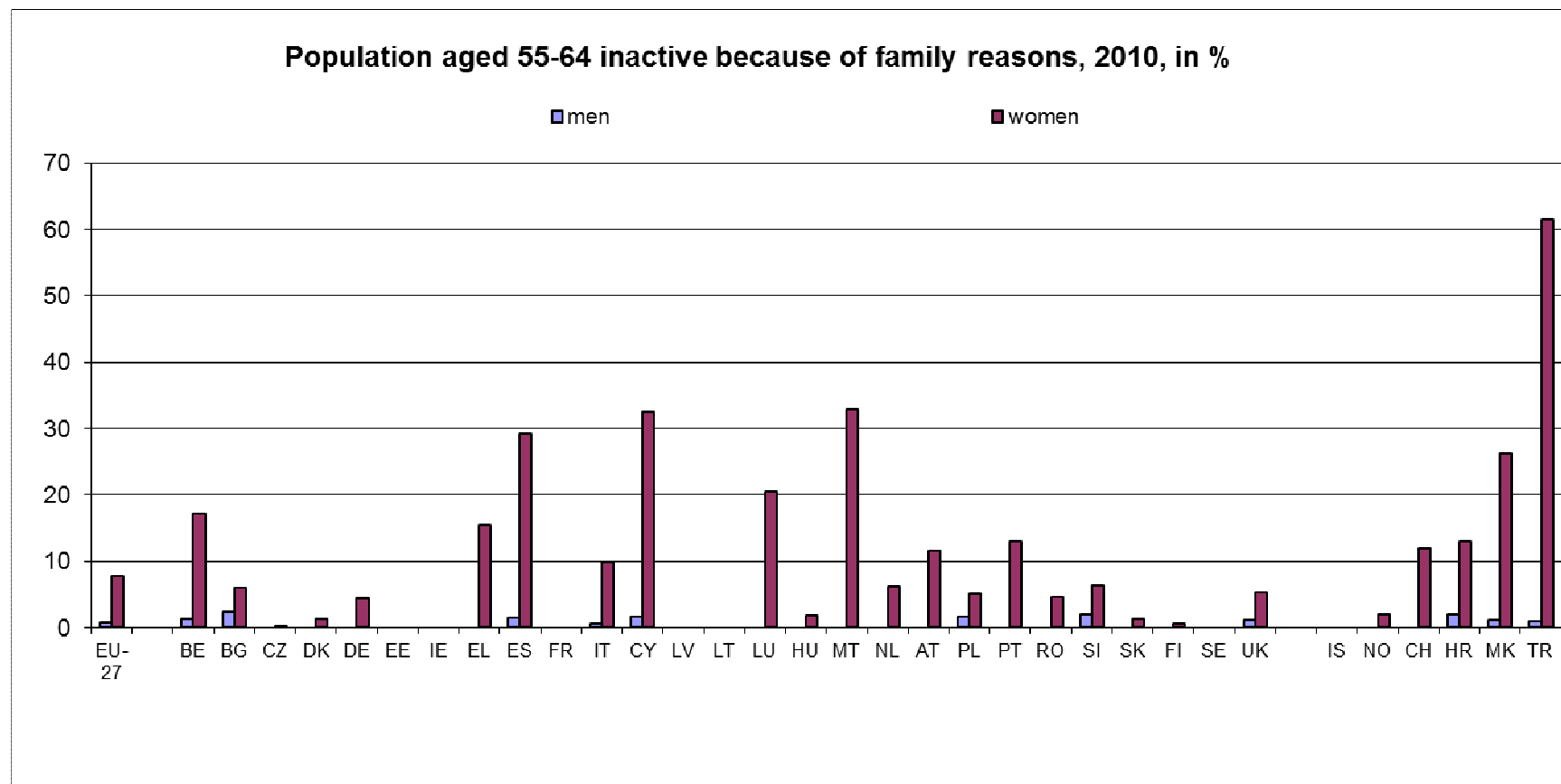
**Lieve Fransen, DG EMPL**

## Over 10% of European women tied to house-work



Source: Eurostat, labour force survey

## ... also among older people



Source: Eurostat, labour force survey



# Work affects family affects work

2<sup>nd</sup> European Quality of Life Survey (Eurofound, 2007)

