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## Generations and Gender Programme:

Advancing  
Knowledge for  
Policymaking

The logo for the Generations & Gender Programme (GGP), featuring the letters 'GGP' in a large, white, sans-serif font, with a white swoosh underneath the letters. The background of the logo is a stylized, painterly illustration of the faces of an elderly man, a woman, a young man, and a child, representing different generations.

**GGP**

Generations & Gender  
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*Conference on How Generations and Gender Shape  
Demographic Change, Geneva, 14-16 May 2008*



# Challenges Arising from Demographic Developments

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- Premise: To successfully meet challenges posed by demographic change, **better understanding** of demographic developments is required
- Simple identification of demographic trends is not sufficient
- Causes and consequences of the demographic developments are to be understood and explained.





# Questions

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- Which are the underlying causes behind the observed changes in family behaviour?
  - Are these changes amenable to policy interventions?
  - Could these interventions influence the changes in ways that can lead to economically and socially sustainable demographic outcomes?
- GGP to inform





# Generations and Gender Programme

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- Generations and Gender Surveys
  - a panel survey
  - nationally representative sample of 18-79 year-old population
  - 3 panel waves
  - interval of 3 years between each wave
- Contextual databases
  - indicators, trends and policies
- Analyses of these data





# Organization

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- National level:
  - National committees / focal points
- Programme level:
  - International Working Group: representatives of national committees / focal points
  - GGP Consortium (9 institutions, UNECE as coordinator)
  - Consortium Board (steering group)
  - Expert working groups for specific tasks

[ggp.unece.org](http://ggp.unece.org)



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# Key Features of the GGP

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- Macro and micro levels
- Multidisciplinarity
- Comparability
- Life course approach → panel design
- Generations
- Gender





# Target Processes

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- Childbearing
- Partnership dynamics
- Home leaving
- Retiring





# Two Main Explanatory Domains

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- Economic aspects, including subjective assessment of them
  - Activity
  - Income
  - Wealth
  - Education
- Values and attitudes





