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Editorial

Dear SHARE users and friends,

We live in challenging, ever changing times. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, every one of us had and has to adapt to new developments and changing circumstances. Not only due to the pandemic, but also due to the most recent destabilizing events in Europe. Events that will certainly leave their traces on individuals' financial stability, social networks and health. Yet, also being a certainty, not all of us will be affected to the same degree. Thus, evidence based scientific research is needed more than ever to shed light on the (unequal) effects of these crises. The SHARE team is therefore proud to have already successfully released the collected data from both the SHARE Corona surveys. In addition, the SHARE teams all across Europe have recently completed fieldwork for the survey’s ninth panel wave. Furthermore, I am delighted to announce that the members of the SHARE-ERIC Council have voted in favour of extending SHARE-ERIC beyond 2024. Associated with this was the creation of the SHARE Berlin Institute (SBI). This new institute will host SHARE’s international coordination, and thus requires a move of the infrastructure headquarters to Berlin. SHARE Central is already working diligently on this transition and is looking forward to successfully navigating this organisational change. Last but not least, 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.

Sincerely,

Axel Börsch-Supan
Release 8.0.0 is now available!

New data set includes SHARE Corona Survey 2

Data from the second SHARE Corona Survey are now available. The second SHARE Corona Survey re-interviewed respondents of the first SHARE Corona Survey enabling to study changes between the start of the pandemic and the situation one year later in a cross-national perspective. The questions covered physical and mental health, Corona-related infections in the personal social circle, quality of healthcare, changes in work and economic situation, social networks and internet use during the pandemic.

Further, Release 8.0.0 comes with some major data improvements: It comprises the latest state of data cleaning and harmonisation across waves, offers new Accelerometry data, including epoch-data, and covers updated special datasets like easySHARE and the Job Episodes Panel.

Researchers can download the data free of charge after registration.

Here, you can find all information about data access and data documentation.

SHARE becomes long-term

SHARE-ERIC Council adopts extension of SHARE after 2024

SHARE, the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe, is a research infrastructure for studying the effects of health, social, economic and environmental policies over the life-course of European citizens and beyond. From 2004 until today, 530,000 in-depth interviews with 140,000 people aged 50 or older from 28 European countries and Israel have been conducted in nine waves of data collection. According to its current statutes, SHARE would have ended in 2024 with its tenth wave.

However, SHARE has consistently increased its productivity in generating scientific output and support for evidence-based policy advice. In its SHARE-ERIC Council Meeting on 17 May 2022, the members of the SHARE-ERIC Council therefore unanimously adopted the decision to extend the duration of SHARE-ERIC beyond 2024.

In 2011, SHARE became the first European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) ever. Over the past years, SHARE has proven its value multiple times. The risks to health even in modern times became obvious during the COVID-19 pandemic. SHARE reacted quickly and established two telephone surveys (Corona Survey 1 and 2). The released data allows researchers to examine the pandemic’s effects on people’s economic situation, social relationships and health. Furthermore, the effects of demographic change in Europe’s ageing societies are getting dramatic with the baby boomers’ retirement. Therefore, SHARE’s longitudinal data, cross-country comparisons and research with a lifecycle perspective are needed to investigate how people cope with a changing world – who gains and who loses.

Foundation for the Council’s decision and a first step to long-term sustainability was the creation of the SHARE Berlin Institute in March 2022, which will house the international coordination of SHARE. Both processes - the move of SHARE from Munich to Berlin with the founding of the SHARE Berlin Institute and the continuation of SHARE-ERIC beyond 2024 - are key steps to sustain the SHARE research infrastructure with a stable central organization.

“We are grateful that the Council members committed to SHARE after 2024. SHARE’s forward thinking future scientific agenda will support researchers and policy makers by providing data and research on pressing challenges like..."
demographic change, health prevention and inequality. Our mission is to further produce a lot of valuable impact on academic research and data-driven policy recommendations,” says SHARE-ERIC Managing Director Axel Börsch-Supan.

Here, you can find all information on the >>SHARE website.

New research institute: The SHARE Berlin Institute

German leading research institutions bring Europe’s largest social science panel study to Berlin

The Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE) will enrich the science location Berlin. Starting in January 2023, the SHARE survey will be maintained and coordinated at the new SHARE Berlin Institute (SBI). The SBI is embedded in a collaboration of four leading research institutions: the WZB Berlin Social Science Center, the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin), the Charité – German Centre of Gerontology and the German Centre of Gerontology (DZA). The new institute will also work closely with the Robert-Koch-Institute (RKI). The new institute is a positive signal for the Berlin research landscape. It will strengthen Berlin as a hub for international, data-based research. Thanks to its participating leading research institutions, the research network will also advance interdisciplinary and international research in Germany. SHARE data serve both basic research and evidence-based policy making at the European and national levels. The move to Berlin will create new synergies from which both areas will benefit.