*European workers find it:*

*Hard to fulfil family responsibilities (30% every month, 10% every week)-*

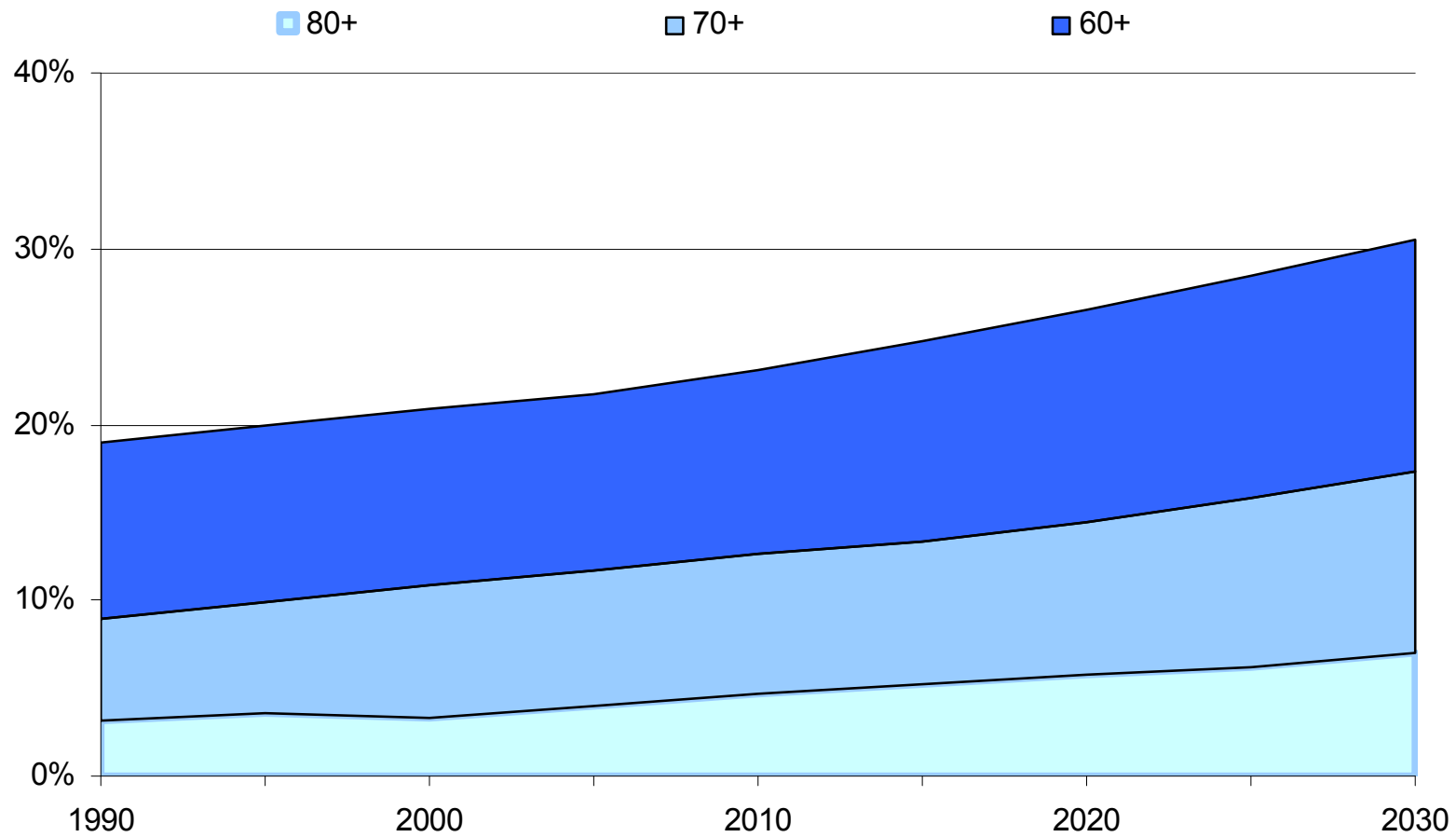
*Hard to focus on work because of family responsibilities (8% every month, 3% every week)*

*Too tired from working to do household chores (50% every month, 20% every week)*



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# Ageing population : Percentage of older EU population



