SHARE Wave 4 Key results
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Welcome

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Population ageing is one of the challenges of the 21st century affecting:

- Pensions, health and long-term care
- Economic growth and living standards
- Social (esp. intergenerational) cohesion

Financial, debt and economic crisis has made matters worse

Genuine EU challenge, not only member states

Requires monitoring and benchmarking

Age 50+ shows what welfare state interventions have accumulated over the life-course: health, wealth, and social networks
Aims & principles

Context

Economic
Income security, personal wealth, education

Social networks
Living arrangements, partnership, family, social ties, social support

Health
Physical and mental, health care, disability, morbidity, mortality

dynamic
longitudinal
Wave 1, 2004-05
  SE, DK, NL, DE, BE, FR, CH, AT, ES, IT, GR
Wave 2, 2006-07
  + IE, CZ, PL, IL
Wave 3, 2008-09
  Retrospective life histories
Wave 4, 2010-11
  + PT, SI, HU, EE / - GR
  sample expansion in many countries (6000)
= 150.000 Interviews from 19 countries released!

Fieldwork for Wave 5 just now
  + LU, CAT / - GR, HU
HR about to join
6 more waves up to 2024
Co-operation: a global laboratory
Today:

Morning:
- Selected scientific results from wave 4 by SHARE researchers
- Comments by Georg Fischer, DG EMPL, Director for Analysis & Evaluation

Afternoon:
- How to further develop SHARE as a complex distributed research infrastructure
- Stress on particular features of SHARE: Interdisciplinary, longitudinal and genuinely international („Europeaness“)