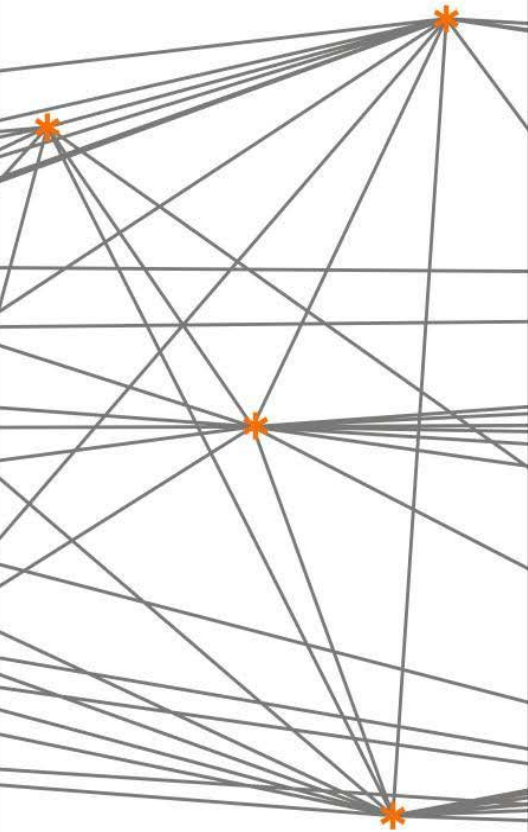


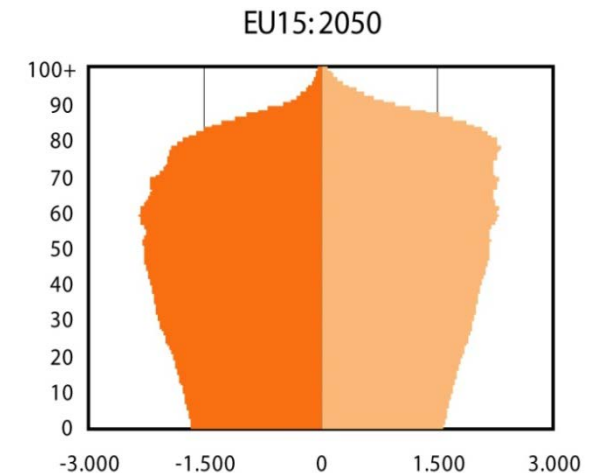
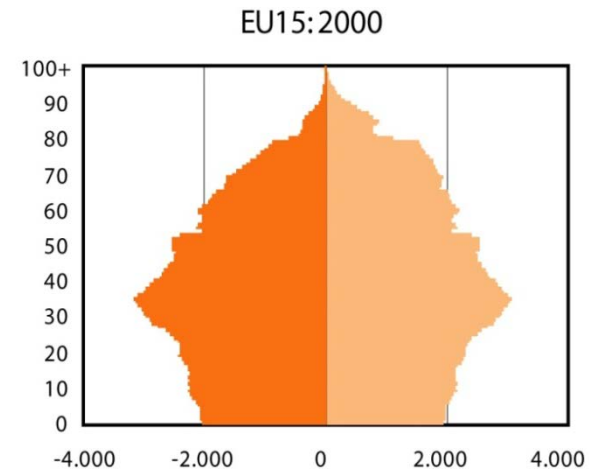
# Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations in Europe

