The GGP: Sustainability

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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
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