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Editorial

Dear SHARE users and friends,

The Corona pandemic has changed our lives profoundly. The Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement has not been spared by this crisis, either. In March, the ongoing fieldwork collection for Wave 8 had to be interrupted in all countries to protect our respondents and interviewers. Nevertheless, scientific research based on reliable data is now more important than ever!

Thus, I am very happy that our survey will soon resume the fieldwork with telephone interviews (CATI) in the upcoming weeks. Moreover, the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe contributes to research about the social, health and economic impact of COVID-19: The new Wave 8 questionnaire will specifically address the respondents' situation during the health crisis covering the areas health & infection, mental health, economic situation, social networks and healthcare. The data collected with this questionnaire will allow examining in depth how the risk group of the older individuals is coping with the health-related and socioeconomic impact of COVID-19.

While the whole SHARE team is working highly motivated on the implementation of this questionnaire, there are other news we want to share with you. Since our last newsletter, SHARE welcomed its 10,000th registered user and several new 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

SHARE's contribution to research on COVID-19

SHARE resumes Wave 8 fieldwork via telephone interviews including a special "SHARE Corona" questionnaire

After the interruption of SHARE's Wave 8 fieldwork, due to the COVID-19 outbreak and associated safety measures, SHARE will resume the fieldwork with shortened, but targeted telephone interviews (CATI - Computer-Assisted-Telephone-Interview). This interview collects variables in the same domains as the regular questionnaire. However, it specifically addresses the health, economic and social situation during the Corona crisis.

Data collection will start at the end of May/beginning of June in a sub-sample of all SHARE panel respondents in 27 European countries and Israel.

The questionnaire contains questions relevant for various research areas:

- **Infection and Health** questions such as: *Have you been tested? Did you or relatives or friends and colleagues have COVID-19 or similar symptoms?*
- **Mental health questions** such as: *Have you been sad or depressed? Do you feel lonely?*
- **Economic** questions such as: *Have you been affected by short-time work? What was your loss of income? Has this loss been offset by government transfers?*
- **Social Network** questions such as: *Who were you in contact with? Who helped you? Did you help someone?*
- **Healthcare questions:** *Did you get access to a doctor in acceptable time? Did you have to postpone an earlier planned operation? Have you been treated satisfactorily in the hospital?*

The data collected with this questionnaire will 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 great advantage of these data will be the possibility to measure and interpret differences in a **cross-country and a longitudinal dimension**. SHARE's embeddedness in a worldwide network of harmonized ageing surveys, permits **European and even worldwide comparisons** of how well the healthcare and social systems have responded to the pandemic and which lessons should be drawn for the future. Moreover, the use of data from previous waves allows comparing this crisis' socioeconomic impact with previous hardships, for example the economic crisis in 2008.

Hence, the new SHARE Corona data will enable researchers and policy makers to **learn from the crisis management in other countries**, linking these new data with what we already know about the life histories of our respondents and thus shed light on whether the already vulnerable have been particularly hit by the crisis, be it health-wise or economically.

Updated Research and Data Center

New user login to download SHARE datasets

The SHARE user login has moved. A change of the server for the Data Research Center had as a consequence that all user login details (username and password) had to be exchanged. We informed all active SHARE users about the procedure via email. Please note that your new username is the email address with which you registered. A new password can be set using the "I forgot my username or password" function.

The new link to the Research Data Center is <https://releases.sharedataportal.eu/users/login>.

News from the SHARE-countries

SHARE partner institutions are looking for new talents

The Center of Research in Public Economics and Population Economics (CREPP) and the Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER) invite high qualified and motivated applicants for a PhD position in Public Economics, within the framework of SHARE. Application deadline is June 15, 2020.

Find out more about this position and its requirements at [LISER's webpage](#).

The Department of Business and Economics at the University of Southern Denmark (SDU) in Odense is looking for a PhD candidate, to be filled by September 1th, 2020. Application deadline is May 15, 2020.

Find out more about the position and requirements at [SDU's webpage](#).

