Generations & Gender Programme

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GGP Welcomes a Fresh Start to the New Year

As we move into 2026, we're delighted to share the first newsletter of the year!

The new year has arrived with a distinctly snowy welcome, setting the scene for a fresh start to welcome some new faces to the team.

We have some exciting updates for you in this issue. The GGS User Guide survey is now live, and we want to invite your input as we begin developing this guide. We are also announcing the official call for the user modules. Some new **training resources** have been released by the National Centre for Research Methods (NCRM), and the European Parenting Leave Policies (EPLP) have released a **new dataset**. In addition, we have details on an upcoming **Infra4NextGen workshop**, and updates from the recent **Infra4NextGen consortium meeting** in Milan. Stay tuned for information on an upcoming **SoGreen webinar**.

GGP User Guide Survey

Help Shape the New GGS User Guide - take our 4 minute survey

The GGP is developing a **comprehensive** and **user-friendly** guide to support researchers working with the Generations and Gender Survey (GGS) data, and we would love your input.

This guide is designed to become a centralized hub of information with the aim to help users:

- **Navigate** GGS data more easily
- **Understand** the data better
- Avoid making **common mistakes**
- Document key **methodological challenges**

To facilitate the development of this user guide, Martijn Schoenmakers (M.S.c) has launched a short survey to gain insight into user feedback.

Click here for the Survey

Wave 3 Call for Survey Questions

GGP's call for survey questions is open!

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

The deadline for the call for survey modules is 22 March 2026.

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Check the GGP Website on how to submit your proposals

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Harmonized Histories Data Release

Thanks to the efforts of **Claudius Garten** (German Federal Institute of Population Research) **new files have been added to the Harmonized Histories dataset**: **Argentina (Buenos Aires), Taiwan, France, Hong Kong** and **the Netherlands**.

The new Harmonized Histories dataset now includes **GGS-II data collected from 2022 to 2025**. **Argentina (Buenos Aires) has a sample size of 2,393** (1,394 women, 992 men and 7 who answered other). **Taiwan has a sample size of 7,718**. **France has a sample size of 14,285**. **Hong Kong has a sample size of 4,551**. **The Netherlands has a sample size of 8,078**.

Two minor updates are also part of the new Harmonized Histories dataset: the availability of Variable ETHNOS for GGS-II data from Estonia and the removal of duplicated observations in the GGS-II data from Czechia.

The Harmonized Histories dataset is an international comparative dataset that focuses on **fertility and partnership histories**. It also captures information on socioeconomic status, place of residence, childhood family, and other relevant demographics. The fertility and partnership biographies are available in a **standardized and user-friendly data format.** By now this dataset covers a wide range of **31 countries and territories around the globe and captures information of over 500,000 individuals in total.**

Are you interested in using these data for your research? Please click the link for more information on the data, topics covered, and how to access and cite the data.

Visit the Harmonized Histories Website

NCRM New Training Materials

New Training Resources: Event History Analysis with Harmonized Histories

We're pleased to share that new training materials developed by **Dr Bernice Kuang** (University of Southampton) are now available on the **National Centre for Research Methods** (NCRM) website, offering a practical introduction to **event history analysis** using Harmonized Histories and GGS data.

The training materials include:

- A guided tour of the UK GGS and how it is transformed into the Harmonized Histories, and information on where to find and download this data

- A practical tutorial on how to **conduct an event history analysis** using STATA, demonstrating both **non-parametric** and **parametric** event history models, including:

- Step-by-step guidance on **defining risk periods**
- **STATA** commands to **plot survival time data**
- How to apply the **Kaplan-Meier** approach and cumulative hazard plots to visualize differences in timing across groups

- A practical tutorial to competing risks models, demonstrating:
  - How to prepare data for event history analysis with a **competing risks framework** (where more than one outcome may occur)
  - How to restructure the dataset into a **person-year format**
  - How to then apply **multinomial logistic regression** to conduct discrete-time hazard modelling

These are provided in **video** format with downloadable **slides**, **transcripts**, and **worksheets**, and suggested further reading is also provided for those looking to explore the method in more depth.

Access the resources here

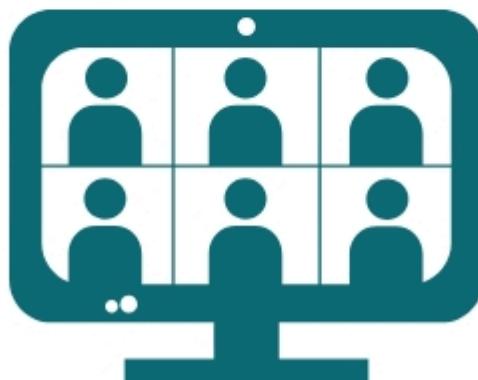# *European Parenting Leave Policies Dataset*

Tracking parenting leave policies in Europe over five decades

We are pleased to share that the **European Parenting Leave Policies (EPLP) Dataset** is now available, providing data on maternity, co-parent, paid parental, and job-protected leave regulations across **21 European countries** from 1970 to 2024. It covers **33 variables** on leave duration, benefits, flexibility, and incentives for sharing leave between couples. The dataset is a great quantitative source for analyzing policy trends, cross-national differences, and the effects of major reforms.

On this page you will find links to download the dataset and accompanying documentation including the timelines of major parenting-leave reforms for each country included in the set, as well as the full codebook for all 33 variables, definitions, and the data collection guidelines.

Visit the EPLP website

SoGreen Webinar: Measuring Public Perceptions of the Green Transition

Interested in learning more about the SoGreen project that GGP is involved in? Join **the first SoGreen webinar** to explore the **social aspects** of the **green transition**!