Source: Eurostat



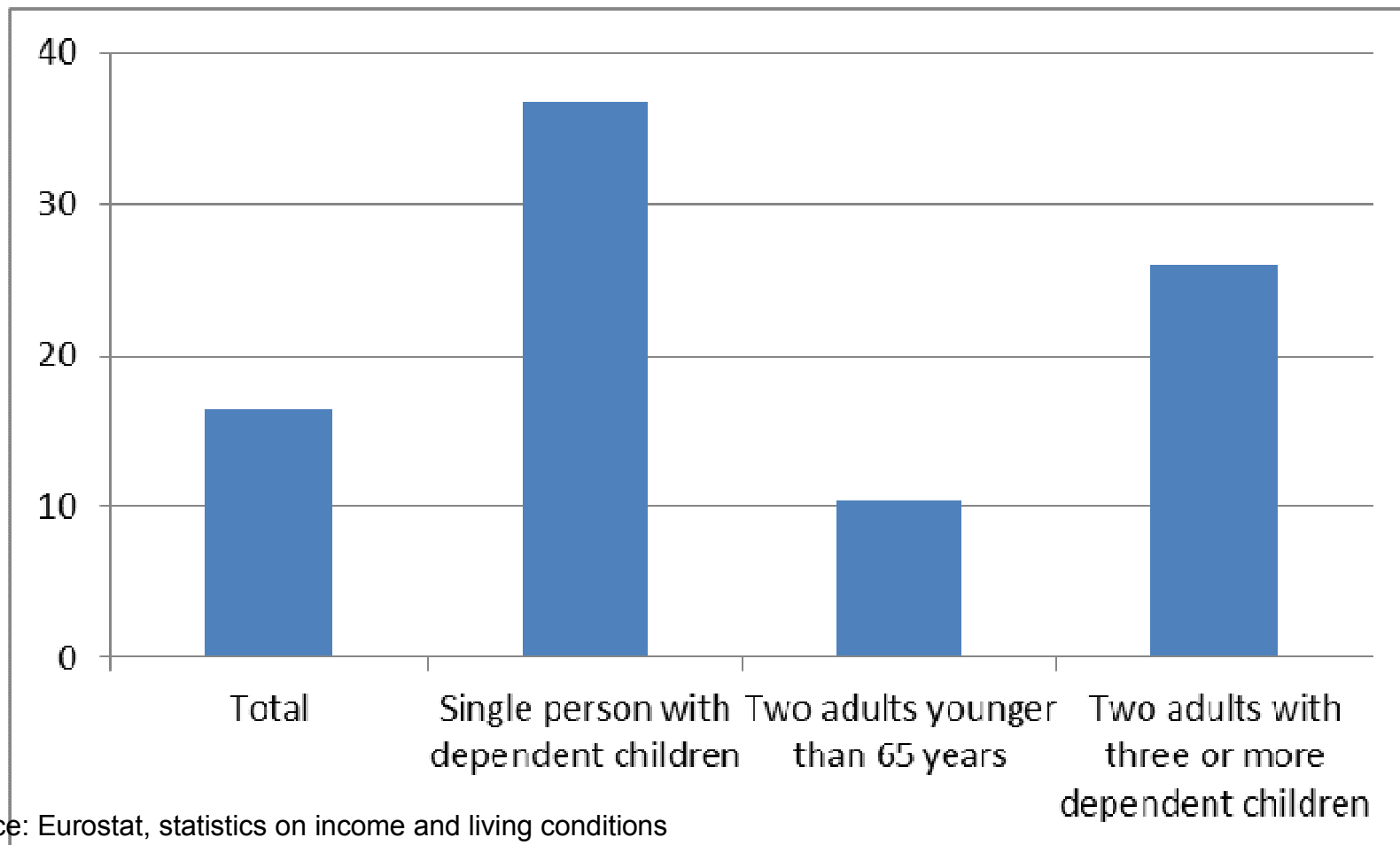
## **In order to get out of the crisis the full focus must be on creating JOBS**

- **The Europe 2020 employment rate of 75% for 20-65 by 2020 is extremely ambitious.**
- **It will require employment growth twice as high as during the good years of 2002-2008.**
- **The employment rate for prime aged (25-50) men is already very high.**
- **Women are the group with the largest potential for growth**



