



Latest Updates from the GGP



As March brings out the sun, we hope this change of season brings a renewed energy and inspiration to you and your work.

In this issue we want to remind you to participate in the **GGP user guide survey** and to submit your proposal for the **GGP survey modules**. We also introduce the **call for abstracts** for the 4th International **FReDA User Conference**, and update you on the **Dutch Demography Day** that took

place earlier this month. In this issue we want to highlight one of the 6 **GGP Essentials**, this month focusing on the theme of **Loneliness**.

We have some updates from **SoGreen** and **Infra4NextGen** — stay tuned for upcoming webinars and workshops! From the central hub we have some exciting **fieldwork** and **data release** updates, and we have included the latest developments from our **country teams**. If you want to be featured in next months issue, please send us your contribution before the 27th of March.

We round off the newsletter with a summary of **upcoming events** and **recent publications** from the GGP community,

Reminder to take the GGP User Guide Survey



Don't forget to fill in the new GGS User Guide Survey! Take our 4 minute survey

Martijn Schoenmakers 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 through our **4 minute**

survey.

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**

[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

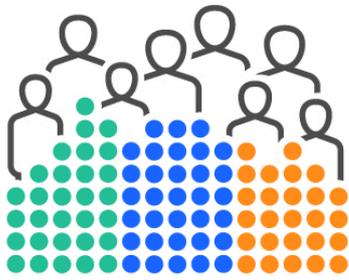
Step 3: Write-up a **proposal** and respond to the GGP's call for user questions

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

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

[Check the GGP Website on how to submit your proposals](#)

Call for Abstracts for the 4th International FReDA User Conference



FReDA

The German Family Demography Panel Study

GGP's call for survey questions is open!

We are please to announce the **call for abstracts for the 4th FReDA User Conference**, which will take place on **26–27 November 2026 in Cologne, Germany**.

The conference invites national and international researchers from all disciplines using data from the **German Family Demography Panel Study (FReDA)** and/or the **German Family Panel (pairfam)**, the **Generations and Gender Survey (GGG)**, and the **IAB-BiB/FReDA-BAMF-SOEP Survey** “Refugees from Ukraine in Germany”.

Keynote speakers

- Prof. Dr. Marcel Lubbers (Utrecht University)
- Prof. Dr. Anette Fasang

The FReDA User Conference provides a forum for early-career and experienced researchers to present preliminary results, receive feedback from experienced data users and staff, and foster future collaborations. The conference language is English.

Submission deadline: 10 May 2026

Submission: Abstracts (max. one DIN-A4 page) should be sent to freda.conference@gesis.org.

Acceptance will be communicated by **22 May 2026**.

in person conference fee

The conference will be held **in person**. There is no **conference fee**; catering will be provided. Travel costs cannot be reimbursed. The best presentation will receive an award.

Further details can be found in the Call for Abstracts and on our [website](#).

[Click here for the Website](#)

Dutch Demography Day



GGP at Dutch Demography Day

We are proud that the Gender and Generations Survey (GGS) was represented repeatedly throughout the program:

Martijn Schoenmakers presented a study that will investigate mode effects in mixed-mode GGS-II designs (CAWI, CATI, CAPI), with the aim of informing best practices and ensuring data comparability in future GGS waves.

Using GGS Round II data, **Daniël van Wijk** examined whether homeowners are more likely than renters to become parents.

Yuxuan Jin analyzed retrospective GGS data from 21 European countries to

study how parental death before age 18 shapes transitions to adulthood, exploring differences by the deceased parent's gender and national context.

The GGS was also featured in the poster session:

Alex Kortink Boada presented research on educational bias in the GGS, assessing whether the shift towards web-based and mixed-mode data collection has intensified the underrepresentation of lower-educated groups across survey rounds and countries.

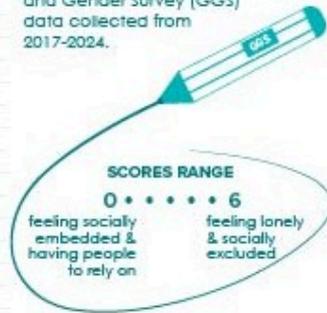
We are especially proud to share that **Alex Kortink Boada won the Poster Prize** — congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!

