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## SHARE Findings Newsletter

This newsletter informs about **selected new research findings** based on data from the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE) by providing summaries of selected studies.

**All texts in these articles can be used for press reports.**

If you have any more detailed questions about the research presented here, please view the whole scientific study (links under the articles) or get in touch directly with the authors of the study.

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### Opening the black box of childhood circumstances

SHARE-based study shows how children's living-conditions influence health in old age



(February 2017) Predicting the effects of childhood circumstances on a person's life is very complex with many factors to be taken into account. Thus, the question how and to which extent social structures during childhood influence health in old age is still considered a kind of "black box". A new study has now made an attempt to open this black box... [>>> Read more](#)

## The „grandparent effect“ on education

Study compares intergenerational influence of grandparents in ten different countries



(March 2017) Whether children are able to get access to higher education heavily depends on their parents' financial and social resources. But is it all up to their parents, or can grandparents influence their grandchildren's educational achievements as well?

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## Well-being of older migrants in Europe

Study compares subjective well-being of migrants and natives



(February 2017) How does it feel to grow old in a foreign country? A new SHARE-based study from the Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy compares the subjective well-being of immigrants and natives.

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## Working beyond pension age?

International study compares the conditions of workers aged 65-80 in Europe



(February 2017) Who are the people who already work until old age, and what are the conditions they face? An international study based on SHARE data from 16 different countries across Europe compares the conditions of workers aged 65-80.

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## Little exercise is better than none

Preventing chronic diseases through minor physical activity more effective than previously assumed



(January 2017) New SHARE-based study shows: You don't need to work out half an hour on five days a week to stay healthy. Even just a little physical activity is already helpful to prevent chronic diseases. A team of French researchers analysed SHARE data from about 55.000 men and women aged 50 years and older from 16 European countries between 2004 and 2013.

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## What makes the perfect grandparent?

New study about partnership status and gender of grandparents in Europe



(January 2017) A new study sheds light on the circumstances under which elderly persons in Europe take care of their grandchildren. The research is based on SHARE data from grandparents living in eleven different countries in Europe.

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#### **About SHARE:**

SHARE, the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe is a multidisciplinary and cross-national panel database of micro data on health, socio-economic status and social and family networks of more than 123,000 individuals (approximately 293,000 interviews) from 20 European countries and Israel aged 50 or older. Beginning with the next data collection in 2017, SHARE will cover 28 countries. The data are available to the entire research community free of charge.

SHARE responds to a Communication by the European Commission calling to "examine the possibility of establishing, in co-operation with Member States, a European Longitudinal Ageing Survey". SHARE has become a major pillar of the European Research Area, selected as one of the projects to be implemented in the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) in 2006 and given a new legal status as the first ever European Research Infrastructure Consortium (SHARE-ERIC) in March 2011. SHARE is centrally coordinated by Prof. Axel Börsch-Supan, Ph.D. at the [Munich Center for the Economics of Aging \(MEA\)](#), Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy.

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