Editorial

Dear SHARE users and friends,

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to change our lives. In both our professional and private surroundings, we have to face new challenges every day, during these unusual times. SHARE also had to change and suspend its face-to-face survey, which had already started in the beginning of 2020. We are even more pleased to have mastered this challenge, since we were able to resume our survey by telephone in June and successfully completed it in August; with a new shortened questionnaire and a focus on the long-term social, health and economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis. In this context, we are very grateful that the European Union is supporting the SHARE COVID project with funding through “Horizon 2020” and the European Commission’s “Coronavirus Global Response”. This shows us once again that scientific research based on reliable data is now more important than ever.

Now the SHARE team is working highly motivated on the data cleaning and release of the SHARE Wave 8 COVID data as well as the preparation of SHARE Wave 9. Further, there are other news we want to share with you: Since our last newsletter, SHARE welcomed three new members to its Scientific Monitoring Board. Apart from that, 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-ERIC becomes a central pillar in Corona crisis related research in the EU

The European Commission accepted the proposal of the SHARE-COVID research project to investigate the health, behavioural, social and economic impact of the COVID-19 outbreak

The European Commission announced to support SHARE-ERIC’s COVID-19 research project (SHARE-COVID) by funding through Horizon 2020 and the Coronavirus Global Response initiative launched by Ursula von der Leyen, president of the European Commission in May 2020.

The non-intended consequences of the epidemic control decisions to contain the COVID-19 pandemic are huge and affect the well-being of European citizens in terms of economics, social relationships and health. SHARE-COVID aims to answer recent and future questions about these non-intended effects. The overarching objective of this project is to devise improved health, economic and social policies and to deliver quick results for society for a higher level of preparedness of health systems. The results will for example help to understand the lockdown effects on health and health behaviours and to analyse labour market implications. Furthermore, the impact of pandemic and lockdown on income and wealth inequality will be investigated. SHARE-COVID research also aims to mitigate the effects of epidemic control decisions on social relationships and to improve future epidemic control measures by taking geographical patterns of the disease and their relationship with social patterns into account. Another aim of SHARE-COVID research is to explore ways to improve the housing and living arrangement choices of the older generation while facing the challenges of a pandemic.

By this, SHARE strives to contribute in making healthcare systems and societies in the EU more resilient to pandemics in terms of prevention, protection and treatment of the population 50+, a most vulnerable part of the population. With this funding, the European Commission is paving the way for SHARE-ERIC to becoming a key component in processing the socio-economic consequences of the Corona pandemic in Europe and beyond.

Find more information on >>SHARE’s webpage.

SHARE Wave 8 COVID-19 questionnaire

Fieldwork via CATI from June to August 2020 completed

The fieldwork of SHARE’s Wave 8 COVID-19 questionnaire was successfully completed in August 2020. After the suspension of SHARE’s Wave 8 data collection via face-to-face-mode in spring 2020, a switch to telephone administered interviews (CATI), targeting the impact of COVID-19 was decided.

The continuation of SHARE Wave 8 by asking a special SHARE COVID-19 questionnaire over the phone was carried out in 27 European countries and Israel from June until August 2020. To analyse the long-term effects of the pandemic and the epidemiological containment decisions, the SHARE COVID-19 questionnaire will also be fielded in a second round in spring 2021. In addition, the regular SHARE panel is planned to be fielded in autumn 2021. That way, the received information from the SHARE COVID-19-survey can be matched with the regular panel information. This will for example allow to compare how the high-risk group of older respondents coped with the crisis, how the
national healthcare and social systems responded to the pandemic, and which lessons for the future should be drawn from the very different political reactions of the SHARE countries towards the pandemic.

More detailed information on methodological adoptions and the innovations of this new questionnaire can be found in:


Read more about SHARE’s COVID-19 questionnaire on >>SHARE’s webpage.

**New members in SHARE’s Scientific Monitoring Board**

*Three new members in the fields of Economics, Epidemiology - Biostatistics - Biodemography and Medicine to monitor SHARE’s scientific quality*

SHARE welcomes three new members to its Scientific Monitoring Board: Prof. David Bell, PhD; Prof. Kaare Christensen MD, PhD, DMSc. and Prof. David O. Meltzer, PhD, MD. The interdisciplinary board of now 13 members evaluates SHARE’s scientific quality and assesses SHARE from a user’s perspective. The SHARE team is very grateful for their valuable feedback and commitment and is pleased to introduce the three new members:

**Prof. David Bell, PhD**

*Economics*

David Bell is Professor of Economics at the University of Stirling (UK) and is specialised in labour economics and fiscal federalism. He has had a long-standing and particular interest in long-term care. Prof. Bell has provided scientific advice to several Government Committees in the fields of Finance, Economy, Health and Sport, Welfare and Devolution (among others). In addition, he was adviser to international organisations such as the ILO and OECD. Prof. Bell is a fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, the IZA/ Bonn and an Honorary Fellow of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries. Furthermore, he is Principal Investigator of the Healthy Ageing In Scotland (HAGIS) study.