David Richter is the new Director SHARE Infrastructure at the SHARE Berlin Institute and a Professor of Survey Research at the Free University Berlin. He is interested in the development of emotions, well-being, and life satisfaction across the adult life-span and the influence of life-events on the development of life satisfaction and well-being. Depending on the research question, he uses psychological methods in his studies (like latent growth modelling) as well as methods from the field of economics (like fixed-effects regressions). David Richter studied psychology at Free University Berlin and received a PhD in psychology at Jacobs University Bremen. Before joining the SBI, he worked as acting division head of survey methodology and management of the Socio-economic Panel Study (SOEP) at DIW Berlin, and as a survey manager and researcher at the SOEP, the University of Bamberg, the University of Leipzig and the Jacobs University Bremen.

Data collection finalised for SHARE Wave 9

More than 72,000 interviews conducted in Europe and Israel

The data collection for SHARE Wave 9 was successfully completed in September 2022. It had started by the end of last year and all 28 SHARE countries had been participating. In spite of pandemic-related constraints the SHARE Country Teams were able to realise more than 61,300 panel interviews and more than 10,600 interviews with respondents from refreshment samples.

As in previous SHARE waves, the ninth regular panel wave was conducted via face-to-face interviews (CAPI), chosen to ensure comparability between the survey’s panel waves. In addition, due to the one hour interview duration and certain physical measurements, face-to-face interviews are the most suitable instrument for this type of data collection and distinctive of the SHARE survey. The interview questions from SHARE Wave 9 are close to those from SHARE Wave 8. Furthermore, data from the two SHARE Corona Surveys provide additional information on pandemic-related aspects, which can be linked to data from the regular SHARE panel survey. To complement this information, in Wave 9 the End-of-Life interview (a proxy interview for deceased SHARE respondents) had been extended by several pandemic-related questions. More than 3,400 such End-of-Life interviews were collected in the completed wave. Combined with data from previous SHARE waves, the information now collected will allow researchers to compare the situation of respondents across Europe aged 50 or older before and during the pandemic.
SHARE-HCAP fieldwork has finished

SHARE has successfully completed fieldwork of SHARE-HCAP in five countries.

All participating countries have successfully completed the interviews for SHARE-HCAP, a special study that allows for in-depth measurement of cognition in later life. This special study has been designed to provide ageing studies around the world a comparable instrument for measuring cognitive function among older adults. The SHARE countries in this study are Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany and Italy. More than 2,500 respondents have participated in this special health study.

We are grateful for the efforts of respondents, interviewers and local teams connected to this study.

SHARE-HCAP continues to stay well-connected with other HCAP studies around the world. A lot of knowledge sharing has taken place to help us implement HCAP as harmonized as possible with the other HCAP studies and to keep track of the latest insights.

News from the SHARE Countries

CONFERENCE REPORT: 7th SHARE User Conference in Bled, Slovenia – October 5-7

From October 5 to 7, scientists from all over the world came together in Bled/ Slovenia at the foot of the Julian Alps. They discussed SHARE-related research and ideas around the conference theme “Ageing Societies Facing Health, Social and Economic Crises”. The SHARE survey data can help explore, describe, and understand social processes such as ageing at a time of global crisis from an international perspective and by involving researchers from different scientific fields. The conference featured sessions with scientific presentations and poster sessions, which covered SHARE-based research on topics like the effects of COVID-19 on mental health or on economic stress; long-term care; economic and environmental effects on wellbeing; gender differences in care regimes, jobs and public pension systems; and loneliness, anxiety and personality types. In addition, methodological topics have been covered in a contributed talk about causality and heterogeneous effects as well as in dedicated workshops about SHARE’s Accelerometry study and machine learning approaches with SHARE data. Last but not least, the conference presented an outlook on the future of SHARE.

Please find more information on the seventh SHARE User conference on the [conference webpage](#).
Annual Activity Report 2021-22

*New SHARE-ERIC Annual Activity Report now available through website*

The SHARE-ERIC Annual Activity Report 2021-22 provides an overview of the scientific, operational and financial proceedings of SHARE in the past year. In 2022, it is focussing on SHARE’s future, with a whole chapter explaining everything around SHARE’s transition and its new home: the SHARE Berlin Institute. Of course, it also includes the latest developments of the SHARE-COVID19 project and other innovations. Furthermore, the report outlines recent examples of how SHARE data has supported evidence-based policy making in Europe.

Access the report on >>SHARE’s webpage (pdf).

The SHARE Wave 8 Methodology Volume is out

*“Collecting Cross-National Survey Data in Times of COVID-19” now available*

The new edition documents the most important questionnaire innovations, methodological advancements and new procedures introduced during the eighth wave of SHARE.

Compared to previous waves the eighth wave of SHARE was unique in many ways. While having a smooth start of fieldwork in October 2019, the COVID-19 pandemic started to hit Europe in early 2020 and continues to affect all aspects of life until now – including survey research.

The volume is available as open access >>here (pdf).

Interviews, users, publications: SHARE’s numbers are constantly on the rise

*More than half a million interviews with respondents; 15,000 registered SHARE users and 3,500 SHARE-based publications*

By the beginning of November 2022, SHARE recorded more than 15,800 registered SHARE users and over 3,600 SHARE-based publications. In addition, data have already been released based on more than half a million interviews (536,000) conducted with SHARE respondents in Waves 1-8 and the two SHARE Corona Surveys.
New SHARE Working Papers

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

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The entire series can be accessed >>here.
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