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Editorial

Dear SHARE users and friends,

The pandemic continues to affect every aspect of our lives and will likely do so in the future. Thus, we constantly have to re-adapt to new challenges in these uncertain times. SHARE was no exception, either. However, we were able to turn some of these challenges into chances: We have successfully conducted the first SHARE Corona Survey and already released the SHARE COVID-19 data by the end of 2020. Even more, the first studies based on these data coming from different areas of research have been published. The SHARE team is already preparing the data collection for a second SHARE Corona Survey, which will be fielded this summer - also via telephone interviews (CATI). That way our survey will provide data that allows for analysing the long-term social, economic and health consequences of the pandemic. Data that will be much needed when the aftereffects of this crisis unfold over time on an individual as well as on a national and international level. In addition, the SHARE team is working highly motivated on the data cleaning and release of the SHARE Wave 8 data. Further, there are more news we want to share with you: SHARE-ERIC, the legal entity behind this survey, celebrated its ten-year anniversary in March 2021. Our SHARE Country Teams offer various opportunities to learn more about SHARE based research and our data. In addition, several new SHARE Working Papers and publications based on our data have been published. Please enjoy reading about these and other news in our SHARE Newsletter.

Sincere regards and stay healthy,

Axel Börsch-Supan

First research based on SHARE COVID-19 data

SHARE Wave 8 COVID-19 data used for research on the socio-economic and health consequences of the pandemic



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Based on the SHARE COVID-19 data published in an early release in December 2020, the first scientific publications have been made. The "SHARE Corona Survey", is a special survey of SHARE. Its data allow examining in depth how the risk group of the older individuals is coping with the health-related and socioeconomic impact of COVID-19. The advantage of these data is the possibility to measure and interpret differences in a cross-country and a longitudinal dimension: SHARE's embeddedness in a worldwide network of

harmonised ageing surveys, permits European and even worldwide comparisons of how well individuals as well as healthcare and social systems have responded to the pandemic. The use of data from previous panel waves allows comparing this crisis' socioeconomic impact to previous crises as well as to look at individual burdens that can be examined within SHARE's life-cycle approach.

Please find an overview on the first SHARE COVID-19 research in this [newsletter](#) and on [>>SHARE's webpage](#).

Researchers worldwide can register for free access to these data. For more information, please visit the [>>SHARE webpage](#).

Have you also published a scientific publication based on SHARE-COVID-19 data? Please inform us via email to info@share-project.org.

Planned data collection for the second SHARE Corona Survey

Fieldwork in summer 2021

The SHARE Corona Survey will be fielded in a second round in summer 2021. The collected information will allow for measuring long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on socio-economic and health circumstances. This will for example allow to compare how the high-risk group of older respondents coped with the crisis on an individual level in different points in time during the pandemic, and which lessons for the future should be drawn from the very different political reactions of the SHARE countries towards the pandemic. Preparations for the fieldwork are already ongoing, the Train-the-Trainer-Session (TTT) is planned for May 31/ June 1. In this training session the SHARE team trains representatives from our partner survey agencies from all 28 participating countries regarding the specifics of the survey. This training session serves as a model for the national interviewer trainings that are organized to train the interviewers of each country on how to conduct the survey.

10 years of research excellence as a European infrastructure

SHARE-ERIC is celebrating its 10th anniversary as the first European Research Infrastructure Consortium

In March 2021, SHARE-ERIC celebrated its 10th Anniversary as the first European Research Infrastructure Consortium ever. SHARE-ERIC is the legal entity behind SHARE. The establishment as a European Research Infrastructure Consortium assists SHARE in its research activities on highly topical health and socio-economic issues for Europe and beyond.

“SHARE is a unique observatory for policy effects over the life course and for people’s reactions to policies and events like reforms and crises. Our aim is to improve people’s quality of life with high-quality research on their health and socio-economic living situations and to help making policy reforms more targeted to the needs of people”, says SHARE-ERIC Managing Director, Prof. Dr. h. c. Axel Börsch-Supan, PhD.