## First Results from SHARE after the Economic crisis

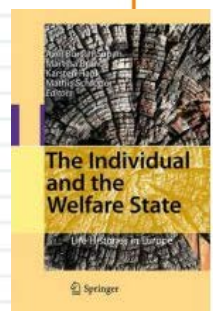
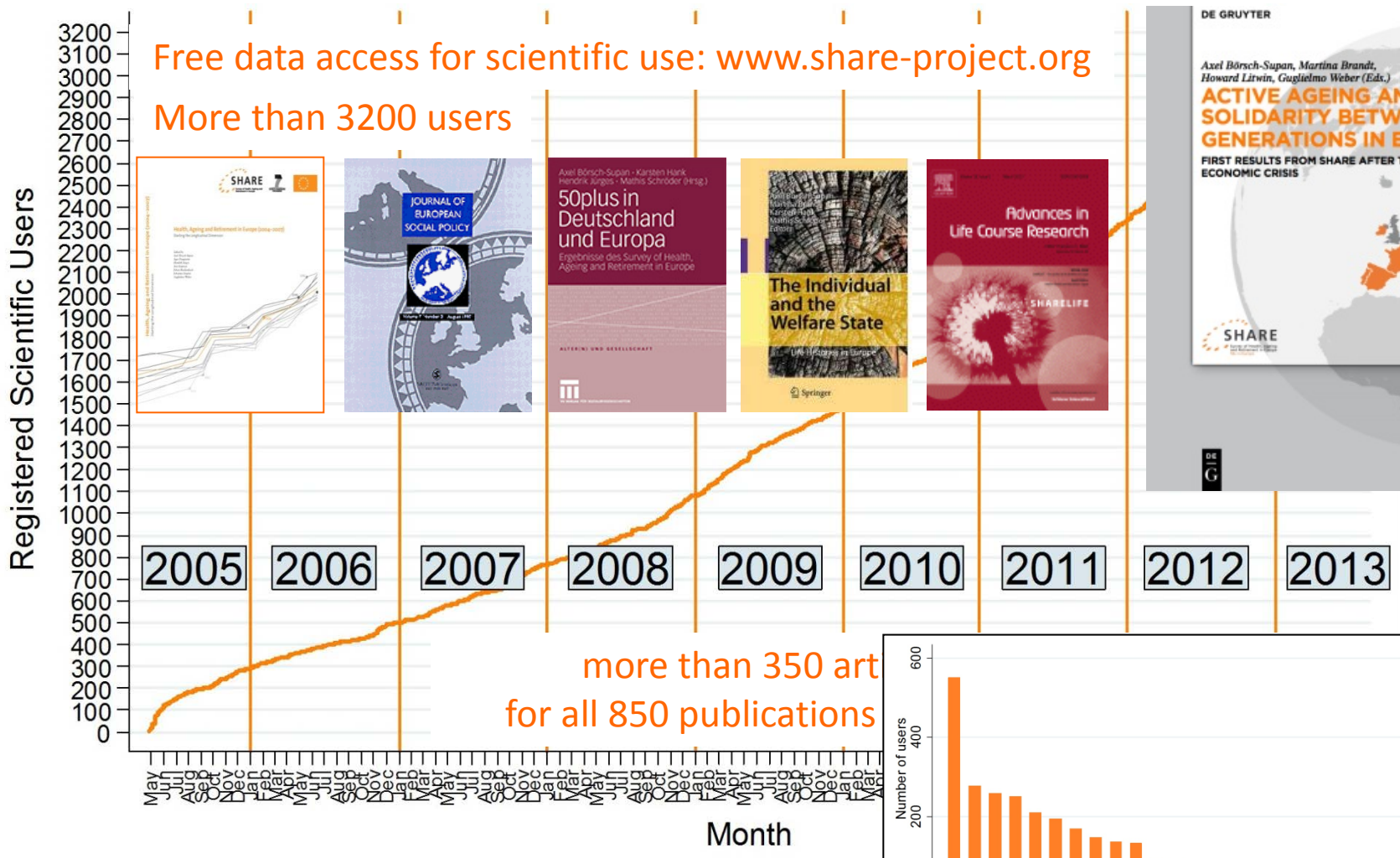
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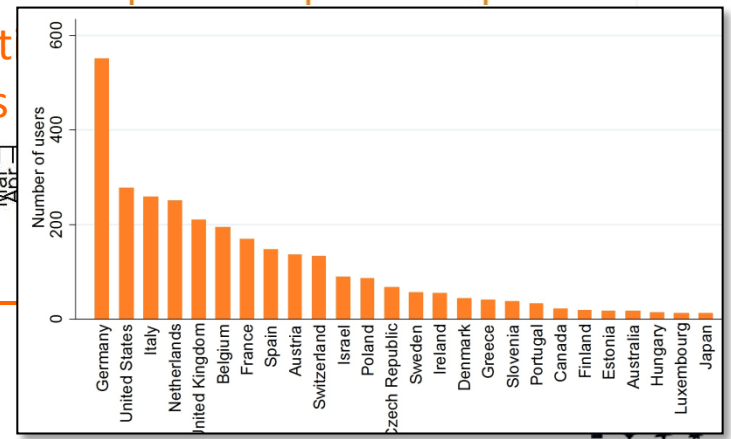
- ▶ Population ageing is one of *the* challenges of the **21<sup>st</sup> century** affecting:
  - ▶ Pensions, health and long-term care
  - ▶ Economic growth and living standards
  - ▶ Social (esp. intergenerational) cohesion
- ▶ Financial, debt and economic **crisis has made matters worse**
- ▶ **Genuine 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



