Dear SHARE users and friends,

We started the New Year optimistically and are quite eagerly looking forward to two events:

Firstly, within the next few weeks, the main data collection of Wave 7 will start in 28 countries. SHARE, as the largest pan-European Social Science Panel Study, breaks a new country record – there have never been more countries in one wave. The Wave 7 questionnaire contains a SHARELIFE module for all respondents who did not participate in Wave 3 (first SHARELIFE wave), as well as a standard module for all respondents who already answered a SHARELIFE interview. SHARELIFE focuses on people's life histories and it links individual micro data with institutional macro data on the welfare state. The questionnaire contains all important areas of the respondents' lives, ranging from partners and children to housing and work history to detailed questions on health and health care. We expect the data collection to be finished at the end of 2017.

Secondly, there will also be a new SHARE data release soon: In spring 2017, we will grant access to Wave 6 data. Of course, all SHARE users will be informed automatically as soon as the data is ready for download.

In this edition of our Newsletter, we want to draw your attention on our global sister studies as well. SHARE is embedded in a global network of ageing studies. Therefore, we highlighted the advantages of research with SHARE-harmonized studies. We moreover proudly introduce three new SHARE Country Teams in this edition: Cyprus, Romania and Slovakia.

Please enjoy reading our SHARE Newsletter No. 20!

Yours sincerely,

Axel Börsch-Supan
A new Newsletter Format: The Findings Newsletter

In December 2016, we introduced a new newsletter format: Our “SHARE Findings Newsletter” will be published about every two months. Its main target group is non-scientific, i.e. press, politicians, organizations and the general public. Hence, its content will be a breakdown of scientific findings for a non-scientific audience. The newsletter aims at making academic research more easily understandable and familiarizing a general audience with the research that is done based on SHARE data. Ideally, these easy-to-understand overviews will have an impact in the press by opening up SHARE research to a bigger audience. If you want to subscribe to this Newsletter, please send an email to: info@share-project.org with the subject: Newsletter subscription – Findings Newsletter. All summaries of SHARE based research are also published on our website: www.share-eric.eu.

Global network of ageing surveys: SHARE global sister studies

One of the great advantages of SHARE lies in its harmonization with other similar studies around the world.

The global network of ageing surveys strengthens the cooperation of surveys all over the world that tackle the same issues relevant for individual and population ageing such as health, disability, retirement, active ageing, family and social support. Some surveys were started earlier than SHARE and have influenced the design of SHARE, namely the US Health and Retirement Study (HRS) and the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA). Additionally, SHARE has become a role model for several new ageing surveys worldwide, such as the Korean Longitudinal Study of Aging (KLoSA) and the Japanese Study on Aging and Retirement (JSTAR).

The design of SHARE is most closely harmonized with HRS, ELSA and JSTAR, its American, English and Japanese counterparts. The harmonization enables researchers to analyze data on health, socio-economic status as well as social and family networks in a global perspective and to draw comparisons that exceed the scope of Continental Europe and Israel. In order to give you an idea of the topics for which the harmonization of these studies can be utilized, we would like to provide you with an overview of some recent publications which make use of the three datasets SHARE-ELSA-HRS:


A list of publications using data from all three studies (SHARE, HRS and ELSA) can be found >> here.
Further SHARE “sister studies” are:

1. TILDA - The Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing
2. CHARLS - Chinese Health and Retirement Survey
3. LASI - The Longitudinal Aging Study in India
4. ELSI - Brasil - Estudo Longitudinal de Saúde do Idoso

Introducing three new country teams: Cyprus, Romania, Slovakia

SHARE Country Team Cyprus

The SHARE project in Cyprus is coordinated by the Economics Research Centre (CypERC) of the University of Cyprus. The CypERC is an independent non-profit research institution aiming at high quality policy-oriented research in economics. While its emphasis is placed on matters concerning the Cyprus economy, research at CypERC has a broad perspective and aims at results of high academic standards with wide international interest. The main objective of CypERC is to contribute to the economic debate in Cyprus by disseminating research results with policy implications obtained from in-depth analysis and state-of-the-art empirical investigation. The CypERC is financed by Research Organisations in Cyprus and the European Union, through competitive funding procedures, and contributions from governmental and other organisations.

The University of Cyprus was established in 1989. Despite its brief history, it has earned the respect of the international academic community. Recently it has ranked 55th young university by the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Ranking. The main objectives of the university are twofold: the promotion of scholarship and education through teaching and research, and the enhancement of the cultural, social and economic development of Cyprus. It has 8 faculties, 22 departments and 11 research units.