SHARE has set new standards in research and scientific data collection: Over the years, it built an operative infrastructure with research teams in 27 European countries and Israel. All continental member states of the European Union participate in SHARE. The survey’s large-scale design has encouraged the SHARE team to come up with constant conceptual improvements, bearing plenty innovations in the fields of methodology. Furthermore, SHARE data enables researchers all over the world to practice in-depth and topical research in a variety of research fields, from biology to demography, economics, epidemiology, gerontology, medicine, psychology, public health, sociology, and more. To date, around 13,000 researchers are working with SHARE data and have produced more than 3,000 SHARE-based publications. The number of publications and users are steadily increasing. In 2020, SHARE registered one new publication every day on average.

Please read more about SHARE-ERIC’s achievements over the past years on [>>SHARE’s webpage](#).

Join our journey through SHARE’s research over time and explore selected remarkable scientific results from the past 10 years ago until today [>> \(PDF\)](#).



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SHARE Compliance Profiles report for Wave 8 published

Assessing adherence to ex-ante harmonisation approach to maximise cross-national comparability

In order to maximise cross-national comparability, the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe applies an ex-ante harmonisation approach, which goes beyond standardised questionnaire design. This includes the centrally programmed CAPI instrument, harmonisation of fieldwork procedures via centralised training sessions as well as centralised electronic instruments for contact data collection and fieldwork management. To ensure proper implementation of ex-ante harmonisation, SHARE employs three instruments: 1) the SHARE Model Contract, which provides the legal framework for standards and quality control; 2) the SHARE Survey Specifications, which define the quality standards of the survey; and 3) the SHARE Compliance Profiles report assessing adherence to those standards ex-post. The first two instruments build the legal and scientific framework to be adopted by all countries participating in SHARE without modifications whereas the compliance profiles serve as a quality assessment instrument. The SHARE Compliance Profiles report is based on a set of quality control indicators, such as timely data uploads, careful implementation of interviewer trainings, proper back checks of conducted interviews, high response rates, or a minimum number of contact attempts in households without an interview. All participating countries are evaluated on these indicators uniformly. The combination of ex-ante specifications and ex-post Compliance Profiles levels the playing field for all participating countries and allows for a fair comparison of national survey quality.

The new SHARE Compliance Profiles report for Wave 8 is available on [>>SHARE's webpage](#):

Schuller, K., Lasson, S., Sand, G., Bergmann, M., Pflüger, S., Hannemann, T., Börsch-Supan, A. (2021). *SHARE Compliance Profiles – Wave 8*. Munich: MEA, Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy.

News from the SHARE countries

Life-histories in Finland – First results based on SHARE Wave 7

The SHARE Finland Team has released a First Results Book on SHARE Wave 7 on life-histories in Finland. This book investigates Finnish population ageing from a life-course perspective, meaning that it looks into how lives unfold over time. This perspective helps to better understand the reasons for population ageing, and it gives an idea of how societies will continue to change in the future. The topics of health and disability, health care, work and retirement, the financial situation, the family situation, and housing are discussed.

Komp-Leukkunen, K. (2021): *Life-histories in Finland: First results from the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe*. Helsinki: Väestöliitto.

Get to know more about the book on the webpage of [>>SHARE Finland](#).



SHARE Netherlands User Conference – Online event on Friday June 25, 2021

The SHARE Netherlands User Conference welcomes SHARE researchers to discover and discuss ongoing research projects from the Netherlands and abroad. During this virtual event, you will hear presentations on SHARE research from multiple disciplines, learn about the new data of the SHARE Corona Survey, and be able to network with other SHARE users. The conference is organised by the Dutch Country Team and their funder ODISSEI, the national research infrastructure for the social sciences in the Netherlands.

Participation is free but registration is required.



Please sign up for this conference at <https://odissei-data.nl/en/2021/03/share-nl-user-conference/>

Introduction on SHARE data and analysis of non-standard data – Applied Statistics conference on Sep. 22, 2021

Within the framework of the Applied Statistics Conference 2021, Dr. Andrej Srakar, member of the Slovenian SHARE Team will hold a workshop on the topic of "SHARE dataset and analysis of nonstandard data: examples and applications". The workshop will present some of the less conventional usages of SHARE data, in particular using functional and distributional regression, dimension reduction and classification approaches.



