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Enlivening 8th GGP User Conference



From October 15-17, researchers from across Europe — and even as far as Uruguay — gathered in **Tallinn, Estonia** to meet and share knowledge during the 8th GGP User conference. Cutting-edge work based on GGP data explored topics such as **fertility intentions** in a changing world, **partnership** and **family dynamics, health and well-being**.

The conference opened with a keynote by **Dr. Gerda Neyer** (Stockholm University), who highlighted the **improvements within the GGP as a**

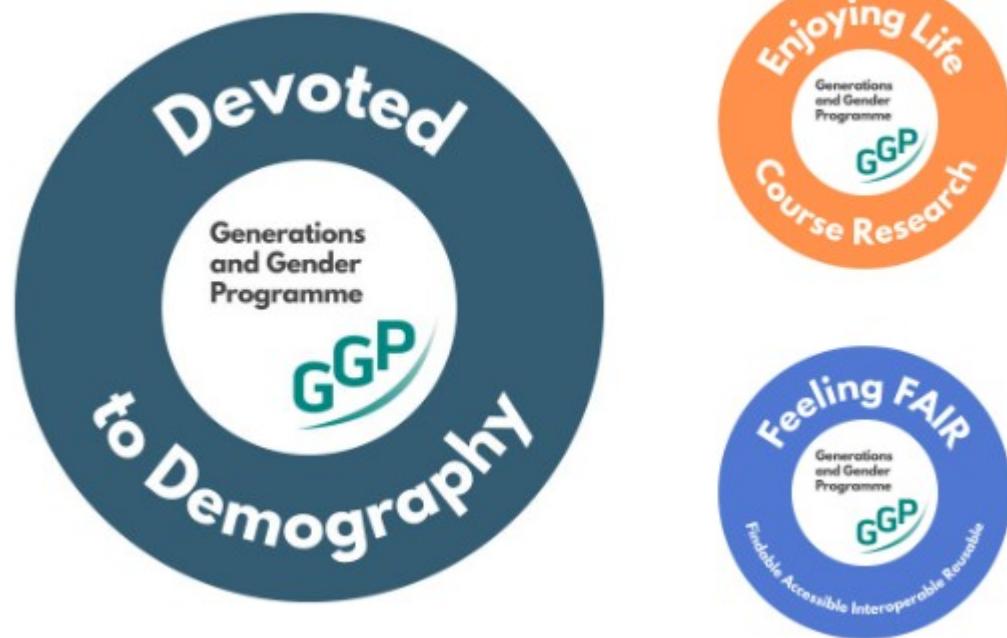
research infrastructure that were achieved over the years. In her talk, Neyer also pointed to the [recently published study profile on the GGP](#) as a key resource to cite for research using GGP data.

Fun fact: did you know that the GGP already exists for 25 years?

The conference programme consisted of six different panel sessions, a flash session on data and methods, a poster fair, and two keynote lectures — all using GGS data. In addition Claudius Garten from the Bundesinstitut für Bevölkerungsforschung (BiB) presented the [Harmonized Histories dataset](#) at a special booth. This international comparative dataset integrates biographical data from multiple surveys into a single, harmonized format, enabling cross-national research on family and fertility behavior through retrospective questions that reconstruct individual life histories.



A big congratulations to Yuting Li (University of Turku) for winning the Best Master Thesis Award for her outstanding research on Housing and Fertility Intentions, and to Marta Bryzek and Wiktoria Bachorek (SGH Warsaw School of Economics) for winning the Best Poster Award.



To celebrate the GGP's community spirit, conference attendees received a newly designed sticker pack. These stickers were happily embraced by the GGP user community, with many researchers quickly incorporating these materials in their daily work practices. For photos - and to spot a GGP sticker on an Estonian message board - check out the GGP's [LinkedIn page](#) (and don't forget to hit 'follow' when you're there).

Special thanks to **Ignacio Pardo** (Universidad de la Republica, Uruguay) for his keynote, **Yuliya Kazakova** (NIDI, The Netherlands) and **Martin**

Klesment (Tallinn University, Estonia) for organizing and to you - the community- for making the 8th GGP User Conference a success!

GGP central hub represented at ODISSEI conference



The GGP central hub team is still buzzing with excitement after attending the yearly conference of [ODISSEI](#), the Open Data Infrastructure for Social Science and Economic Innovations.

During the conference, **GGP Deputy Director Yuri Pettinicchi** took part in a **panel exploring current innovations and opportunities for future collaboration in large-scale international surveys**. The panel brought together representatives from several major survey programmes: the International Social Survey Programme (ISSP), the European Values Study (EVS), the European Social Survey (ESS) and the Survey of Health, Ageing and

Retirement in Europe (SHARE).

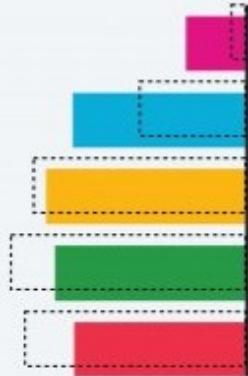
The central hub team gained valuable perspectives from two compelling keynote lectures. **Melinda Mills**, MBE (Leverhulme Centre for Demographic Science, University of Oxford) encouraged us to reflect on how emerging data ecosystems can be better leveraged—while remaining mindful of the challenges that come with them. **Merce Crosas** (Barcelona Supercomputing Center) shared insights on what is required to effectively integrate AI into scientific practice while upholding principles of responsible, rigorous, and open science.

Looking forward to next year's conference!