**Prof. Kaare Christensen MD, PhD, DMSc.**

*Public Health - Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Biodemography*

Kaare Christensen is Head of Research at the Department of Public Health, Unit of Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Biodemography, at the University of Southern Denmark in Odense. He engages in interdisciplinary ageing research combining methods from epidemiology, genetics and demography. Furthermore, he is Head of the Danish Twin Registry and The Danish Aging Research Center and Co-Principal Investigator on the international NIA U19 research program “Long Life Family Study”.

**Prof. David O. Meltzer, PhD, MD**

*Medicine*

David O. Meltzer is Chief of the Section of Hospital Medicine, Director of the Center for Health and the Social Sciences, and Chair of the Committee on Clinical and Translational Science at the University of Chicago (USA), where he is Professor in the Department of Medicine, and affiliated faculty at the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy and the Department of Economics. Prof. Meltzer’s research explores problems in health economics and public policy with a focus on the theoretical foundations of medical cost-effectiveness analysis and the cost and quality of hospital care.

Please find more information about the SHARE Scientific Monitoring Board and its work online on >>SHARE’s website.
SHARE Wave 9 Meeting

Virtual meeting October 13-14, 2020

The SHARE Planning Wave 9 meeting in October took place online due to the current pandemic situation. For two days, over a hundred participants from all SHARE countries and Area Coordinator Teams engaged in discussions and presentations around the evaluation of the fieldwork of Wave 8 and the planning of Wave 9 with a special focus on research from the COVID-19 survey that SHARE conducted during the peak of the pandemic in 2020. It was followed by an Operator’s meeting where data preparation and testing tasks were trained to the Operators.

News from the SHARE countries

Croatian First Results Book of Waves 6 and 7

The SHARE Croatia Team has released a Croatian version of First Results Book of SHARE Waves 6 and 7. Get to know more about the book on the webpage of >>SHARE Croatia.

Annual Activity Report 2019-20

In June 2020, SHARE-ERIC has published its Annual Activity Report. Access the report on >>SHARE’s webpage.

More than 11,700 registered SHARE users

SHARE user registrations constantly on the rise

In October 2020, SHARE recorded more than 11,700 registered SHARE users.
New SHARE Working Papers

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

**SHARE Working Paper 49-2020**
Srakar, A.; Garibay, M. G.; Verbič, M.; Sambt, J.: Measuring precarious work of elderly: The construction of an index with 2SLS-MIMIC.

**SHARE Working Paper 48-2020**

**SHARE Working Paper 47-2020**

The entire series can be accessed >>here.

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Social activity can be good for mental health, but whether you benefit depends on how many friends you have, [medicalxpress.com](http://medicalxpress.com) 29.10.2020

Dia Mundial da Saúde Mental: “Há muito a fazer para combater estigmas” ([World Mental Health Day: “There is a lot to do to combat stigmas”](http://correiodominho.pt) 11.10.2020

Europaweite Befragung zu Gesundheit, Altern und Ruhestand ([Europe-wide survey on health, ageing and retirement](http://nordbayern.de) 08.10.2020

Un pueblo que no cuida a sus abuelos no tiene futuro ([A town that does not take care of its grandparents has no future](http://vaticannews.va) 02.10.2020

Festa dei nonni, auguri al pilastro dell'umanità ([Grandparents' Day, greetings to the pillar of humanity](http://ilcapoluogo.it) 02.10.2020

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I nonni: baby sitter e ammortizzatori sociali delle famiglie di oggi ([Grandparents: babysitters and social safety nets for today's families](http://d.repubblica.it) 02.10.2020
Apoio domiciliário e a saúde do cônjuge (*Home support and spouse's health*), netfarma.pt 24.09.2020

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Studies Say People with Rheumatic Disease Face Work Challenges, *the-rheumatologist.org* 11.09.2020

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EU-Kommission unterstützt Corona-Forschung mit 128 Millionen Euro (*EU Commission supports Corona research with €128 million*), börsenneutral.de - (dpa) 11.08.2020

There's a yawning gap in the plan to keep older Australians working, *thebulletin.net.au* 11.08.2020

Los mayores europeos subestiman los años que les quedan (*Older Europeans underestimate their remaining years*), semccblog.wordpress.com 30.07.2020

Italien: Sterblichkeit hängt nur teils mit Großfamilien zusammen (*Italy: Mortality only partly related to large families*), kurier.at 29.07.2020

Cognitive Decline Precedes Physical Decline in Older Adults, *psychologytoday.com* 22.06.2020

New Findings in Life Science Research Described from University of Lausanne (Associations of end-of-life preferences and trust in institutions with public support for assisted suicide evidence from nationally representative survey data of older ...), *insurancenewsnet.com* 11.05.2020

**New SHARE Publications**

**Book**


**Book Chapters**


Journal Articles


Brandão, M. P. and M. F. Cardoso (2020): Associations between Depressive Symptoms and Being Employed or Retired in Older Adults with Type 2 Diabetes. Primary Care Diabetes (online first). DOI: 10.1016/j.pcd.2020.01.006.


Otones, P., E. García, T. Sanz and A. Pedraz (2020): A Physical Activity Program Versus Usual Care in the Management of Quality of Life for Pre-Frail Older Adults with Chronic Pain in Primary Care: Randomized Controlled Trial. BMC Geriatrics (online first). DOI: 10.21203/rs.3.rs-33919/v1.


Working Papers


Other


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