Launch of GGS-II Croatia: Unveiling First Findings

The Central State Office for Demography and Youth, in collaboration with the Faculty of Economics & Business at the University of Zagreb, hosted a launch event for GGS-II Croatia on March 19, 2024. This gathering, held at the National and University Library in Zagreb, marked the presentation of the preliminary results from the first wave of the GGS-II in the Republic of Croatia. This presentation was a pivotal milestone in comprehending demographic shifts and sets the stage for informed public policy initiatives to tackle societal challenges in Croatia.

Attended by approximately 50 representatives from governmental bodies, academia, and civil society organizations, the event featured opening
remarks from Mr. Zvonimir Frka-Petešić, Head of the Office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia, serving as the Prime Minister's envoy, and Ms. Željka Josić, State Secretary of the Central State Office for Demography and Youth. Additionally, video messages were shared by Dubravka Šuica, Vice-President of the European Commission and Commissioner for Democracy and Demography, and Professor Anne Gauthier, Director of the GGP.

Following these addresses, Ivan Čipin and Petra Međimurec from the Croatian national team presented the key findings, sparking an expert discussion on the implications of the data.

Fond Farewells and Warm Welcomes in the GGP Central Hub!

The GGP Central Hub is going through a phase of change. As a result, we say goodbye to familiar faces and welcome some new ones.

Within the GGP data documentation node at INED, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Arianna Caporali, a valued and longstanding member of our team whose countless contributions have made a lasting impact on the success of the GGP. We also say goodbye to Wojciech Jablonski and Arieke Rijken from the fieldwork team. Their dedication and expertise in fieldwork coordination and survey design have been instrumental in shaping the GGP's development. We wish them every success in their future endeavours. In addition, we're excited to introduce our new team members!
Firstly, **Yuliya Kazakova** recently joined the GGP team as a research fellow for the *Infra4NextGen project* which aims to develop research infrastructures that support building a greener, more digital and more resilient future as part of the "NextGenerationEU" resilience plan. Before joining the GGP, Yuliya worked as a postdoctoral researcher at INED and earned her PhD in Economics from the Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex.

**Thibaud Ritzenthaler** recently joined the GGP in our *data documentation node* based at INED. Within the GGP, he specialises in the documentation of data and metadata, with a particular emphasis on standardising open science practices and enhancing operational processes. Thibaud holds a Master's degree in IT engineering and is in the final stages of completing a Master's in Demographic Sciences.

**Orlaith Tunney** has joined the GGP as a survey researcher for the *fieldwork team*. She will be responsible for survey implementation, fieldwork coordination and supporting national teams with fieldwork preparations. Orlaith is currently finalising her PhD from the University of Groningen and is a researcher at NIDI. Orlaith obtained an MSc in Clinical Psychology and an MSc (research) in Social and Organisational Psychology from Leiden University.
Julia Rokos has joined the GGP as a junior researcher in the fieldwork team. Her responsibilities primarily include assisting with survey setup, monitoring data collection, and contributing to the day-to-day activities of the GGP. She is also involved in data dissemination and impact activities of the GGP. She recently received an MSc in Sociology of Culture, Media, and the Arts at Erasmus University in Rotterdam.

GGP-Connect Insight and Impact Uruguay

The third installment of the GGP-Connect Insight and Impact series took place on March 21st at 13:00, in which the Uruguayan national team discussed 'The GGS-II database in Uruguay: first insights, debates, and impact.'

During the presentation, Ignacio Padro delved into the emerging utilisation of GGS-II Uruguay data among researchers amidst ongoing discussions surrounding low fertility and shifts in family dynamics within the country. Following the launch of an innovative research prize by the Uruguayan national team, four noteworthy publications were chosen and are set to be published in an edited book soon. These publications primarily focused on themes such as couples, gender issues, and the intricate balance between work and family life.
The presentation also included discussions of ongoing master's theses utilizing GGS-II Uruguay data and outlined upcoming plans for additional projects on comparative analysis. To discover more about the insights gained from GGP Uruguay, click here!

**CSDI Workshop in Berlin**

The 2024 International Workshop on Comparative Survey Design and Implementation, hosted by SHARE in Berlin, Germany, brought together experts to discuss various aspects of survey design and implementation.

The GGP was prominently featured in the workshop with a presentation on Assessing representativity of Generations and Gender Surveys Round II. This presentation was part of a joint session with SHARE and ESS, focusing on the transition to web-based data collection. During this session, Olga Grunwald presented joint work with Siyang Kong, Arieke Rijken, and Wojciech Jablonski sharing our experiences with countries conducting the GGS in web mode with additional discussions on our methodologies for assessing data quality.

The workshop addressed challenges such as understanding consent dynamics in diverse populations, transitioning between survey modes, and ensuring data quality in cross-national surveys. It also highlighted innovative methods for sampling hard-to-reach populations and addressing methodological challenges in data collection.
Overall the workshop provided a valuable platform for us to engage with other data collectors, learn about their approaches and exchange insights.

**Updates from the GGP Central Hub**

Fieldwork progress in Taiwan is on track, with over 4,900 completed CAWI interviews and a response rate of approximately 17%. In April, Taiwan will transition to the CAPI mode for data collection. Fieldwork in France is also currently underway with over 7,500 CAWI interviews completed and CATI interviews scheduled to begin soon.

As for GGS-II Wave 2, Norway is set to commence fieldwork in April, exclusively using CAWI as the data collection mode.

Updated GGS-II wave 1 dataset released. A major update has been released for the GGS-II Norway data. Click here for an overview of all available GGS-II wave 1 data.
Upcoming Events

- FReDA User Conference | Mannheim | 7-8 October 2024 | Deadline for abstracts 21st April 2024
- European Population Conference 2024 | Edinburgh | 12 -15 June 2024

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