

The Population Activities Unit (PAU) of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland, represented by Chief of the PAU, Andres Vikat, henceforth referred to as the Co-ordination Centre

and the

_____, henceforth referred to as the Research Organization, enter into the following

Cooperation Agreement

regarding the use of the micro-data collected in Generations and Gender Surveys for comparative research.

Article 1

Definitions

1. The Generations and Gender Surveys (GGS) are the main element in the Generations and Gender Programme (GGP), an international project developed and steered by a consortium of eight organizations and coordinated by the Populations Activities Unit of the UN Economic Commission for Europe. The main substantive goal of the Programme is to improve understanding of demographic and social development and of the factors that influence these developments, with a particular attention towards relationships between children and parents (generations) and relationships between partners (gender).
2. For the purpose of this agreement:
 - a. "data" shall identify a micro-data set that contains the individual records of responses to a survey interview;
 - b. "depersonalized data" shall mean micro-data devoid of any information that may allow identifying the persons the data pertains to;
 - c. "bona fide researcher (researcher)" shall identify an individual who can provide proof of affiliation with Research Organization and who intends to use the data for scientific purposes;
 - d. "Review Board" shall identify a group of scientists selected by the Co-ordination Centre who will review the proposals for comparative research submitted by the researchers;
 - e. "Directive" shall mean Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council from 24 October 1995 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data.

Article 2

Data Distribution

1. The Co-ordination Centre distributes the data of the national Generations and Gender Survey (GGS) to the Research Organization for use in research activities. The submitted data is in a digital form and provided on an appropriate digital media.
2. Together with the data, the Co-ordination Centre submits appropriate documentation necessary for processing and scientific use of the data.
3. The provided data is depersonalized.

Article 3

Obligations of the Co-ordination Centre

1. The Co-ordination Centre ensures that the data submitted to the Research Organization was collected and processed respecting the data protection stipulations presented in the applicable regional standards such as the Directive and/or national legislature, whichever is more advanced. The Co-ordination Centre respects the rights of the individuals who had volunteered their personal information in the GGS.
2. The Co-ordination Centre ensures that the information that could be used for the identification of individual respondents is removed from the data set submitted to the Research Organization.
3. The Co-ordination Centre is obliged to report to the Research Organization any newly arisen information regarding the quality of the submitted data and to provide the Research Organization with the updated data set if the any changes or adaptations have been made.

Article 4

Obligations of the Research Organization

1. The Research Organization ensures that the data received from the Co-ordination Centre is used respecting the data protection stipulations presented in the applicable regional standards such as the Directive and/or national legislature, whichever is more advanced.
2. Research Organization ensures that it will not make any attempt to identify the individuals providing the information and will take the necessary precautions to prevent any such attempt from a third party.
3. Research Organization ensures that it will store the data in a location and adhering to appropriate security measures. The hard copies will be kept in locked storage while the data in digital form shall be kept on

computer protected with passwords with no open access to the internet.

4. Research Organization ensures that the micro-data will be used exclusively for research purposes specified in the proposals adopted by the GGP Review Board.
5. Research Organization designates a contact person or persons who shall monitor the performance of the tasks defined in the agreement and attend to the communication needs.

Article 5

Data use

1. Data in possession of the Research Organization will be used exclusively by the researchers affiliated with the Organization who have signed the confidentiality pledge.
2. Any research papers based on the Generations and Gender Survey micro-data or aggregate tabulations will be sent to the Co-ordination Centre, for inclusion in the GGP publications archive.
3. Any errors or inconsistencies observed in the micro-data, emanating from the analyses performed, will be reported to the Co-ordination Centre.

Article 6

Liability

1. If any disputes arise from this agreement, both parties will seek their best efforts to resolve them amicably.