Tailored Training for Managers in Research Infrastructures

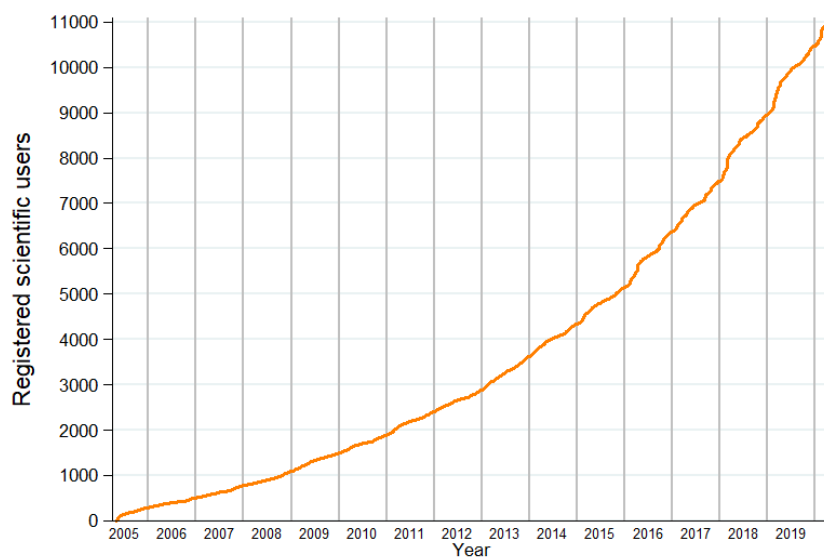
Learn from experienced leaders in research infrastructures through our series of webinars

Rltrain, the Research Infrastructure Training Programme in which SHARE took part, has developed a series of webinars featuring leading personnel from research infrastructures. The webinar formats are a mixture of lectures, short talks and interviews, focusing on a specific challenge that was faced by the speakers and their RI, and how it was successfully overcome. The learning outcomes of each webinar are mapped to a specific module in the Executive Masters in Management of Research Infrastructures.

Find out more here: <http://ritrain.eu>

More than 10,000 registered SHARE users

SHARE user registrations have surpassed a new threshold

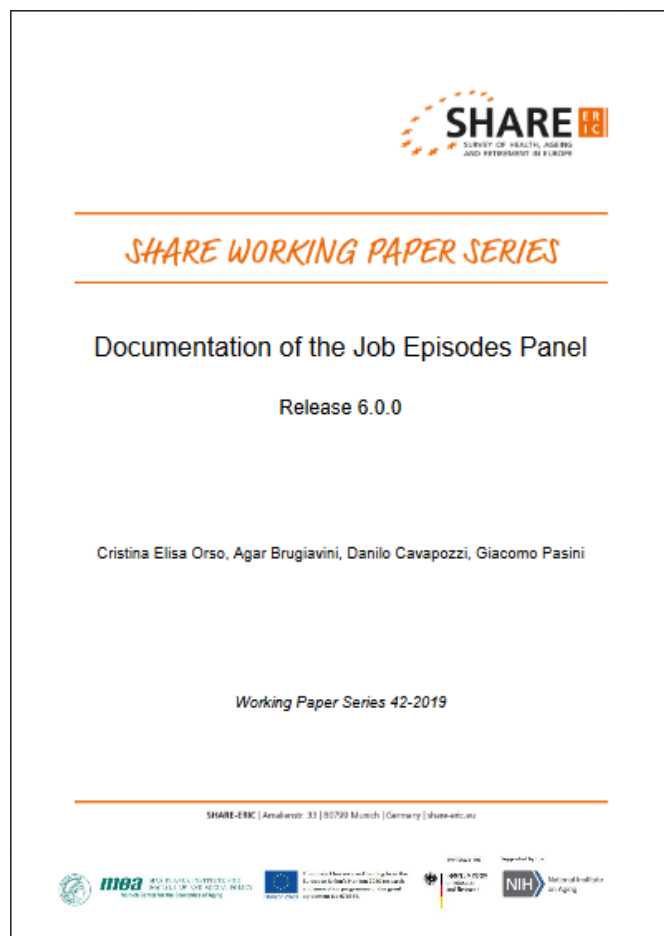


In September 2019, SHARE recorded its 10,000th user registration. By the end of April 2020, more than 11,000 registered scientific users from all over the world were counted.

Numbers that emphasise the importance of SHARE and its data: ageing in all its dimensions needs to be studied over time and beyond national borders.

New SHARE Working Papers

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



SHARE Working Paper 46-2020

Motegi, H., Y. Nishimura and M. Oikawa: Retirement and Health Investment Behaviors: An International Comparison.

SHARE Working Paper 45-2019

Mehrbrodt, T., S. Gruber and M. Wagner: Scales and Multi-Item Indicators in the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe.

SHARE Working Paper 44-2019

Lauridsen, J., Christiansen, T. and A. R. Vitved: Dynamic Changes in Determinants of Inequalities in Health in Europe with a Focus on Retirement: Extended Results.

SHARE Working Paper 43-2019

De Luca, G. and C. Rossetti: Computing Calibrated Weights in Stata.

SHARE Working Paper 42-2019

Orso, C. E., A. Brugiavini, D. Cavapozzi and G. Pasini: Documentation of the Job Episodes Panel: Release 6.0.0.

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

SHARE in the Press - Selected Articles

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New SHARE Publications

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