



### **SHARE-COHESION- Cohesion in further developing and innovating SHARE across all 28 member countries**

The population ageing issue represents a key challenge in the EU since it affects ageing-related policies such as those for pensions, healthcare and long-term health reforms. The EU-funded SHARE-COHESION project is a research infrastructure that aims to better understand the challenges of the ageing process in the EU Member States. The main purpose of the project is to collect excellent data combining transdisciplinary, longitudinally and strict cross-national comparability that can be used for research. The results will allow a cross-national comparison of the social, health and economic status of EU citizens over 50 years of age and permit a comparative estimation of ageing-related policies that will support development and innovation programmes.

SHARE, the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe, is a research infrastructure to better understand and cope with the challenges and chances of population ageing. The main objective of SHARE is to provide excellent data for aging research through a combination of (a) transdisciplinarity, (b) longitudinality and (c) European coverage with strict cross-national comparability through ex-ante harmonisation. With its recent seventh wave, SHARE succeeded in covering all EU member states in cooperation with the British Isles Surveys (UK and Ireland). The coverage of all EU member states (plus Switzerland and Israel) is particularly attractive for both scientific and Commission users because it permits cross-national comparisons of the economic, health and social situation of EU citizens aged 50 and over and allows for comparative evaluations of aging-related policies such as pension, health and long-term care reforms.

The project will support the supra-national innovation and development tasks during Waves 8-10 of SHARE, thereby improving the scientific state-of-the-art of SHARE and cross-national cohesion across all 28 SHARE member countries. It addresses all seven targets of this call and the related sustainability criteria. Scientific innovation encompasses new questionnaire content including device-based measures; development encompasses more efficient survey methods including new electronic tools. The project will also fund training as it is instrumental especially for the scientifically less developed Member States and its participating SMEs. The costs of collecting the SHARE data in the Member States as well as routine common costs will not be borne by this project but by SHARE-ERIC through contributions by the Member States and a policy DG.

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