Funding for fieldwork secured in Czechia, Finland and the Netherlands

More countries received positive news regarding their funding applications and will be joining the new round of GGS data collection. In Czechia, Martin Kreidl and Martin Lakomý saw their application to the Technology Agency of the Czech Republic approved. In the case of Finland, the application by Anna Rotkirch to the Svenska Kulturfonden was also successful. In the Netherlands, funding for the GGS was secured via ODISSEI (Open Data Infrastructure for Social Science and Economic Innovations), the Dutch national research infrastructure for the Social Sciences. So far, Belarus, Canada, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Kazakhstan, Moldova, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Uruguay have received either partial or full funding for the fieldwork.
My name is Arieke Rijken and I joined the GGP Central Coordination Team as a survey coordinator. I am not new to the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI), as I worked there as a postdoc about ten years ago. My research experience includes fertility, partner relationships and cross-national comparison of norms about demographic behaviour. I also coordinated two surveys in other fields of social science. I am very much looking forward to working with the country teams!
17th GGP Council Meeting - Online

Due to the contingency measures to contain COVID-19, it was decided that the 17th GGP Council Meeting will still take place on the same date but will be online. It will be held, from 13:00-15:00 (Amsterdam time) on Wednesday, June 24, 2020. Given the format of this meeting, we ask national teams to designate one representative and to inform the GGP Central Hub about the name of this person. Please also indicate if she/he would like to make a short presentation during the meeting (presentations will be limited to 5 minutes) - please email ggp@nidi.nl before 1 June 2020. To consult the minutes and documentation of the last meeting that took place in Paris in October 2019 please consult: http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=52229.
How the pandemic affects fieldwork

As other research infrastructures, the GGS fieldwork has been affected by the current pandemic. Moldova started face-to-face interviews in February and had to halt fieldwork in March due to this situation. So far, approximately 3,000 interviews were collected and the national team plans to resume fieldwork as soon as it is safe to do so. The plans for the start date for fieldwork in other countries are also being reassessed. Despite the impact of the pandemic in fieldwork (in particular, face-to-face mode of data collection), the GGP and the countries planning to field the GGS will gather fundamental data to understand the intentions and challenges faced by individuals and families in these hard times.

GGP Founders - Jenny Gierveld

In our series on the founding members of the GGP who were present at the first Consortium Meeting in Paris in 2000, we highlight Prof. Jenny Gierveld this month. Jenny was the first female Director of the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI). Please find her contribution to the GGP on our homepage.
Upcoming Events

- **European Population Conference** 2020, Padua, 24-27 June 2020 - Cancelled
- **SLLS 2020** 10th Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies Conference, Vilnius, 5-7 October 2020
- 18th Meeting of the "**European Network for the Sociological and Demographic Study of Divorce**", Cologne, 14-16 October
- **ALAP 2020**, IX Congress of the Latin American Population Association, Chile, 3-6 November
- **BigSurv20**, 2nd international conference on Big Data Meets Survey Science, Utrecht, 4-6 November
- Conference "**Demographic Aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences**", Vienna, 30 November- 1 December