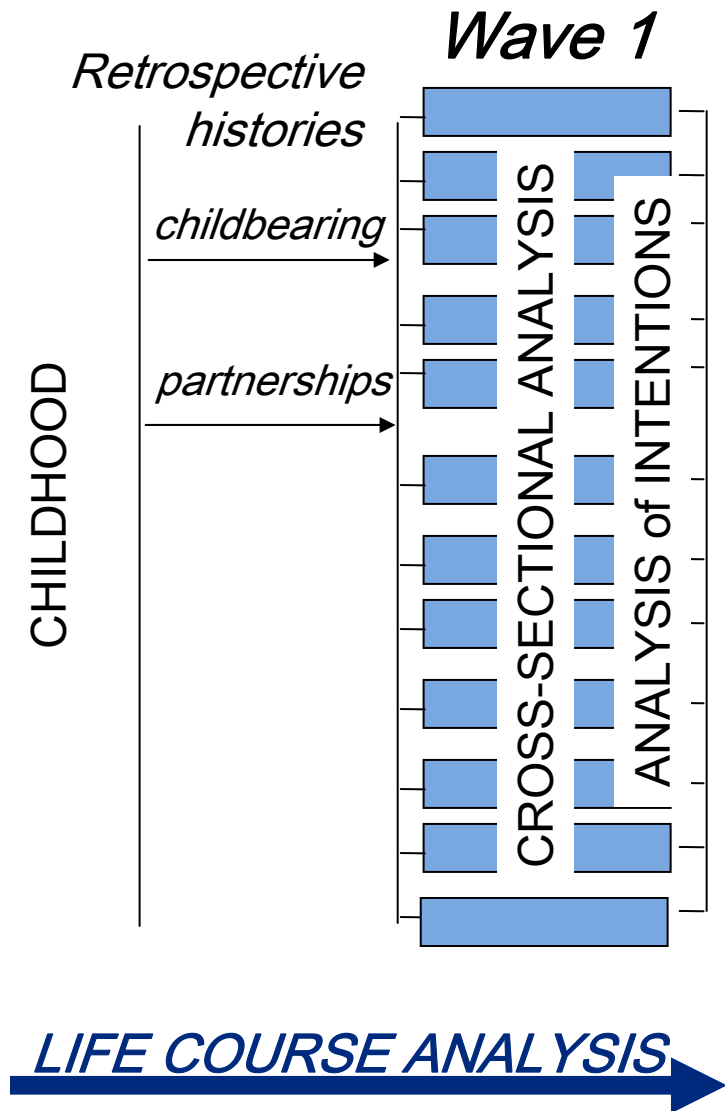
# Other Explanatory Domains

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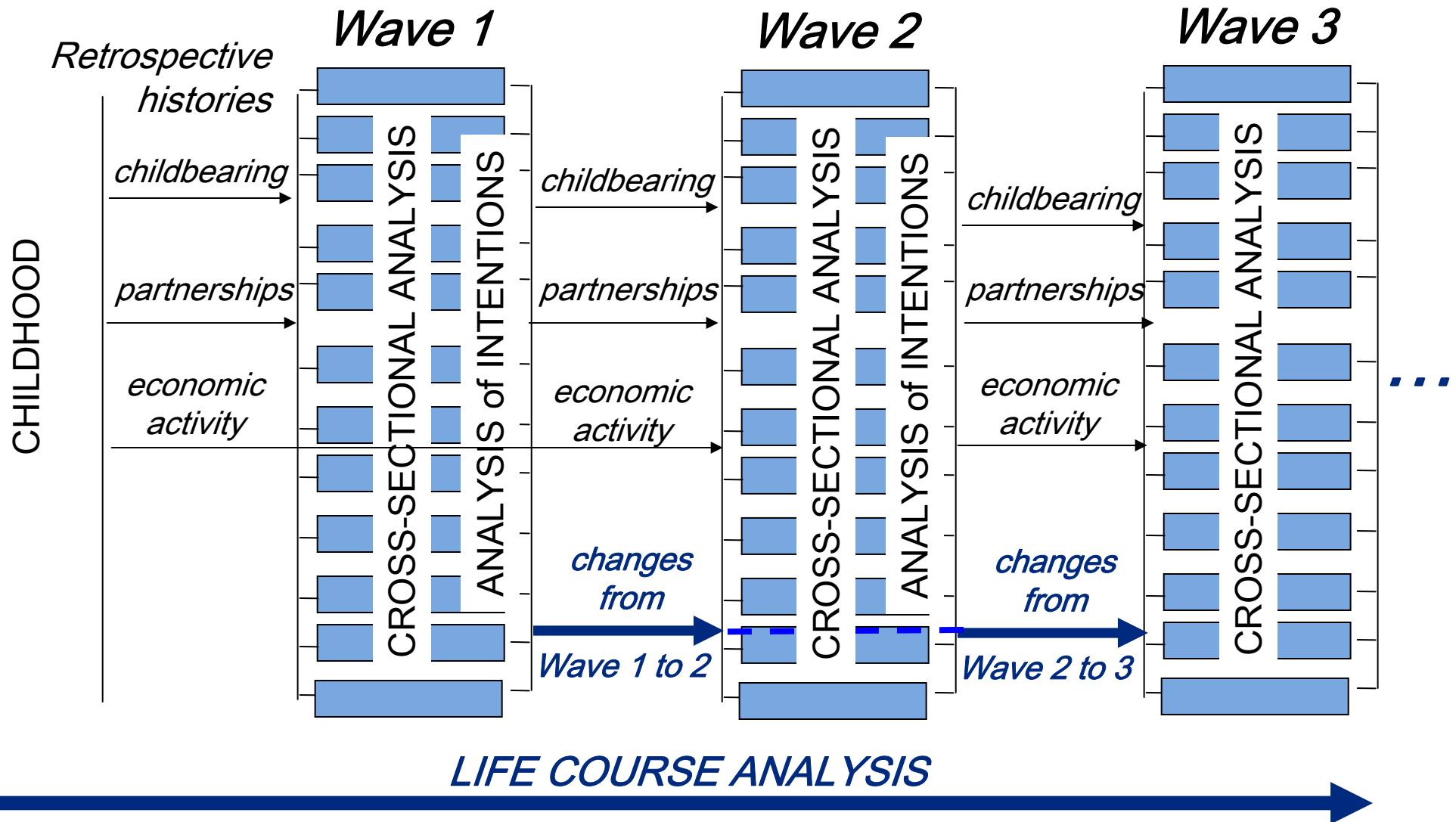
- Parent-child relationships
- Gender relationships
- Household composition
- Housing
- Contraception and infertility treatment
- Health
- Subjective well-being
- Personal networks, private transfers
- Public transfers



