



The GGP: Sustainability



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Generations and
Gender Programme



Our Approach

❖ Goals for GGP

- Raise profile
- Establish as EU Infrastructure
- Long-term, Durable, Accessible & Usable
- Continued Innovation & Relevance

❖ Means

- Consortium Board activities
- Established Advisory Board
- **Need NNFP inputs and help**





Membership of Advisory Board

- ❖ Peter Elias, Warwick (Chair)
- ❖ Julius op de Beke, DG Employment EC
- ❖ Gøsta Esping-Andersen, Pompeu-Fabra
- ❖ Wolfgang Lutz, VID/ IIASA
- ❖ Irena Kotowska, Warsaw School Economics
- ❖ Anne Sophie Parent, AGE Platform Europe
- ❖ Elizabeth Thompson, Stockholm





Role of Advisory Board

- ❖ Advice on priorities & tactics
- ❖ Help with political support
- ❖ Facilitate access to resources, policy makers, etc
- ❖ Proactive





Key Issues

- ❖ Increase Visibility
- ❖ Increase Political Support
- ❖ Increase Financial Support
- ❖ All underpinned by FP7 project to increase quality and design 'new' GGP:
 - Quality of Instruments
 - Cross-National Comparability
 - Additional Country Participation
 - Cost reduction – mixed mode etc but high scientific credibility – new model for social surveys





Increasing Visibility

- ❖ Key to getting increased support
- ❖ GGP as an essential source of data
- ❖ Enhanced Policy Relevance & Impact
- ❖ Scientific usage and credibility
- ❖ Target audiences:
 - Public
 - Policy makers
 - Researchers
 - Press





Establish GGP as Key Data Source

- ❖ GGP is essential for better comparable policy and scientific understanding of adults in the working age-range and beyond:
 - Gender relations
 - Intergenerational relations and exchanges
 - Family, fertility, and partnership
 - Work – life balance
 - Informal and formal care
 - Transitions to adulthood and retirement





Policy Relevance and Impact

- ❖ Need to convince national and EU policy communities of essential role of GGP
- ❖ Requires more active programme
 - Prioritise limited resources
 - Work with European Population Partnership
 - Policy Briefs
 - Digests of Key Findings
- ❖ Target key events
 - EU Active Ageing 2012
 - 2012 UNECE Vienna Ministerial Conference on Ageing





Scientific Value

- ❖ Need to ensure full usage of data for scientific policy-relevant research and establish GGP as key resource
 - Comparability
 - Data quality
 - Response rates and Panel retention
 - Harmonised data files & access
 - Improved Website & Documentation (eg DDI3)
 - E-mail Bulletins when useful
 - Workshops , Conferences, etc



Increasing Political Support

❖ International level

- EC, ESF, EUROSTAT, European Parliament
- ESFRI Road Map
- EC DGs – Research, Employment, etc
- Conference of European Statisticians (UNECE)
- EAPS and EPP
- European Data Forum

❖ National level

- Formation of ERIC ?





Increasing Financial Support

- ❖ Value for Money – cost containment
- ❖ Crucially depends on political support,
 - National – Statistical Offices, Research Funds, Foundations
 - EU – Joint Programmes, Structural Funds, DGs, Challenge prog , FP8, Integrated Infrastructures Initiative, Initial training network
 - International – Foundations, (? NIA and SHARE)
- ❖ Essential to achieve greater institutionalisation:
 - ESFRI Road Map – need to reopen
 - ERIC
 - EUROSTAT (?)



Other Issues

- ❖ Differentiation from SHARE/ SILC/ ESS?
- ❖ OR Integration with SHARE
 - Fuller coverage of ageing issues
 - Incentives for collaboration
- ❖ Europe-wide Panel studies
 - Partnership with existing household panel studies (USoc, SOEP, etc)
 - Overcoming ECHP legacy
- ❖ Additional countries in existing programme or 'New GGP'?
- ❖ Plans for continuation of existing GGP samples in 'New GGP'





Possible Infrastructure Scenarios

- ❖ Fully institutionalised as mandatory EU Survey – SILC model
- ❖ Full membership of ESFRI Road Map, with increased central and country support – SHARE and ESS model
- ❖ Establish ERIC





Reminder

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