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Executive summary

The launch of the Generations and Gender Programme Board of Governmental Representatives (GGP-BGR) has involved recruiting representatives from 15 participating countries. At the inaugural meeting on November 16th 2023, chaired by Jacqueline Mout, the GGP's history and the GGP-5D project's progress were presented by Anne Gauthier and Vytenis Deimantas, respectively. The BGR's purpose and responsibilities were clarified: overseeing GGP's transition without requiring immediate commitment to GGP-ERIC. The draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the BGR were presented, aiming to establish it as a strategic advisory body. Modifications to the ToR were discussed and a plan for the subsequent meeting, focused on finalizing the ToR and electing BGR leaders, was agreed upon. Future BGR meetings were outlined to handle critical tasks, like drafting ERIC statutes and forming the GGP Interim General Assembly, culminating in the inaugural GGP-ERIC General Assembly in 2027.

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Definitions and acronyms

BGR – Board of Governmental Representative

GGP – Generations and Gender Programme

GGP CB – Generations and Gender Programme Consortium Board

GGP Consortium Board – the ultimate decision-making body of the GGP which meets at least once a year.

GGs – Generations and Gender Survey

NIDI – Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute

RI / RIs – Research Infrastructure(s)

ToR – Terms of Reference

1. Recruitment of the governmental representatives

The launch of the BGR has required a phase of recruitment of the governmental representatives.

National teams have identified the best candidate and contacted the candidate informally. After having received the exact names or contact of the institutions NIDI (on behalf also of Bocconi and ERIC coordinator in the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science) has sent letter of invitation (see Annex 1 for the text of the letters and letters). The letters have been sent to member nominated and confirmed in the case of Austria, Czechia, Estonia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, UK; to a member previously contacted but not officially confirmed in the case of Croatia, France, Germany, Hungary, Sweden, Italy, Norway, Switzerland.

Sweden and Italy did not nominate officially any representatives, whereas Norway, Switzerland answered that their policy was not to join the BGR until GGP obtains the European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) status.

Other ESFRI countries remain with no GGP representation, i.e. Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, Georgia, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Kosovo, Latvia, Montenegro, Portugal Republic of North Macedonia, Serbia Slovakia, Slovenia, and Spain.

The letter (see Annex 1 for the text) was an invitation to participate in the inaugural meeting of the Generations and Gender Programme Board of Governmental Representatives (GGP-BGR). It outlines the purpose of the GGP, its transition to becoming an ERIC, and the role of the BGR in overseeing this transition. The meeting was announced for November 16th, 2023 in The Hague with the aim to engage representatives from participating countries to review the GGP's readiness for investment without necessitating immediate financial commitments. The letter highlighted the agenda, including introductions, electing leaders, discussing the GGP's legal

framework, ongoing projects, and future plans. The letter expressed hope for attendance and asks for confirmation of participation by the end of September while encouraging those interested in the vice-chair position to express their intent. Additionally, it provided contacts for queries and was signed by key representatives from NIDI, also on behalf of Bocconi University, and the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture, and Science.

2. Launch of the BGR

The inaugural meeting of the Generations and Gender Programme (GGP) Board of Governmental Representatives (BGR) occurred on November 16th, 2023, in The Hague (The agenda is attached in Annex 2, the list of participants of the meeting and a scanned copy of the participants' signatures in Annex 3).

Jacqueline Mout from the Ministry of Education, Culture, and Science of the Netherlands chaired the meeting. Aat Liefbroer from the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI) and Francesco Billari, Chair of the GGP Consortium Board (GGP CB), delivered opening remarks. Representatives from 15 countries were in attendance.

The presentation by Anne Gauthier (Director of GGP) introduced the Generations and Gender Programme (GGP) by tracing its history, notably the development of the Generations and Gender Survey (GGS). She highlighted the survey's design, key themes, and its utilization by both scientific communities and various public sector stakeholders. Additionally, the presentation contextualized the GGP within the landscape of other social science research infrastructures and collaborative projects involving these infrastructures.

Vytenis Deimantas (Research Infrastructure Manager NIDI-GGP) then focused on the GGP-5D Preparatory Phase Project, outlining the progress made over the past year across five dimensions: technical

excellence, scientific and socio-economic impact, financial sustainability, legal frameworks, and positioning within the research landscape. He emphasized the interconnection of these dimensions and presented the steps necessary within the GGP BGR context to ensure timely submission of documents for the GGP-ERIC application, specifically Step 1 and Step 2 documents.