# Data use and publications



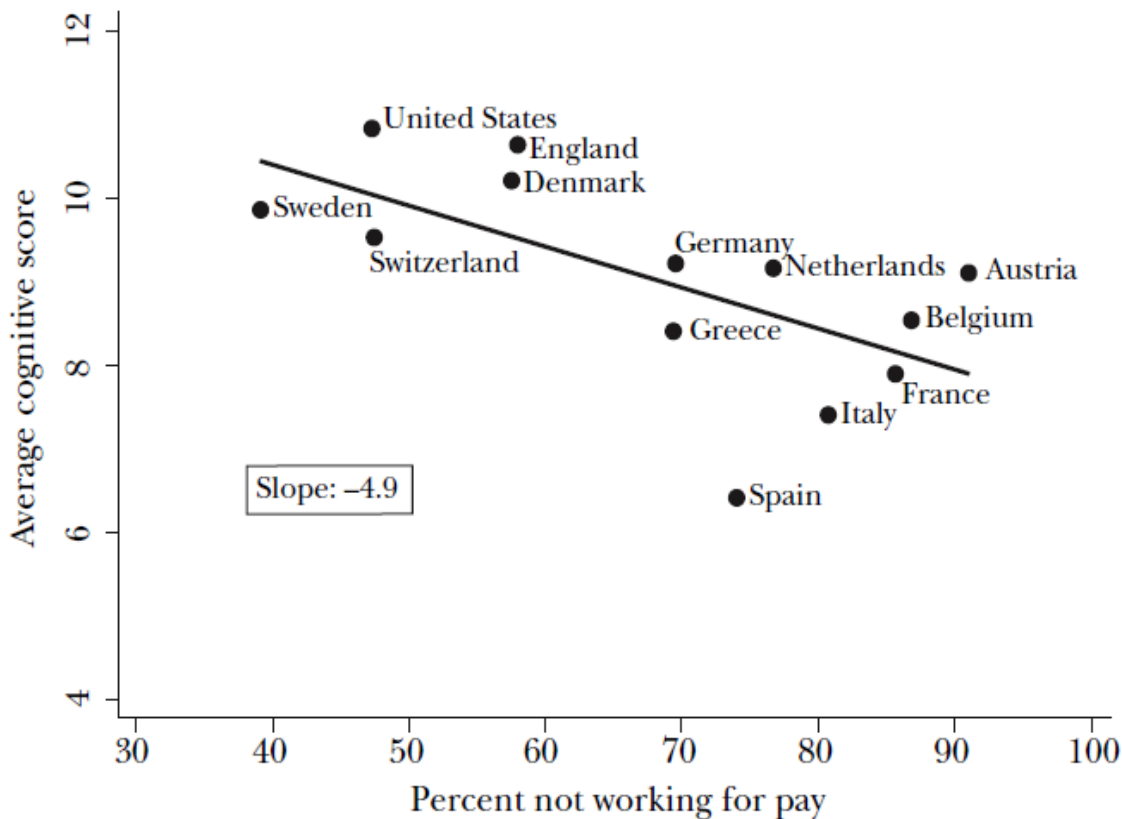
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# SHARE ERIC Retirement, cognition and social inclusion