Thank you to the Nederlandse Vereniging voor Demografie and to all the presenters — we look forward to next year's edition!

GGP Essentials: Loneliness

Loneliness

We assess loneliness using a six-item scale in the Generations and Gender Survey (GGS) data collected from 2017-2024.



DATA ON APPROX. 85 000 RESPONDENTS AGED 18-49

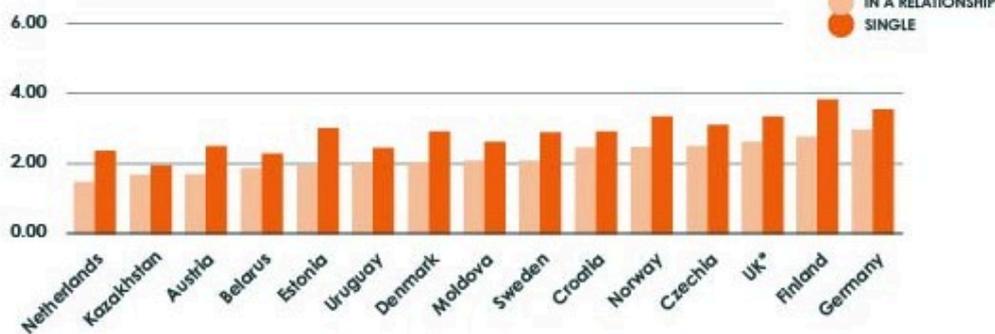
Across 15 countries, the average loneliness scores range from 1.75 to 3.11, indicating moderate levels of loneliness.

The Netherlands, Kazakhstan, Austria and Belarus report the lowest levels of loneliness, while Norway, UK, Finland and Germany experience somewhat higher loneliness.

No significant gender or age-related differences exist, though in Nordic countries, UK and Czechia, those aged 18-29 report slightly more loneliness.

Notable differences are observed based on relationship status: **single individuals tend to feel lonelier than their partnered or married counterparts.**

LONELINESS SCORE



GGS DATA OFFER VALUABLE INSIGHTS INTO VARIOUS FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO OR PROTECTING FROM LONELINESS.

Source: Generations and Gender Survey Round II – wave 1 (data for Belarus and Kazakhstan 2017-2018; other countries 2020-2024)

Reference to the loneliness scale: Gierveld, J. D. J., & Tilburg, T. V. (2006). A 6-Item Scale for Overall, Emotional, and Social Loneliness: Confirmatory Tests on Survey Data. *Research on Aging*, 28(5), 582-598. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0164027506289723>

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The Generations and Gender Programme Preparatory Phase Project (GGP-3D)



As we move out of the colder, darker months of the year, it is a good moment to reflect on how social connection and isolation are experienced across different contexts.

Against this backdrop, we are spotlighting the **GGP Essential on Loneliness**, illustrated in the infographic above.

Using data from ~85,000 respondents (aged 18-49), across 15 countries, the **Generations and Gender Survey (GGS)** shows that:

- Average loneliness levels range from 1.75 to 3.11 (on a 0–6 scale) across countries
- Single individuals report higher loneliness than those in a partnership
- Differences between countries are more pronounced than differences between age groups

The infographic above provides a concise visual overview of these findings. Click [here](#) to download it yourself.

[Explore the GGS data for further analysis](#)

SoGreen Webinar: Measuring Public Perceptions of the Green Transition



SoGreen
Social Aspects of the Green Transition

ONLINE WEBINAR

The SoGreen Project:
Measuring Public Perceptions of the Green Transition

 March 18th, 2026

 14:00-16:00 (CEST)

More Information :
<https://tinyurl.com/4xbb6f3h>

We are pleased to report that the first SoGreen Webinar was a success with around 40 attendees, and speakers from OECD, UNCG, and the Warsaw Municipality in addition to the speakers from the project.

While the first webinar introduced the conceptual foundations of the SoGreen

project, we are excited to follow this with the second webinar, which will focus on the SoGreen Module and will contain more interactive components.