[Check the ODISSEI website](#)

***GGP insights help to integrate population aging
into policy***

18th meeting



Standing Working Group on Ageing

12-14 NOVEMBER 2025

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GGP Deputy Director Yuri Pettinicchi joined the [the eighteenth session of the Standing Working Group on Ageing \(SWGA\)](#) held in Geneva on 12-14 November 2025. Pettinicchi gave an update on current developments within the GGP.

Established in 2008, the **SWGA is an intergovernmental body under the UNECE Executive Committee**. It brings together national focal points on ageing alongside observers from NGOs, academia, and international organizations. Its mission is to help UNECE member states integrate population ageing into policy frameworks and foster environments that support the full potential of longevity.

SoGreen releases new tools for sustainability research



Two **new tools** are now available to help researchers explore how social factors shape Europe's move toward sustainability.

Tool 1: [The Question Bank](#)

A searchable collection of survey questions on environmental and sustainability topics drawn from leading European studies. It shows which questions have been asked, in what contexts, and by which datasets.

Tool 2: [The Cross-Study Data Guide](#)

SoGreen's Knowledge Mobilisation Lab has released a guide that helps researchers quickly locate and compare green-transition items across Europe's major social survey infrastructures: ESS, GGP, SHARE, and GUIDE.

The guide summarises what each study already asks about climate and environment (e.g., attitudes, policy support, behaviours, local conditions), notes the number of items per study, highlights cross-wave coverage, and points to the official data portals and bibliographies for deeper exploration. It's designed as a practical starting point for comparative work and policy-relevant analysis, and will be updated as SoGreen data become available.

The **SoGreen consortium** is built around four leading European social science research infrastructures — ESS ERIC, SHARE-ERIC, GGP, and GUIDE — and includes partners with expertise in data infrastructure, environmental research, digital innovation, and stakeholder engagement.

[Visit the SoGREEN project page](#)

New data summaries on youth perspectives across Europe



The Infr4NextGeneration project has released **five reports** exploring how young Europeans view the Green, Digital, Equal, Healthy, and Strong dimensions of Europe:

- Make it Strong: Building a Resilient Europe
- European Attitudes to Climate Change and the Environment
- The Health and Well Being of People in Europe
- The Digital Divide across Europe

- Inequalities in Europe: From Personal Experiences to Policy Preferences

Drawing on data from major social science research infrastructures, including the **Generations & Gender Survey (GGS)**, **European Social Survey (ESS)**, **International Social Survey Programme (ISSP)**, **European Quality of Life Survey** (Eurofound), and the **European Values Study (EVS)**, the reports provide evidence-based insights into youth perspectives across key policy areas.

[Read the Data Summaries](#)

Updates from the GGP Central Hub



Fieldwork

We are very pleased to announce that, as of November 2025, Yfke Ongena from the University of Groningen is the new national coordinator of GGS-II in

the Netherlands. Yfke and her team are currently working on (the preparations for) GGS-II NL wave 2.

Wave 1 (Baseline): Data collection in Iceland is nearly finished, while data collections in Poland and Italy are in progress. GGS-Latvia will start fieldwork soon. Lithuania, South Korea and Switzerland are in the preparatory phase of fieldwork.

Wave 2 (Follow-up): France has started the preparatory phase of fieldwork. The Netherlands and Croatia have started translating the questionnaire and Argentina has started their pilot in CAWI, CAPI and CATI modes.

Data Processing

Wave 1 (Baseline): Data from GGS-II Taiwan have been released in October

Wave 2 (Follow-up): Data from GGS-II Moldova and Estonia are now available

NEW
DATA RELEASE
GGS-II Wave 1
Taiwan
& GGS-II Wave 2
Estonia and Moldova
data is now available!

Access the data here:

www.ggp-i.org/data-portal/



Check out the data

GGP happily welcomes two new faces



Nursel Alkoç, PhD

Martijn Schoenmakers, PhD

The GGP's Central hub team has welcomed two new **postdoctoral researchers in survey methodology** at NIDI.

Nursel Alkoç is responsible for data processing and the preparation of a user guide for the Generations and Gender Programme (GGP). She holds a PhD from the University of Lausanne and a master's degree in public opinion and survey methodology from the University of Neuchâtel in Switzerland. Her doctoral research examined unit nonresponse and biased estimates of political behavior in Swiss opinion surveys. During her PhD, she was part of the Political Surveys team at FORS, contributing to national and international political survey projects including the Swiss Election Study (Selects), the Comparative Candidates Survey (CCS), and MEDem (Monitoring Electoral Democracy).

Martijn Schoenmakers is passionate about applying his statistical and

methodological knowledge to improve measurement throughout the social sciences and, as of October, at the GGP. Before joining NIDI, he graduated from the Research Master in Psychology: Individual Differences and Assessment at Tilburg University, where he also worked as a PhD candidate in Psychometrics for four years. His dissertation is focused on item response theory, in particular response styles and differential item functioning.

GGP's call for survey modules will open early 2026



- Step 1: Create a (set of) question(s) that can be fielded **cross-nationally**
- Step 2: think of **reasons why these questions need to be included in GGS-II wave 3**

- Step 3: Write-up a **proposal** and respond to the GGP's call for user modules

No need to go at it alone, collaborations are encouraged.

The call for survey modules will open early 2026. Stay tuned to [the GGP website](#) and this newsletter for the announcement.

Upcoming Events



- [Dutch Demography Day](#) | Utrecht, the Netherlands | 4 February
- [Comparative Survey Design and Implementation](#) | 23-25 March
- [European Population Conference](#) | Bologna, Italy | 3-6 June
- [ECSR Annual Conference](#) | Dublin, Ireland | 15-17 June

Latest Publications

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Familien. Auswirkungen globaler Krisen auf die erwartete Entwicklung des Lebensstandards und auf den Kinderwunsch. ÖIF Working Paper, 106. [DOI](#)

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