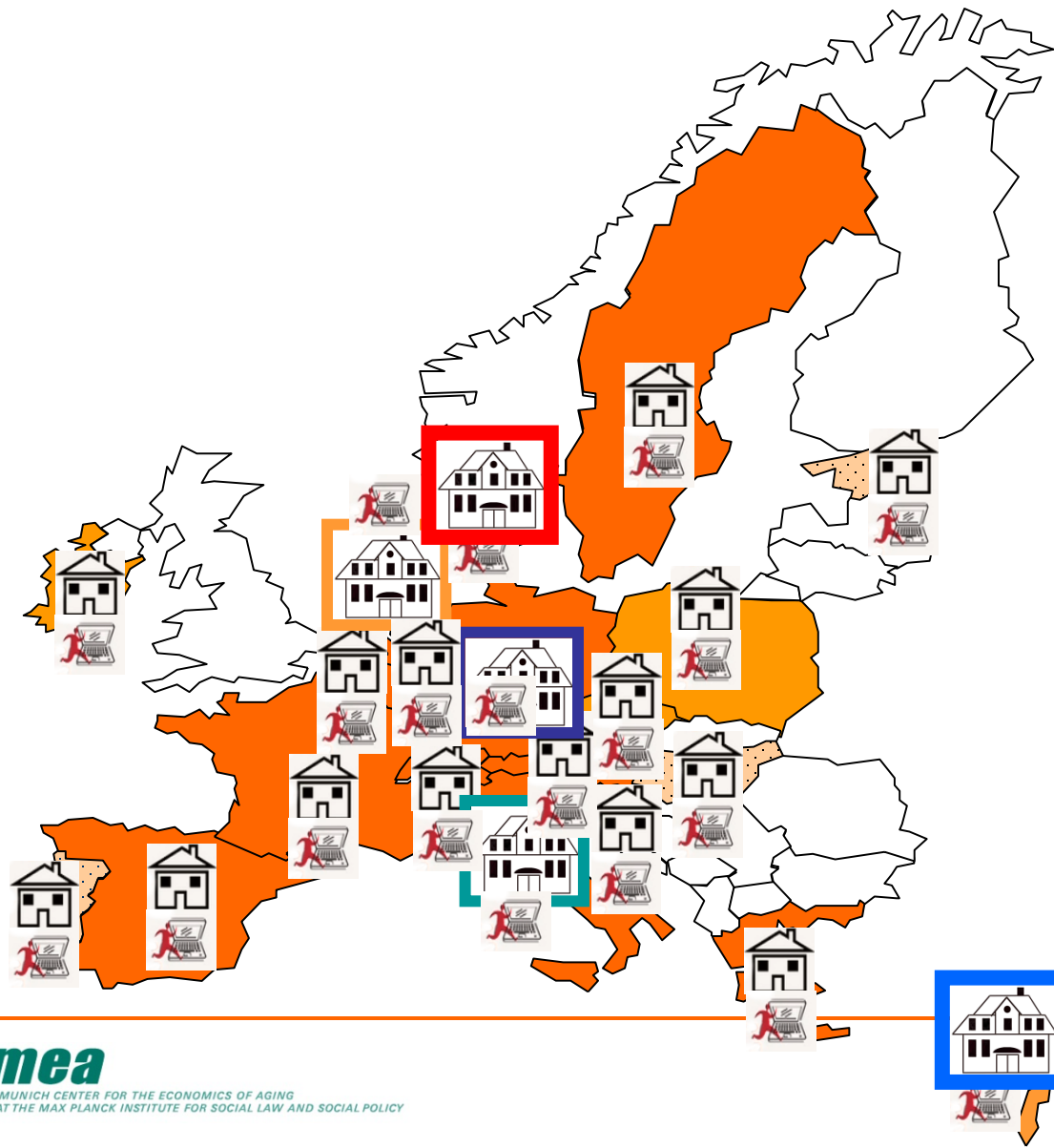
Cognition by Percent Not Working for Pay, 60–64 Year-Old Men and Women, Weighted



Use pension policies as instruments to isolate causal direction

- ▶ **SHARE ERIC (Commission decision March 17, 2011)**
- ▶ **Participation**
  - ▶ AT, BE, CZ, DE (coordination and future host), IT, NL (current host)
  - ▶ CH observer
  - ▶ SI and IL in formal process of accession [ $\Sigma=9$ ]
  - ▶ DK, ES, FR, PT formal letter of intention to sign [4]
  - ▶ all other countries still discussing [7]
- ▶ **What changed?**
  - ▶ legal entity, organizational framework, governance
  - ▶ a long term perspective (6 more panel waves up to 2024)
  - ▶ streamlined procurement rules, VAT exemption
- ▶ However, **still a rough road** to have ERIC accepted as European instrument (ERIC data sets SHARE and ESS not members of the system of EU statistics)