Practical Information:

- **Date:** Tuesday, 18 March 2026
- **Time:** 14:00–16:00, CEST
- **Format:** Online webinar (registration required)
- **Registration:** Please register via the link below

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



Topline Results: Make it Equal

The third Topline Results report on the Make it Equal theme: [European Attitudes to Wealth Inequality and Wealth Taxation](#). Written by Susan Banducci (University of Birmingham), Dániel Bremer and István György (Tárki Social Research Institute), the authors compared data on wealth inequalities between younger and older respondents.

First versions of harmonised data now available

Harmonised datasets for each of the five themes have now been published for the first time. Available from the [NextGen Harmonised Data Gateway](#), these initial files include data from five social surveys that have been

harmonised to make them as comparable as possible, even if the original question text and response scales differed.

The initial harmonised files include data from Eurobarometer, Generations and Gender Survey (GFS), European Quality of Life Survey (EQLS), European Social Survey (ESS), European Values Study (EVS), and International Social Survey Programme (ISSP). Panel survey data from the project (CRONOS-3) will be added to the second data harmonisation release scheduled for 2027. This marks a significant milestone for social science research infrastructure in terms of new service provision.

Upcoming Events

Workshops: Each event will be held from 9am-4pm (CET / CEST) and will feature presentations and hands-on activities. Speakers are the authors of the reports, the three Research Fellows, and Joint Research Centre experts. Please share these events with anyone who may be interested, especially any academics or students amongst your networks.

- 24 March 2026 | [Make it Strong: Social research for resilience in education, employment, and family](#)
- 14 April 2026 | [Make it Equal: Social science research for inclusion and equal opportunities in Europe](#)

[Learn more about the Infra4NextGen Project](#)

Updates from the GGP Central Hub



Fieldwork

Wave 1 (Baseline): Italy, Poland and Latvia are currently collecting data! Poland has surpassed 5,500 responses while Italy reached 7,000 responses.

Wave 2 (Follow-up): Multiple countries are preparing their Wave 2 surveys. With the Dutch team, we are incorporating the GGS into SurveyCTRL (CenterData's survey management tool), while with the Croatian team we are implementing the SoGreen module.

Data Release

We're thrilled to announce the release of GGS-II Wave 2 data for Czechia with 5,717 respondents (39.2% males, 60.8% females) and a 66.4% retention rate. All interviews were conducted via self-completion.

NEW DATA RELEASE

GGG-II **Czechia Wave 2**
data is now available!

Access the data via the GGP Data Portal:

www.ggp-i.org



[Check out the data](#)

Country Team Updates

Generations and Gender Programme Austria Consortium (GGP.AT)

Uniting partners in a shared research infrastructure for population research

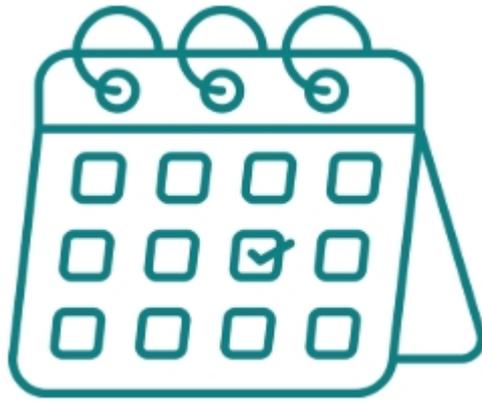
The Austrian team has established the **Generations and Gender Programme Austria Consortium (GGP AT)**, bringing together **eight departments across six institutions** within a shared research infrastructure for population and family research.



The GGP is a panel survey programme with multiple waves carried out in more than 30 participating countries, enabling comparative analysis. The surveys focus on the parent–child relationship (generational aspect) and on gender perspectives. The complete GGP Austria datasets, with the first wave conducted in 2008/09, are available for scientific use at AUSSDA – The Austrian Social Science Data Archive.

[Learn more on the ggp.at website](http://www.ggp.at)

Upcoming Events



- [SoGreen Webinar](#) | 18 March
- [Comparative Survey Design and Implementation](#) | 23 -25 March
- [Infra4NextGen Workshop](#) | 24 March
- [Infra4NextGen Workshop](#) | 14 April
- [European Population Conference](#) | Bologna, Italy | 3-6 June
- [ECSR Annual Conference](#) | Dublin, Ireland | 15-17 June

Latest Publications

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