Generations & Gender Programme Belgium

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GGS Wave 1

• Wave 1 available since September 2011
  – Belgian data: via www.ggps.be
  – Harmonized data: via www.ggp-i.org

• June 2012:
  - Release version 2.0 of Belgian data
  - Release HDF Version 4.1
GGS Wave 2 & 3

• Original plan:
  – 2009: wave 1 (face-to-face interviews)
  – 2012: wave 2 (face-to-face interviews)
  – 2015: wave 3 (face-to-face interviews)

• Financial and logistic problems:
  – No face-to-face wave 2 before 2014
GGS Wave 2 & 3

• 4 options for the future of GGS Belgium:
  1. Postpone waves 2 and 3
  2. Skip wave 2, directly to wave 3 in 2015
  3. Stop of project
  4. Combination of modes:
     - Administrative Wave 2 in 2012
     - Face-to-face Wave 2 in 2015
GGS wave 2 & 3

• Administrative data
  – National register
    • Information on individual Belgian residents + current household members
    • Retrospective information for timing variables
  – Crossroads Bank for Social Security
    • Databank containing administrative data from more than 3000 social security actors
    • Set up for E-government
  – Cadaster
    • Information on dwelling
GGS wave 2 & 3

• Advantages multiple modes
  – GGS Belgium can be continued
  – Financially feasible
  – Additional methodological topics:
    • Validation of linking administrative data and survey data
    • Analysing non-respons and selectivity
GGS Wave 2 & 3

Current Status

• Temporary funding secured for researchers
  - Alternative scenarios prepared for wave 2 & 3: face-to-face versus administrative data

• Funding data collection waves 2 & 3 uncertain
Contextual Database

• Belgian contextual data available online
• Updating in progress:
  – ‘Government Coalitions’, ‘Economy and Social Aspects’

• Updated by the end of 2012