Fertility and Family Trends: Insights from GGS Austria and Beyond

The **GGS-II Austrian team** hosted a workshop titled *"Fertility and Family Trends: Insights from GGS Austria and Beyond"* on November 20, 2024, at the Austrian Academy of Sciences in Vienna. The event brought together researchers and students from national and international institutions to explore **family and fertility trends through the lens of the GGS**.

Key discussions ranged from the impact of **global uncertainty on reproductive attitudes** to **cross-national comparisons** of fertility behaviours and the **challenges and opportunities in utilising GGS datasets**. The event concluded

with a **panel discussion** on the future developments of the GGP, featuring prominent experts in the field.

Following this, the **Wittgenstein Centre Conference 2024** took place on November 21–22 in Vienna. The conference focused on the increasingly common phenomenon of **delayed family formation**, examining its causes, consequences, and societal implications.

Both events provided platforms for exchanging knowledge and fostering dialogue on critical demographic trends, **further enriching the research landscape in fertility and family studies.**

## *Annual Meeting of the UNECE Statistics Standing Working Group on Ageing*

Vytenis Deimantas was honoured to present updates from the GGP at the 17th meeting of the **UNECE Statistics Standing Working Group on Ageing**. The meeting took place at the Palais des Nations in Geneva and brought together **national focal points on ageing from UNECE member states**, along with representatives from **NGOs, academia, and international organisations.**

The Standing Working Group on Ageing is an intergovernmental body under the UNECE Executive Committee. Meeting annually in November, the working group **reviews achievements, sets the agenda for the coming year, and promotes international collaboration on ageing issues.**

Vytenis emphasised how the GGP contributes to the Standing Working Group on Ageing mission by offering actionable insights that support the development of policies addressing demographic challenges. His presentation underscored the **GGP's role in fostering evidence-based policymaking,** ensuring governments are **equipped to respond to population ageing and intergenerational dynamics effectively.**

Launch of Infra4NextGen Website
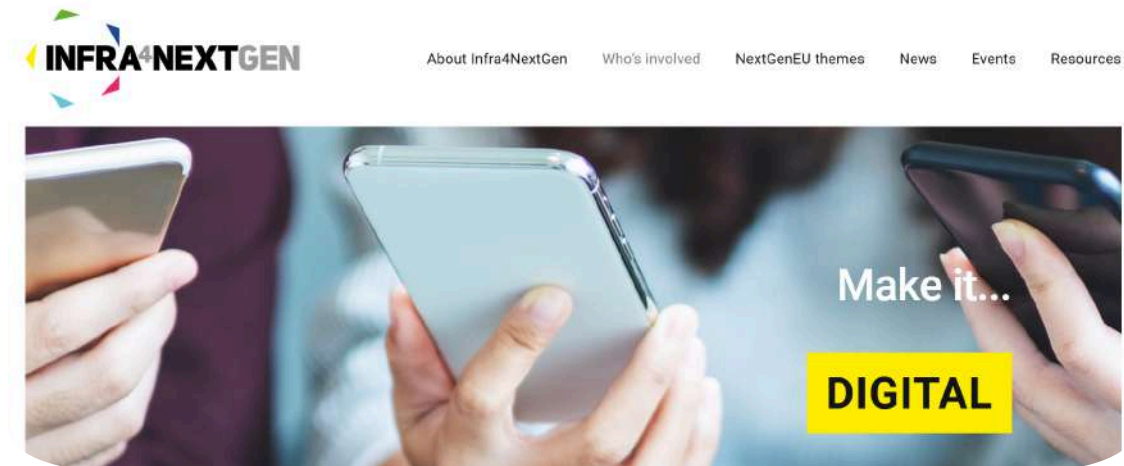
We are excited to announce the launch of the **Infra 4 Next Gen** website**.** This dynamic new platform is dedicated to advancing **next-generation infrastructure solutions** that address the pressing challenges of our time—sustainability, resilience, and innovation.

Focusing on the **five core areas of NextGenerationEU—digital, equal, green, healthy, and strong**—the project aims to summarize existing data, expand data collection through the 11-country CRONOS panel, and engage the public through **deliberation sessions** in four countries. Additionally, it will develop a user-friendly **tool for visualizing survey data** on these themes and produce **harmonised datasets** that integrate insights from various survey programs. Training resources will also be created to help data users fully leverage cross-national datasets.

Infra4NextGen is a transformative initiative that provides **innovative tools, workshops, and resources** to enhance the use of survey data in policymaking and support the vision of a resilient, inclusive, and sustainable Europe. We invite policymakers, researchers, industry experts, and the public to **explore the new website and join its events and initiatives!**

GGP-Connect Insights and Impact Webinar: the Netherlands

The most recent **GGP-Connect Insight and Impact webinar** took place on November 28 at 13:00 (CET). **Aart C. Liefbroer and Lonneke van den Berg (NIDI-KNAW)** presented *"Showcasing the GGS: Experiences from the Netherlands."*

During the webinar, the Dutch national team shared its experiences **working with the GGS in the Netherlands**, emphasizing strategies for generating attention and impact. The first part provided a **brief overview of the Dutch data collection** process and highlighted the **types of impact** the team aims to achieve with the GGS. The second part featured an example of **research findings on temporary contracts and young people's well-being** and how to communicate them to a policy audience e ectively.

To explore further insights gathered from GGS Netherlands, click [here](#)!

Updates from the GGP Central Hub

Fieldwork: GGS-II Wave 1 (Baseline questionnaire)
Data collection in Taiwan is ongoing, with over 2,900 CAPI interviews and over 4,900 completed CAWI interviews. **Fieldwork preparations** are also ongoing for many countries such as **Italy, Poland, South Korea, Latvia, Iceland** and **Lithuania.**

Fieldwork: GGS-II Wave 2 (Follow-up questionnaire)
Data collection in Moldova is ongoing, with over 1,800 CAPI interviews completed. Moldova is scheduled to be in the field until late February 2025.

Estonia and Czechia are currently conducting **pilot studies**. Fieldwork is scheduled for Estonia and Czechia in early 2025.

Upcoming Events

- ODISSEI Conference | Utrecht, the Netherlands | 10 December 2024
- Call for papers | "Involved Fatherhood in European Post-Socialist Societies" | Deadline: 31 December 2024
- Dutch Demography Day | Utrecht, the Netherlands | 12 February 2025
- Belgian Demography Day | Leuvenen, Belgium | 25 April 2025

Latest Publications

Joecks, J., Kurowska, A., Pull, K., & Schober, P. (2024). Multidimensional gender ideologies: How do they relate to work-family arrangements of mothers with dependent children in Poland and western Germany? *International Journal of Comparative Sociology.* DOI: https://doi.org/10.1177/00207152241293463

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