During the meeting, it was clarified that the aim of the Board of Governmental Representatives (BGR) is to consist of delegates from GGP countries actively engaged in governing the GGP or the GGP-5D project. Alternatively, it includes countries that have recently taken steps to incorporate the GGP into their national plans. The BGR's mandate until 2026, referred to as the "pre-ERIC stage," involves overseeing the GGP's preparation for transitioning to ERIC status. Its responsibilities include reviewing the GGP's readiness for investment. Notably, participation in the BGR at this stage does not imply any commitment towards a future GGP-ERIC. The decision about joining the ERIC will be sought only in 2026, at the conclusion of the "pre-ERIC stage."

3. Description of the draft of ToR for BGR

During the meeting, the draft of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Generations and Gender Programme Board of Governmental Representatives (GGP-BGR) was presented, detailed in the Annex 4. The ToR positions the GGP-BGR as a strategic advisory body aimed at fostering engagement between the GGP and stakeholders. It oversees technical, legal, and financial planning, potentially transitioning into the interim decision-making body for GGP-ERIC. Representatives from supporting countries constitute the BGR, with opportunities for additional membership. Each country appoints a governmental representative and a GGP scientist, allowing designated alternates when necessary. Ms. Jacqueline Mout serves as Chair, supported by a Vice-Chair elected by a two-thirds majority vote. Administrative support is provided by the GGP Central

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Coordination Team. Decision-making ideally occurs by consensus; otherwise, a qualified majority vote is required. The BGR convenes at least twice annually, receiving advance notice and agendas, with circulated meeting minutes for approval. Mandatory disclosure of conflicts of interest is enforced, and discussions are conducted in English. Amendments to the ToR necessitate unanimous approval. These ToR are effective upon agreement at the second meeting and cease seven days after the inaugural Interim General Assembly (iGA) meeting of GGP.

Modifications to the presented ToR were agreed upon at the end of the meeting. It was decided that the next GGP BGR meeting would focus on finalizing the ToR document and electing a Chair and Vice-Chair. Nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair should be submitted to Anne Gauthier, the Director of GGP, with a brief introduction. Thus, the draft needs amendment to reflect subsequent elections for Chair and Vice-Chair. Additionally, a distinction was made between full BGR members and observers who attend BGR meetings without voting rights. The right to vote is vested in the governmental representative, but it should be clarified that the scientific representative can be officially delegated by the governmental representative in their absence. The revised version of the ToR will be deliberated and approved at the upcoming GGP BGR meeting.

4. Plan of future BGR meetings

During the inaugural meeting of the board, the upcoming sequential actions were outlined. The second GGP BGR meeting, planned for March 2024, is scheduled to be conducted online. Its primary objectives will involve the approval of the revised GGP BGR Terms of Reference (ToR) and the formulation of the initial draft for the GGP-ERIC Statutes. Subsequently, the third BGR meeting, scheduled for June 2024, will also be conducted online. The focal point of this meeting will be the drafting of the Budget Contribution, which will serve as an Annex to the GGP-ERIC Statutes.

Moving forward, the fourth meeting, anticipated in October 2024, will be held in person. During this session, the technical and scientific descriptions will be reviewed and adopted. Progressing to the fifth GGP BGR meeting, plans include the formal commitment through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and the establishment of the GGP Interim General Assembly. The MoU will undergo a submission process in two stages, in June 2025 and August 2026, subsequently marking the conclusion of the GGP-5D project.

Following these developments, in the subsequent year, for instance, in September 2027, the inaugural GGP-ERIC General Assembly is slated to take place.

Annex 1: Letters of invitation sent to governmental representatives or to whom may concern

To: XXXX
XXX Ministry of XXXX

GGP team ggp@nidi.nl

Invitation to the first meeting of the Generations and Gender Programme Board of Governmental Representatives, 16 November in The Hague

Date

Dear XXX

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step, i.e. to become a permanent research infrastructure with its own legal entity (ERIC: the European Research Infrastructure Consortium). To prepare for this next step, the EU has funded a specific project (GGP-5D, from 2022 to 2026) with the specific aim to enhance the long-term sustainability and the overall 'investment-readiness' of the GGP and therefore bring the GGP to a stage at which governmental stakeholders will be willing to commit and invest.

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We very much hope that you will accept our invitation to contribute to this important project. We would be grateful if you could confirm by the end of September your willingness to attend the meeting. We also invite delegates interested in the position of vice-chair to let us know (at ggp@nidi.nl). The Dutch representative has already indicated her availability to become the Chair of the BGR, in light of the Dutch responsibility as the host country of GGP.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Prof Anne Gauthier, NIDI, Director of the GGP Also on behalf of:
Prof. Letizia Mencarini, Bocconi University, Milan, member the Consortium Board and Responsible of Strategic Partnership of GGP-5D project)
And
Mrs. Jacqueline Mout, ERIC coordinator in the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science