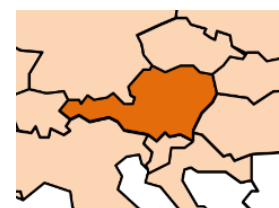
SHARE data users and those interested in SHARE applications and methodological articles are invited to register for the workshop. Please note that for participation in the workshop, **conference fees will apply**. The rates are posted on the [>>conference webpage](#). The workshop presentation will be conducted in the statistical software "R".

About the Conference: The Applied Statistics Conference, usually taking place in a small resort Ribno near Bled, Slovenia, is the main and oldest statistical and methodological conference in Slovenia, with several world leading names, such as Andrew Gelman and Sara van de Geer presenting their plenary lectures in the past. In 2021, the conference will likely take place completely online. Find more information on the conference [>>online](#).

For more information on the workshop, please write to Andrej Srakar, srakara@ier.si

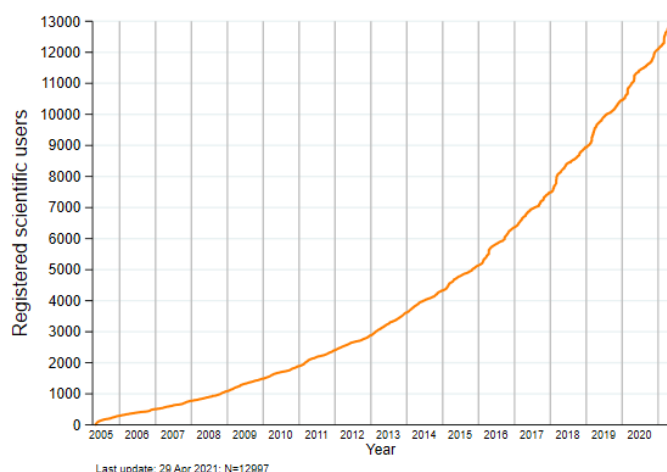
SHARE-ESS Webinar – online 8 June, 2021

The SHARE Austria team, together with the team of the European Social Survey Austria, invites interested researchers (and students) from the social and health sciences to their online webinar on June 8, 2021. In about 20 minutes, the team will present the most important contents of Austria's largest social and health science research databases. You will learn who is eligible to access the data, how to access the data, how the data are structured and can be evaluated, and which additional modules can be offered. Registration for the webinar is not required. Please note that this webinar will be held **in German**. More information on the webinar can be found [>>online \(German\)](#).



Around 13,000 registered SHARE users and more than 3,000 SHARE-based publications

SHARE user registrations and SHARE-based publications constantly on the rise



3000+

publications

based on SHARE data



By the end of April 2021, SHARE recorded more than 12,900 registered SHARE users. More than 3,000 SHARE-based publications have been published. The number of publications and users are steadily increasing. In 2020, SHARE registered one new publication every day on average.

New SHARE Working Papers

New issues of the SHARE Working Paper Series have been published:



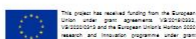
SHARE WORKING PAPER SERIES

Pension knowledge and the effectiveness of pension reforms

Tabea Bucher-Koenen, Irene Ferrari, Yuri Pettinicchi

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SHARE Working Paper 60-2021

Brugiavini, A., R. E. Buia and I. Simonetti: Occupation and Working Outcomes During the Coronavirus Pandemic.

SHARE Working Paper 59-2021

Bergmann, M. and M. Wagner: Caregiving and Care Receiving across Europe in Times of COVID-19.

SHARE Working Paper 58-2021

Arnault, L., F. Jusot and T. Renaud: Social Inequalities in Access to Healthcare Among the Population Aged 50+ years During the COVID-19 Pandemic in Europe.

SHARE Working Paper 57-2021

Bíró, A., R. Branyiczki and P. Elek: Time Patterns of Precautionary Health Behaviours During an Easing Phase of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Europe.

SHARE Working Paper 56-2020

Bergmann, M., T. Birkenbach and R. Groh: Possibilities to Deal with Unknown Vital Status in The Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE).

The entire series can be accessed [>>here](#).

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