Generations and Gender Survey

Call for survey questions for the follow-up (wave 2) questionnaire

Background

The Generations and Gender Survey (GGS) is a key component of the Generations and Gender Programme (GGP). It is a panel survey focused on family life, life course trajectories as well as gender and inter-generational relations between people. Thanks to the longitudinal panel design of the GGS, the data improves the understanding of family-related behaviours across the human lifespan.

Over the years, the GGS has contributed to providing data and knowledge for social science and policy-making in Europe and other countries globally. In the first round of data collection, initiated in 2004, wave 1 data were collected for over 200,000 respondents from 19 countries and 14 countries conducted wave 2 of the survey. In 2020 the new round of the GGS panel was launched. The data of the baseline (wave 1) survey are already available for five countries, and data from at least 11 more countries are expected.

With the baseline survey (wave 1) well underway, the GGP is now getting ready for the follow-up survey (wave 2). The follow-up questionnaire has been recently revised and shortened, allowing space for new innovative survey questions to be introduced into the GGS (the baseline and the follow-up questionnaires can be found on-line: for the baseline here; for the follow-up test version click here). Now we are launching a call for proposals of new modules or single survey questions to be incorporated into the forthcoming wave 2 of the GGS.

What are we looking for?

We are looking for new, innovative, inspiring questions to be included into the GGS follow-up survey and fielded in all countries that conduct the second wave of the study.

The proposed survey module should be:

- In line with the thematic scope of the GGS, bringing depth or additional dimension to the questionnaire;
- Fitting well with the longitudinal dimension of the GGS;
- Scientifically excellent and well-motivated;
- Self-contained and easy to incorporate into the questionnaire, fitting into the survey without changing the sequence or nature of any existing questions;
- Short – even a single item can be suggested if it can generate innovative research.
We will allocate 7-8 minutes of the survey time to all new questions. We intend to fill this time-slot with several shorter submissions from different applicants, therefore we strongly encourage proposals to aim for a maximum of 2-3 minutes of questions. There are no predefined number of proposals that will be accepted.

**Selection procedure**

The proposals should be prepared in line with the template that is attached to this call and submitted online.

All submissions that meet formal criteria will be evaluated and scored by the GGP Consortium Board members based on three criteria:

- Relevance and applicability to GGS;
- Readiness and appropriateness of design;
- Scientific excellence and novelty of the questions.

The criteria are outlined in more detail below. Any Consortium Board member will be entitled to evaluate the proposals as long as no conflict of interest occurs. Based on the provided scoring, the proposals will be ranked and the selection committee will make the final decision on how many proposals can be included into the GGS. The selected questions will be incorporated into the survey and tested together with the follow-up questionnaire.

Please note that we ask for ready survey questions or modules. However, the selection committee reserves the right to contact the applicants and ask for small adjustments of their items if the proposal receives a high score, but some problems arise with implementation (e.g. during testing).

**Evaluation criteria**

1. **Relevance and applicability to GGS**

The proposed questions need to fit well alongside the core GGS questions, and they need to be easily incorporated into the questionnaire, given their subject and structure. The survey questions proposed must be suited to the thematic focus of the GGS and appropriate for the panel survey conducted by many countries in population-wide samples. It is crucial for the questions to deepen, expand or add to the themes of the core questionnaire and be relevant to the overall aims of the GGS. Moreover, the proposal should explain how the proposed questions fit with the second wave of the panel.

2. **Readiness and appropriateness of design**

The call is aimed at ready, well-formulated and fully developed survey questions. The questions should meet scientific and ethical standards. It is important for the questions to be feasible under current GDPR arrangements and suitable for the interview design (in particular, CAWI) conducted in diverse countries. The survey module should be self-contained and ready to be added to the questionnaire (i.e., not interfere with the overall structure of the follow-up questionnaire). Please
indicate approximately where in wave 2 the questions should be included. While the proposed survey questions do not need to have been included in any major survey previously, we encourage applicants to cognitively test the questions in advance if possible. Please, include information on any prior use or testing of the questions in the proposal to better document their readiness.

3. **Scientific excellence and novelty of the questions**

The proposed survey questions must add a new dimension to the GGS knowledge base. The inclusion of the module should provide substantial or methodological novelty to the core survey. It is important for the proposed questions to attract broad academic interest in Europe and other countries conducting GGS and / or have a potential appeal to policymakers.

In a supplementary file, we provide a list of questions that the applicants are encouraged to consider when preparing their proposal.

**Timetable**

- Please, submit your proposals using the attached form by April 3rd 2023
- The outcome of the call will be announced by mid-May 2023
- The proposed questions will be added to the GGS follow-up questionnaire and tested with it in May-July 2023

**Selecting committee**

The selection committee appointed by the GGP Steering Committee consists of:

Brienna Perelli-Harris (chair), Letizia Mencarini, Martin Kreidl, Monika Mynarska and Wiktoria Bąchorek (assistant)