To: Ms. Susanna Bylin
Swedish Research Council

June 2023
GGP team
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Invitation to the first meeting of the
Generations and Gender Programme
Board of Governmental Representatives,
16 November in The Hague

26 June 2023

Dear Ms. Bylin,

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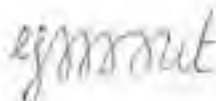
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To Ms. Naďa Vaverov
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Czechia

June 2023
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Invitation to the first meeting of the
Generations and Gender Programme
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16 November in The Hague

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Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia

June 2023
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To Mr. Eric Aubry
Ministry for Higher Education, Research and
Innovation, France

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To Mr. István Szabó
Hungarian Research, Development and
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June 2023
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To: Dr. Saverio Foti
Italian Ministry of University and Research

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To: Mr. Steponas Kulbauskas
Ministry of Social Security and Labour, Lithuania

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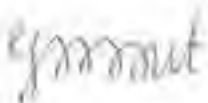
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Research Council of Norway

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Board of Governmental Representatives Meeting

The progress of the GGP as an ESFRI research infrastructure and next steps towards becoming an ERIC

November 16th 2023

Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI), the Hague

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Agenda

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9:30am: Welcome by Aat Liefbroer (on behalf of NIDI) and Francesco Billari (Chair of the GGP Consortium Board).

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10:15am: Presentation of the GGP as a research infrastructure by Anne Gauthier (Director of the GGP)

10:45am: Coffee break

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Annex 3: Participants and their signatures

Austria:

- Ms. Julia Prikoszovits (online), Federal Ministry Republic of Austria Education, Science and Research
- Mr. Bernhard Riederer, Vienna Institute of Demography
- Mr. Norbert Neuwirth (online), Vienna University

Croatia:

- Ms. Željka Josić, State Secretary of the Central State Office for Demography and Youth
- Ms. Emina Kovačević, Central State Office for Demography and Youth
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- Ms. Nadá Vaverová, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports
- Mr. Martin Kreidl, Department of Sociology, Masaryk University

Estonia:

- Ms. Hanna Vseviiov, Vice-Chancellor of the Ministry of Social Affairs
- Mr. Allan Puur, Department of Demography, Tallinn University

France:

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- Mr. Laurent Toulemon, Institut national d'études démographiques

Germany:

- Ms. Bettina Mertel, Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community, Division H II 3 – Demographic Change
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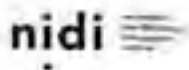
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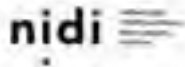
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Annex 4: Draft of the Terms of Reference for The Generations and Gender Programme Board of Governmental Representatives:

Date: 2 November 2023

Background

The Generations and Gender Programme (GGP) is an international distributed research infrastructure devoted to the study of population and family dynamics. It was founded in 2000 under the umbrella of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and has been hosted by the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI) since 2009. The GGP entered the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) Roadmap in 2021. It currently benefits from a Preparatory Phase grant (its GGP-5D project) which aim is to prepare for its transition to an ERIC (European Research Infrastructure Consortium) status.

In this context, the GGP has decided to form a Board of Governmental Representatives (BGR) : thereafter referred to as the GGP-BGR.

Objective and term of the GGP-BGR

The primary objective of the GGP-BGR is to function as a high-level strategic advisory body for the GGP. Specifically, the aim of the GGP-BGR is to facilitate ongoing engagement between the GGP and its key stakeholders, and to provide feedback on the GGP's

technical, legal, and financial planning and progresses.

As the GGP-5D project advances towards the implementation phase of the GGP (anticipated to be GGP-ERIC), the BGR has the potential to evolve into a de facto decision-making body by assuming the role of the interim General Assembly (iGA) of the GGP-ERIC. The BGR will also undertake the task of formulating new Terms of Reference for the iGA.

The BGR will be dissolved within seven days following the inaugural meeting of the iGA of GGP-ERIC.

Scope

The GGP-BGR will:

- Provide guidance to the project regarding strategic priorities and the requirements of national decision-makers and funders, thereby enabling the project to incorporate these considerations into its plans.
- Examine critical legal, financial, and strategic documents produced by the GGP-5D project, such as key deliverables for the GGP-ERIC (e.g. GGP-ERIC statutes), to ensure that they are founded on consensus among all stakeholders and/or voted upon following the voting rules established in these Terms of Reference.
- Promote consistent and seamless interaction and communication between the GGP and national decision-makers and funders.
- Identify and address significant issues concerning the organization of GGP as a RI and consent to, as

well as approve, all necessary documents for the establishment of GGP-ERIC.

National representation on the GGP-BGR

The GGP-BGR will include countries that have already made explicit political support and/or financial commitments (as in-cash or in-kind) to the GGP. This includes (but is not restricted to) support provided as part of the successful inclusion in the ESFRI Roadmap 2021 and/or the inclusion of the GGP on their national roadmap.