SoGreen is a collaborative initiative focused on understanding and supporting the green transition across Europe. This session brings together **leading experts and stakeholders** to share insights on **project goals, work packages**, and the broader landscape of **sustainability**.

Practical Information:

- **Date:** Tuesday, 24 February 2026
- **Time:** 14:00–16:00, CEST
- **Format:** Online webinar (registration required)
- **Registration:** Please register via the link below

What will be covered?
The webinar will:

- Present how SoGreen builds on **four major European survey infrastructures** (ESS ERIC, SHARE-ERIC, GGP, and GUIDE).
- **Discuss** approaches to **measuring attitudes, concerns and behaviors** related to the green transition.
- Show how harmonized questions can support cross-country and life-course analysis.
- Offer time for questions and discussion with the audience.

Who is it for?
The event is aimed at:

- Researchers and methodologists working with survey and longitudinal data.
- Policymakers and analysts interested in public perceptions of climate and environmental policies.
- Stakeholders from civil society and other organizations engaged in the social dimensions of the green transition.

Register for the webinar here!

Infra4NextGeneration

Infra4NextGen Workshop

Sign up for a one-day workshop: Make it Green: Insights on climate action and public

[perception](#)

How can social science research support climate action and green policies across Europe?

The workshop introduces participants to the Green Pillar of NextGenerationEU, combining expert insights with hands-on group work to examine how public attitudes, values, and behaviors shape climate action across Europe.

👉 Find more information and register [here](#)

Consortium meeting in Milan

GGP played an active role in the recent Infra4NextGen consortium meeting in Milan, represented by Yuri Pettinicchi and Yuliya Kazakova. The project is coordinated by ESS ERIC and brings together leading European research infrastructures, with GGP as a core partner alongside CESSDA ERIC and EVS.

During the two-day meeting, work package leaders presented progress, shared new findings and results, and demonstrated newly developed tools that strengthen cross-national social science research.

One highlight is the searchable inventory of over **11,000 survey questions**, drawing on major cross-national studies such as **GGP, ESS, EVS, ISSP, EQLS, and Eurobarometer:** Check out the Infra4NextGen tool [here](#)

You can also explore new reports based on fresh data on generational differences across Europe:

- **European Attitudes to Climate Change, Fairness, and Action**
- **The Social Blueprint: Education, Work, and Family as Determinants of Life Chances**

Find reports [here](#)

Learn more about the Infra4NextGen Project

Updates from the GGP Central Hub

Fieldwork

Wave 1 (Baseline): Latvia has started their data collection phase, while we are working on setting up multiple other countries! One example is Switzerland, which will employ an Italian, a French, and a German version of GGS wave 1.

Wave 2 (Follow-up): The Argentinian team finalized their Wave 2 pilot in Buenos Aires in early December. We are also currently preparing Wave 2 for the Netherlands.

Data Processing

Stay tuned for the soon-to-be-released Czechia Wave 2 dataset. Iceland Wave 1 will be next in the pipeline, they completed the fieldwork phase last December with a three-language survey!

Check out the data
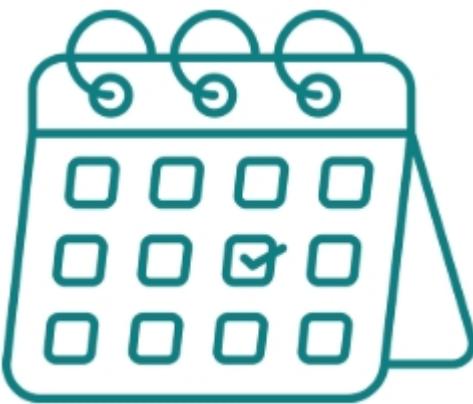
Welcoming a new face to the GGP!

Jana Schilling

The GGP Central hub team is pleased to welcome Jana Schilling as the newest addition to the team.

Jana Schilling is joining the GGP as a **Student Assistant**, supporting the planning and implementation of communication activities that promote GGP data, research outputs, and events. She is currently a Research Master's student in Migration, Ethnic Relations, and Multiculturalism at Utrecht University. Her thesis examines whether theories of collective psychological ownership can be applied beyond interethnic contexts, focusing on perspectives on gatekeeping practices within the Dutch queer underground electronic dance scene among LGBTQ+ individuals.

Her broader research interests center on identity politics, intersectionality, and community building practices, with a particular emphasis on promoting inclusive societies while preserving social and cultural diversity. She is especially interested in interdisciplinary approaches to understanding and addressing prejudice and structural inequalities.

Upcoming Events

- Dutch Demography Day | Utrecht, the Netherlands | 4 February
- Infra4NextGen Workshop | Online | 23 February
- SoGreen Webinar | Online | 24 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

Ishchanova, K. (2026). *Housework, Childcare, and Fertility Intentions: The Role of Fathers' Involvement in Belarus*. DOI

Lappegård, T., Kristensen, A. P., & Dommermuth, L. (2025). Disentangling the relative importance of subjective economic uncertainty for fertility intentions and realization in Norway. *Genus*, *81*(1), 37. DOI

Lazzari, E., & Beaujouan, E. (2026). Infertility and Unrealized Ideal Family Size. *Population and Development Review*, *n/a*(n/a). DOI

Steiber, N., & Siegert, C. (2025). Educational hypogamy and gender equality within couples: A review of competing hypotheses and evidence from the Generations and Gender Survey. *European Sociological Review*. DOI

Wood, J. (2026). The link between formal childcare uptake and subsequent childbearing: Evidence for ten European countries. *Journal of Family Studies, 0*(0), 1–22. **DOI**

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