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**The Distributional Impact of Social Transfers in the EU:
Evidence from the ECHP**

ABSTRACT

Social transfers as a proportion of GDP vary enormously across the member-states of the European Union. The composition of these transfers have been examined in the past in a comparative framework, but such an exercise has not been performed regarding their distributional impact. The paper aims to fill this gap, using the micro-data of the second wave of the European Community Household Panel for thirteen countries.

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