Key Features
GGS – Round II

**Wide geographical coverage**
In addition to European countries, GGS – II includes countries and territories in Asia and South America.

**Broad age range**
The GGP collects data on the whole life course by interviewing respondents aged 18-79 (or respondents aged 18-59 in countries with an existing survey about aging).

**Large sample size**
The GGP survey has an average of 10,000 respondents per country, making it possible to study numerical minorities and uncommon events.

**Revised and refined questionnaire**
The new GGS Baseline Questionnaire embraces both comparability and continuity with the previous round of the GGS, while implementing several new questions and innovations.

**Longitudinal design**
The GGS II applies a panel design – collecting information on the same persons at three-year intervals – with both retrospective and prospective information.

**Central coordination of fieldwork**
To a large extent, the fieldwork implementation is coordinated centrally to reduce deviations across countries and achieve better cross-national comparison.

**Mixed-mode data collection**
A switch to mixed-mode data collection (web, face-to-face, and telephone) has allowed GGS – II to carry on its fieldwork during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Open data**
Following the open data standards of the Data Documentation Initiative (DDI), a new portal operated by Colectica is used for metadata documentation.