# Panel Design

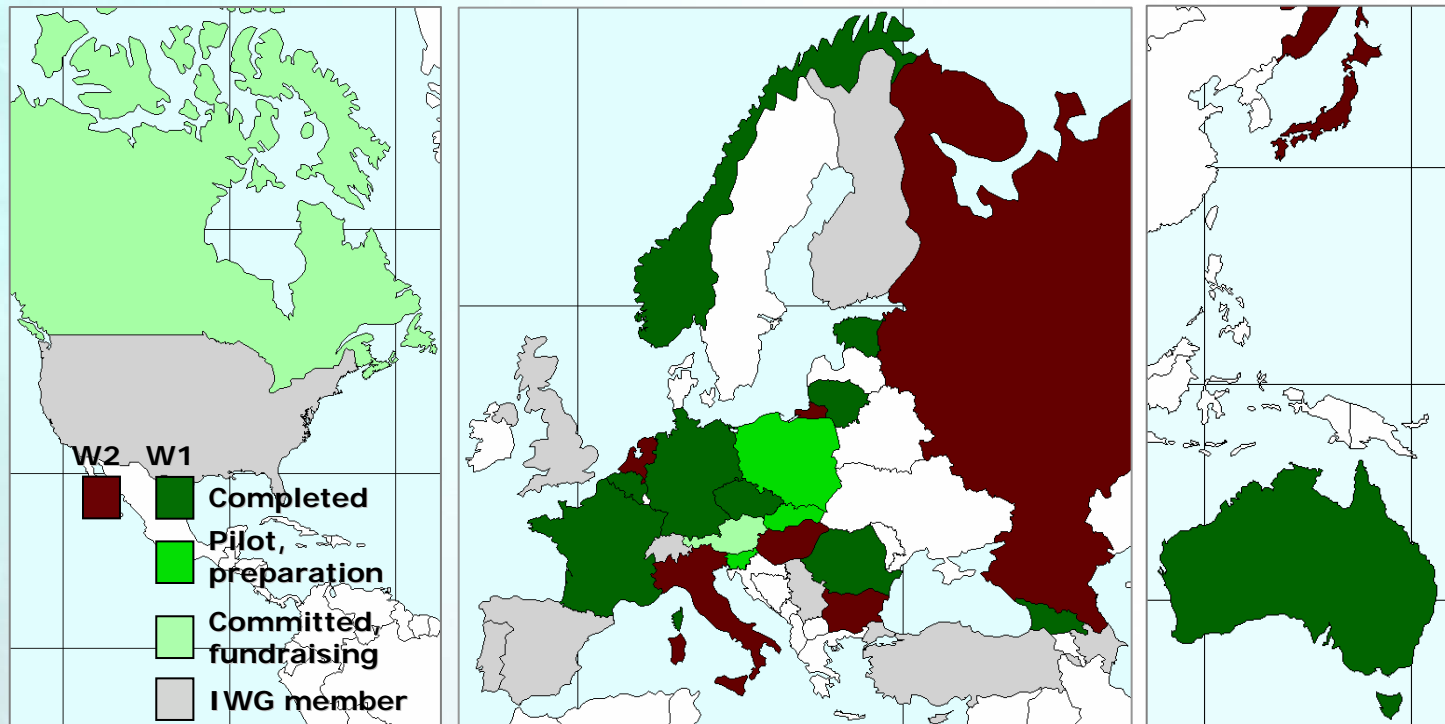


# Panel Design





# Implementation of Surveys





# Contextual Database: Principles

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- Theory-based conceptual framework
- Support of innovative methods of data analyses, integration with the GG Surveys
- Reliance on existing international data sources as much as possible; complemented with national level data collection





# Contextual Database: Content

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- Laws and policies that affect age and sequencing norms as well as the consequences and risks associated with demographic life-course events
- Indicators of gender and generational relations
- Social, economic and political indicators
- 16 topics

Demography  
Health and health care  
Labour and employment  
Unemployment  
Pensions  
Parental and care leave  
Military service  
Education

Legal regulations of personal relations  
Childcare  
Elderly care  
Economy  
Housing  
Tax-benefit  
Culture  
Political system





# Conference in May 2008

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- GGP is delivering results
- Discussion with policymakers



**Thank you for your attention.**