Additional countries may seek membership in the BGR by formally expressing a genuine interest in the GGP. Such expressions of interest should be submitted in writing to both the Chair and the GGP Coordinator. Following the receipt of a written expression of interest, the Chair will notify the existing BGR members. If no objection to the inclusion of a new country in the BGR is raised within 14 days, the said country will be invited to participate in the next scheduled meeting of the BGR.

Members

Each country will be represented by a maximum of two permanent members, specifically, one governmental representative (from a ministry or national funding body) and one scientist who is already part of the national GGP team.

In the event of absence, a conflict of interest, or an inability to fulfill their role, a governmental representative may designate an alternate representative from their ministry and/or funding

body. In the case of a GGP scientist, the member can appoint another member from the national GGP team as their replacement. In both cases, The Chair should be informed in writing, either through a formal letter or email, and this appointment will remain in effect until the Chair is notified otherwise. The designated alternate will be authorized to act on behalf of the member in all matters pertaining to the GGP BGR.

Should the governmental representative and/or scientist vacate their position, they are obligated to transfer their membership to another designated representative. This alteration in delegation must be communicated to the Chair in writing, either through a physical letter or an email.

Additional advisors and experts may be invited to attend meetings, and their presence must be formally communicated to the Chair in writing, either through a physical letter or an email.

The Director of the GGP will have a standing invitation to the meetings of the GGP-BGR as well as other members of the GGP central team to provide the necessary logistics support.

Chair and vice-Chair

The GGP-BGR will be chaired by Ms. Jacqueline Mout from the Netherlands Ministry of Education, Culture and Science. A Vice-Chair will be elected during the second BGR meeting from among the BGR members by a two-thirds majority vote. In the case of a tie, the voting process will be repeated,

with the candidate receiving the fewest votes eliminated each time.

Should the Chair be absent, face a conflict of interest, or become unable to fulfill his or her duties, the Vice-Chair will step in as a substitute. In the event of the Chair's resignation, the Vice-Chair will serve as the interim Chair until a new Chair is elected. Elections for a new Chair will be conducted during the next scheduled BGR meeting following the resignation.

If the Vice-Chair resigns, a new Vice-Chair will be elected at the subsequent BGR meeting following the resignation.

The Chair will be responsible for presiding the meetings, preparing the agenda, managing the proceedings, moderating discussions, and ensuring that the necessary quorum is met.

Secretariat

The GGP Coordination team (at NIDI) shall provide the Chair with administrative and logistical support, encompassing but not limited to tasks such as taking minutes, formulating the meeting agenda for Chair's approval, and disseminating pertinent information to the BGR.

Voting

The BGR will strive to make decisions through consensus. If consensus proves unattainable, the Chair will organise a vote. Each country represented on the GGP-BGR will possess one single vote. Only the governmental representative from each country

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represented has the power to vote. A qualified majority, demanding the support of at least 66% of the members present or duly represented (in-person or online), is necessary to sanction a decision. Abstentions will not be considered as votes casted. Voting on proposed changes or amendments to the BGR Terms of References shall follow the principle of unanimity by all members.

Meetings

It is envisaged that the BGR will convene a minimum of two times per annum, either in a virtual or in-person format. Additional meetings may be convened as needed by the Chair.

The will be organized as follows:

- The BGR will receive written notice of meetings no later than 30 calendar days before the scheduled meeting.
- The BGR will be provided with the original written agenda no later than 14 calendar days prior to the meeting.
- BGR members may submit additional agenda items to the Chair in writing, with a deadline no later than 7 days before the meeting.
- The Secretariat, in collaboration with the Chair, will be responsible for drafting the meeting minutes.
- The Secretariat, with approval from the Chair, will distribute the draft minutes to the BGR within 15 calendar days following the meeting.
- The minutes will be deemed accepted if, within 15 calendar days from the date of distribution, no BGR member has lodged a written objection with the Chair regarding the accuracy of the draft minutes.
- The Secretariat, after approval from the Chair, will subsequently circulate the accepted minutes to all BGR members.

Conflict of interest

BGR members are required to disclose any and all actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest. Such conflicts shall be promptly conveyed in writing

to the Chair as soon as they become apparent to the BGR member.

Final Provisions

All matters pertaining to the BGR shall be conducted in the English language.

Proposals for changes or amendments to the Terms of Reference may be presented by any BGR member to the Chair and will be ratified through unanimous decision-making by all members.

The Terms of Reference will become effective upon agreement by the BGR at the beginning of the second meeting. They will cease to be in effect within seven days following the inaugural meeting of the iGA of GGP.

Accepted:

On: , **At:**
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By: The Board of Governmental representatives