# Organisational challenges of a fully distributed RI



5 main nodes



20 country scientific partner institutions & 150+ scientists



20 independent survey agencies & about 2000 mostly free-lance interviewers

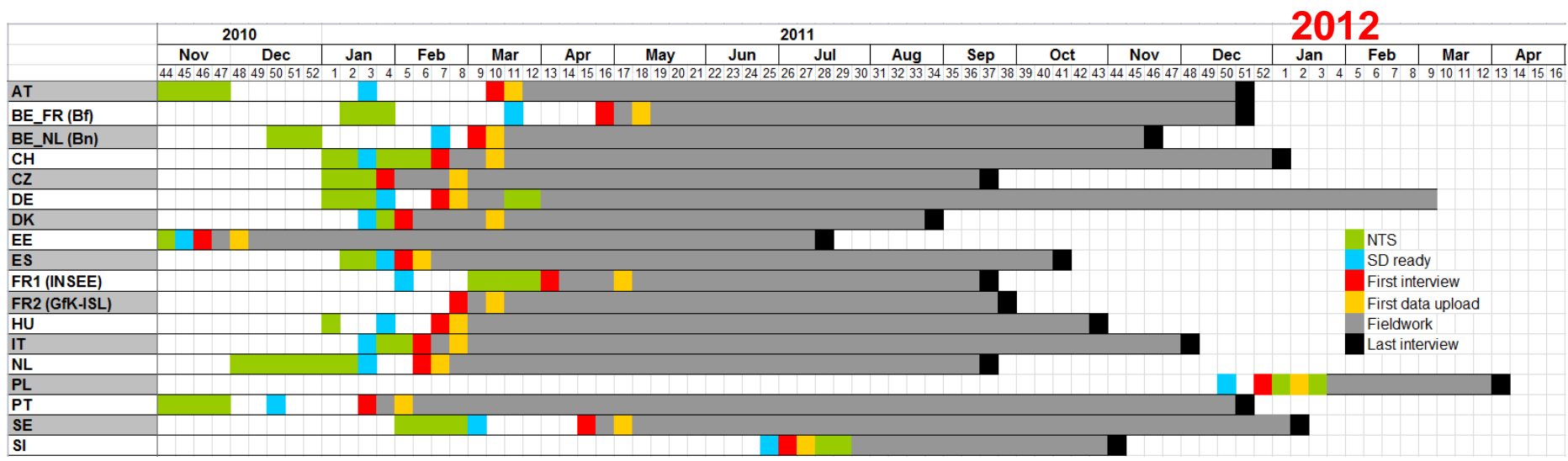
- Synchronized schedule
- Central data base management
- Technical infrastructure
- Many meetings & Internet



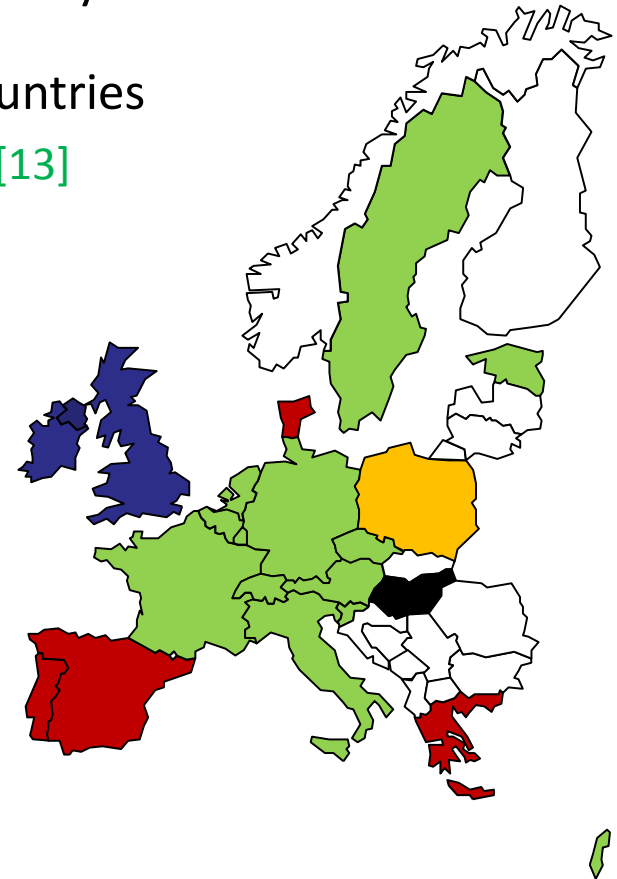
**Decentral funding**



# Harmonization? Project schedule



- ▶ **Wave 5 funding during the debt crisis:** Pretest & training done in all countries, but main field again postponed in many countries
- ▶ Funding for survey is still not secured in all countries
  - ▶ AT, BE, CH, CZ, DE, EE, FR, IL, IT, LU, NL, SE, SI [13]
  - ▶ IE, UK
  - ▶ PL
  - ▶ ES, DK, GR, PT
  - ▶ HU
- ▶ Remember: **Genuine European challenge**, requires monitoring and benchmarking
- ▶ Data for policies comparisons, failures and successes provides **EU added value**







▶ Ageing and the Financial–Debt–Euro-Crisis:

....there is still a lot more  
to happen,  
and to find out!

- ▶ e.g.: the long-term effects of the crisis and effectiveness of policy interventions (old age poverty, health, labor market participation,...)
- ▶ 50+ as magnifying glass & link between debt and pension
- ▶ especially interesting in countries with funding problems!