

19th Conference “Social Monitoring and Reporting in Europe”

Demographic Challenges and Opportunities and their Impact on Individual and Societal Well-being

Villa Vigoni
6-8/10/2025



PROGRAMME

Monday, October 6, 2025

Afternoon - Arrival of Participants

19:00 Reception & Dinner

Tuesday, Morning, October 7, 2025

9:00 – 10:15 Session 1

Chair: Christian Suter (University of Neuchâtel)

Demographic Change and Dynamics of Well-being

Christian Suter (University of Neuchâtel)

Welcome and Introduction to the Conference

Tomáš Sobotka (Vienna Institute of Demography/Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria)

Demographic Trends, Challenges and Divides in Europe

Louis Chauvel (University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg)

Detecting Distortions and Disruptions in Cohort Dynamics of Wellbeing in Europe: A 2004–2022 EU-SILC Analysis of Income, Homeownership, Health, Deprivation and Other Socioeconomic Indicators Using APC Models in 30 Countries

10:15 – 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-12:45 Session 2

Chair: Heinz-Herbert Noll (formerly GESIS, Mannheim)

Trends in (Subjective) Well-being in Ageing Societies

Christian Haerpfer (University of Vienna, Austria) & Claire Wallace (University of Aberdeen, UK)
Recent Trends in Quality of Life and Subjective Well-Being in Europe 2017-2023

Jenny Chesters (University of Melbourne, Australia)
Age and Period Effects on Levels of Subjective Wellbeing: Evidence from the TREE Project in Switzerland

Stephanie Heß (Otto-von-Guericke University Magdeburg, Germany)
The Impact of Cultural Values on the Association Between Family Relations and Children's Life Satisfaction. A Comparison of Children in Two-Parent Families Across 39 Countries

Monica Budowski & Ivo Staub (University of Fribourg, Switzerland)
Planning for Well-being in Older Age in the Context of Ageing Societies and Welfare State Retrenchment

13:00 Lunch

Tuesday, Afternoon, October 7, 2024

14:30 – 16:00 Session 3

Chair: Jeroen Boelhouwer (The Netherlands Institute for Social Research, The Hague)

Demographic Transformations, Social Inequalities, and Regional Disparities

Yevgeniy Martynovych & Dirk Konietzka (TU Braunschweig, Germany)
The Urban-Rural Divide from a Social Stratification Perspective. Socio-Economic Disparities in Place of Residence in Finland, France, Germany, Spain, Sweden and the UK, 2000–2023

Sakari Karvonen & Laura Kestilä (Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare, Helsinki, Finland)
Demographic Change and Societal Sustainability in Finland: Low Fertility, Ageing, and Emerging Inequalities

Balint Menyhart (formerly Joint Research Centre, European Commission)
Equivalence Scales for Social Policy: Taking Needs Seriously

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:30 Session 4

Chair: John Hurley (Eurofound, Dublin)

Social Relations, Social Capital and Social Participation and their Impact on Well-being in Ageing Societies

James Laurence & Bill Calvey (University College London, UK)
Resilience and Recovery among Older Populations in Crises: The Role of Social Capital During and After the COVID-19 Pandemic

Dries Verlet (Statistics Flanders/Ghent University, Belgium) & Marc Callens (Ghent University, Belgium)
Subjective Well-being and its Safeguards: Older and Younger People in Flanders

Crétien van Campen, Jurjen Iedema, & Jos de Haan (The Netherlands Institute for Social Research, The Hague, Netherlands)
Empowering Older Adults: An Explanatory Model of Changes in Resources and Participation on Well-being in an Ageing Society

Jan Eckhard & Manuel Siegert (German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, Nuremberg, Germany)
Social Isolation among Refugees in Germany

19:30 Dinner

Wednesday, Morning, October 8, 2024

9:15 – 10:45 Session 5

Chair: Laura Kestilä (Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare, Helsinki)

Economic Conditions and Housing Situation of Young People, Migration and Demographic Change

Elena Marseglia (Bocconi University, Italy)
Understanding Changing Economic Conditions of Young Adults Over Time: A Comparative Analysis Using the Luxembourg Income Study

John Hurley, Marie Hyland & Sanna Nivakoski (Eurofound, Dublin, Ireland)
Housing Crisis, Household Composition and Labour Market Implications

Rose Marie Azzopardi (University of Malta)
Migration and Demographic Transitions

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:15 Session 6

Chair: Peter Farago (formerly FORS, Lausanne)

Recent (and Future) Social Monitoring and Reporting Activities

István György Tóth (Tarki Social Research Institute, Budapest)
The Hungarian Social Report 2024

Roundtable discussion on the current situation of social monitoring and reporting

12:15 – 12:45 Business Meeting

Chair: István György Tóth (Tarki Social Research Institute, Budapest)

Future Plans

13:00 Lunch and Departure



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