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## Poverty in families lone-parents and large families at risk



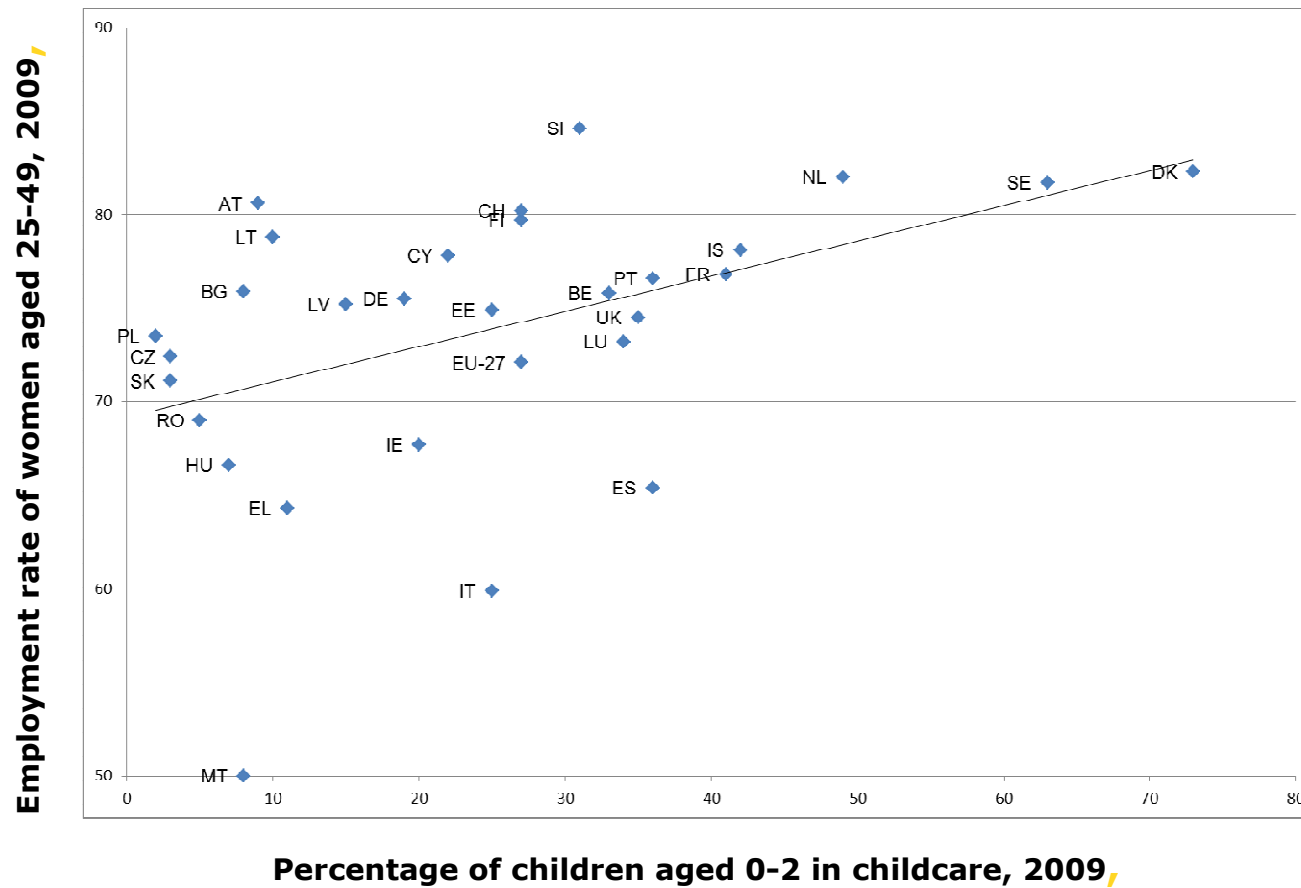
Source: Eurostat, statistics on income and living conditions





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# Childcare for reconciliation children aged 0-2 in childcare (%) and women employment



Source: Eurostat, labour force survey and statistics on income and living conditions



# **2007 Communication**

## ***“Promoting solidarity between the generations”***

*European Alliance for Families:*

*“...a platform for exchanges and knowledge concerning pro-family policies and best practices in the Member States, with a view to meeting the challenges of demographic change.”*