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## European Centre for Social Welfare Policy & Research



The European Centre for Social Welfare Policy & Research, established in 1974, is an internationally established research centre concerned with all aspects of health, social welfare policy and research. Its core functions are:

- 1) international centre of applied social science and comparative empirical research on health, social policy and welfare;
- 2) information and knowledge centre providing research-based social policy intelligence through a think-net; and
- 3) platform initiating future-oriented public policy debates on health and social welfare issues.

Based in a city frequently awarded the title of “**Most liveable city in the world**”, the European Centre is based in the 9th district of Vienna in a beautiful old-style building within short walking distance to the inner city. The European Centre is currently comprised of 21 members, specializing in comparative research across a variety of disciplines, including ageing society, long-term care for older people, health services and system analysis, public health, social inclusion and integration, labour market and inequalities. The European Centre has plenty of office space and sufficient technical infrastructure for visitors. The compact size of the European Centre is optimal for close collaboration between colleagues and visiting researchers. With an extensive network both at the Austrian and European level, the European Centre frequently hosts international events and researchers and integrates a number of international research networks and projects (e.g. GENDER-ERA Net-funded project FutureGEN on health and care inequalities and InCARE on integrated care).

Researchers involved in the COORDINATE project include Ricardo Rodrigues and Cassandra Simmons from the Health & Care unit. The Health & Care unit has extensive experience carrying out quantitative analyses on international datasets and longitudinal data, among which SHARE, which is offered as part of the access visits.



More information on the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy & Research can be found here: <https://www.euro.centre.org/>

# Dataset: Survey of Health, Ageing & Retirement in Europe (SHARE)



The Survey of Health, Ageing & Retirement in Europe (SHARE) is a nationally representative longitudinal survey of adults aged 50+ carried out in 28 European countries and Israel. Carried out on a near bi-annual basis, the SHARE survey first began in 2004 and now contains 8 waves. The research infrastructure is managed by the Munich Center for the Economics of Aging (MEA) of the Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy, along with national teams.

Each regular wave of SHARE contains comprehensive information on the demographics, health, social networks/support, children, long-term care use/provision, employment, pensions, financial circumstances and more of individuals. Although SHARE interviews older adults aged 50+, SHARELIFE modules, carried out for all individuals either in wave 3 (2009) or wave 7 (2017), contain retrospective information on the individual's life. These modules contain information on the individual's childhood circumstances, including on their living situation, accommodation, health status, health care received, and school performance. As it is known that inequalities in later life stem from circumstances in earlier life (i.e. childhood), the SHARELIFE data can be used in a variety of novel ways to study the impact of childhood circumstances on health, wellbeing, poverty/financial circumstances and more in later life. SHARE also contains extensive information about multigenerational families and grandparenting.

SHARE micro data is available online for all registered users, although knowledge of the datasets is required in order to effectively prepare and use them for analysis. In the access visits at the European Centre, researchers will be supported in data managing and preparation as well as quantitative analysis of SHARE data using both its cross-sectional and longitudinal features. Opportunities for collaboration on topics of mutual interest, presenting and discussing ongoing research as well as participation in events taking place at the European Centre (i.e. international seminars, etc.) will also be available for visiting researchers.

**Further information on SHARE, including the questionnaires and wave-specific reports, can be found at <http://www.share-project.org/home0.html>**