Nikolaos Theodoropoulos (Country Team Leader) is an Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of Cyprus and academic fellow at the CypERC. He has a BSc in Economics (University of York, 1999) and an MSc (2001) and PhD (2006) in Economics (University of Leicester). His research interests are in the area of labour economics. He is working on issues relating to immigration, social interactions, welfare programs, retirement, education, human capital, mobility, personnel economics, wage differentials, discrimination, and the econometric analysis of linked employer-employee data. He has worked on projects funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, the Boston College Centre for Retirement Research, and the U.S. Social Security Administration. He has published in journals such as the American Economic Review, Journal of Economics and Management Strategy, Oxford Economic Papers, Economic Inquiry, Journal of Population Economics and Research in Labor Economics. He is a book contributor published by the Oxford University Press.

Alexandros Polycarpou (Country Team Operator) is a researcher at the CypERC. He holds a BSc and an MSc in Economics Analysis from the University of Cyprus, and an MSc in Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is also a PhD Candidate in Economics at the University of Cyprus. His research interests are in the areas of public and labour economics and he has worked on a number of projects about tax-evasion, active labour market policies, labour supply behaviour of individuals, tax and benefit systems simulation and the returns of human capital investment funded by the Cyprus Research Promotion Fundation, the University of Cyprus, the Cyprus Government, and the European Commission. He has published in journals such as Economica, Labour Economics, International Journal of Educational Development, Water Resources Management, and Cyprus Economic Policy Review.
SHARE Country Team Romania

SHARE Romania is coordinated by the Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi (www.uaic.ro). The Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi is the oldest higher education institution in Romania. Since 1860, the university has been carrying on a tradition of excellence and innovation in the fields of education and research. With over 23,000 students and 745 academic staff, the university enjoys high prestige at national and international level and cooperates with 403 universities world-wide. The Alexandru Ioan Cuza University is a member of some of the most important university networks and associations: the Coimbra Group, EUA – European University Association, Utrecht Network, International Association of Universities, University Agency of Francophony and the Network of Francophone Universities (RUFAC). These partnerships offer us the opportunity to experience changes, to have student and teacher mobilities and joint academic, research and strategy programmes.

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SHARE Country Team Slovakia

The Institute of Economic Research (IER – SAS) belongs to one of the institutes established right after the creation of the Slovak Academy of Sciences in 1953. In recent periods the institute undertakes national-economy oriented economic research which focuses on finding answers for the state, functioning and directions of the Slovak economy. The research also encompasses utilization and cultivation of the country’s potential, finding ways and resources that minimize risks and threats of Slovakia’s development during the completion of the transformation process in the context of globalization and European integration.

The Slovak SHARE team from the IER - SAS includes the following members:

**Jan Kosta** (Country Team Leader) - senior research fellow working at the IER – SAS since 1992. His research interests are related to the problems of labour market and social policy. During the last years he devotes himself first of all to the problems of ageing of the Slovak population and its consequences on social policies and especially on pensions. He has participated in many national and also international research projects.

**Gabriela Dováľová** (Country Team Operator) – young researcher from the Socio-Economic Development and Labour Market department of IER - SAS. She provides research with a main focus on unemployment, consumption, active labour market policies, silver economy, ageing population and other problems related to the labour market. She also leads courses of microeconomics and macroeconomics at the Faculty of Law at Comenius University in Bratislava.

**Dana Vokounova** (Country Team Operator) - external member of IER – SAS; she is a teacher at the Faculty of Commerce at the University of Economics in Bratislava. Her research interests are mostly related to consumer behaviour. She has long-term experience in surveys for the business and public sector.
More than 1200 new users in 2016

The number of SHARE users and publications is steadily growing. Especially the number of SHARE users increased in 2016: We gained more than 1200 new researchers who plan to use SHARE data for their research projects, among them also students and junior researchers who work on their master or PhD thesis by using SHARE data. In February 2017 we counted 6400 SHARE users.

Again also the number of SHARE based publications grew. We now have registered more than 1500 SHARE based publications in our database.

Selected new Publications

Books


Book Chapters


Journal Articles


Portellano-Ortiz, C., J. Garre-Olmo, L. Calvo-Perxas and J. Conde-Sala (2016): Depresión y variables asociadas en personas mayores des 50 años en España: Análisis con datos del estudio SHARE w5. (Depression and associated variables in adults over age 50 in Spain: analysis based on data from SHARE w5 study,) Revista de Psiquiatría y Salud Mental.


### Working Papers


**Others**


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