GGP Methods Group
Major issues

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Representativeness

- Response rates in many countries are rather low, especially in WEB mode
- How representative are the data?
- Many countries are looking into this
- Important to produce written materials, like the technical document produced by our Norwegian colleagues

Methods group will try to synthesize and append results
Example: Norwegian GGS

- Response rate 33.5%

- Non-response pattern quite in line with that in face-to-face surveys

- Men are 8% underrepresented (43 rather than 51%)

- Clear overrepresentation of higher educated
  - ISCED 0-2: 15.5% rather than 27.5%
  - ISCED 6: 17.2% rather than 11.4%

- Quite OK representation by age, region and level of urbanity
Weighting

- Weighting is important to obtain correct estimates and correct standard errors of estimates

- We will follow the approach to weighting used by ESS (Round 9)

- Three elements will be taken into account
  1. Clustering and stratification
  2. Design weights to correct for unequal inclusion probabilities
  3. Post-stratification weights to correct for selective non-response

- Necessary information will be provided by the national teams

- Uniform construction of relevant weights by Central Hub

- A technical document will be sent to countries before the summer and will be put on the website
Mode effects

- Very much work in progress
- No countries with both web and face-to-face yet available
- A memo is being prepared how to deal with mode effects when analyzing GGS. Is expected to be ready towards the end of the year