



Tracking the social side of the Green Transition in Europe

Integrating Europe's leading social surveys to support fair and inclusive green transition policies

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The Challenge

50M+

Europeans face
energy poverty

40%

of EU workers in
occupations directly affected by
green transition

2.5x

higher climate-risk exposure
for lowest-income quintile

Europe's green transition policies affect people unequally, **yet we lack a cross-national data infrastructure to track social aspects of the green transition**

Joining forces...



SoGreen



Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)



Ageing Europe:

Longitudinal household survey of 50+ in 28 countries



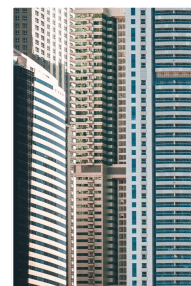
Every two years:

10 waves since 2004



Harmonised questions:

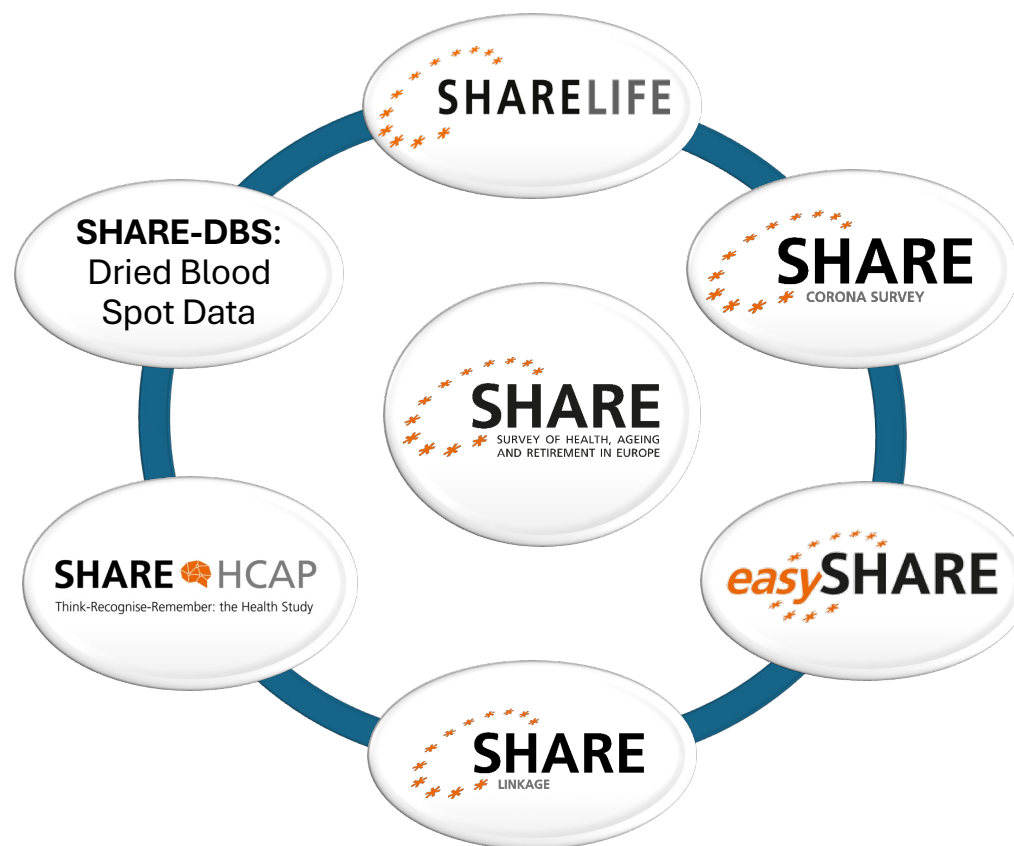
Standardised comparisons between countries



Vast size:

175,000 participants over 690,000 interviews

Special datasets in SHARE



ALL FINDINGS

All

COVID-19

Health & Health Care

Employment

Economics

Family Networks

OTHER



Persistent unemployment is more strongly linked to medication use among highly educated older adults

New study tracks over 14,000 older Europeans to see who ends up medicated for depression or anxiety after losing a job.

Health & Health Care | Employment



Italy's early retirement reform harmed both workers and the party that designed it

A new study finds nearly qualifying for early retirement is worse than not qualifying at all.

Economics



Sorting schoolchildren later may help level the cognitive playing field in old age

Countries across Europe follow very different approaches to sorting young people by ability.

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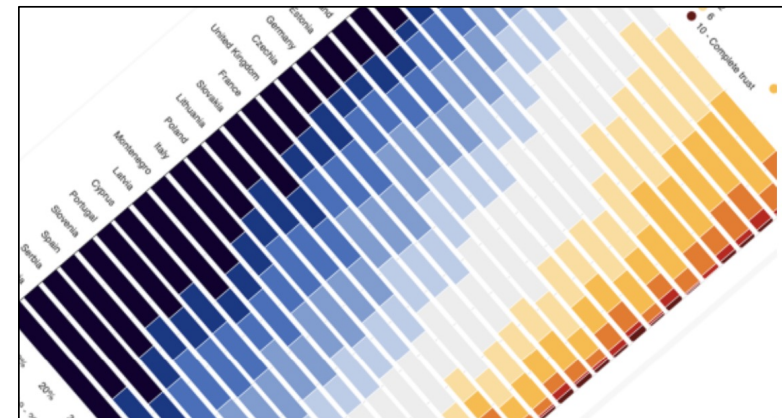


Launched in 2002

Every two years, 30+ European countries

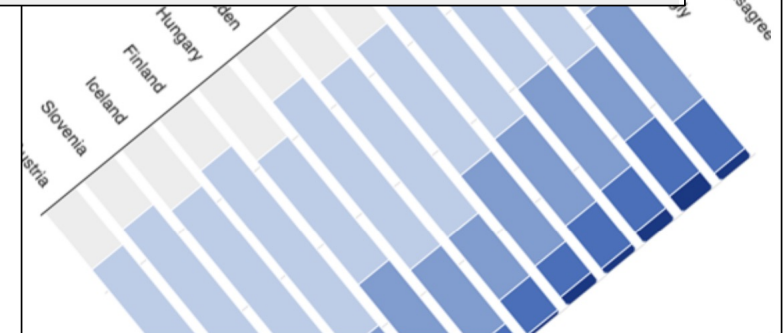
Beliefs, attitudes, behaviour patterns

Roughly 1,500 per country aged 15+



Trust in politicians?

Do Europeans have trust in politicians? See the latest results from the European Social Survey.



Loneliness by age group



30 years

30 countries

300,000
respondents
aged 18-79

Life-course
and family
dynamics

Covering the lifespan together



	Birth to age 24	Adults 15+	Adults 18–79	Adults 50+
General topic	Child wellbeing & digital life	Social attitudes & values	Family dynamics & life-course	Health, ageing, retirement

The SoGreen Questionnaire Module

Harmonised items fielded in 17 countries across SHARE, ESS, and GGP · Fieldwork start: October 2025

Climate Change

Values, beliefs, attitudes, behaviours, public support for climate policies

Contextual Factors

Air pollution, green spaces, public transport infrastructure, extreme weather events

Green Transition Impacts

Energy poverty, transport poverty, job security

GUIDE will develop a 'Baby SoGreen module' for children and young people (December 2026)

 Social Survey Data**Circumstances**

(income, housing, employment)

Resources & Relationships

(social networks, support)

Behaviour

(mobility, consumption, activity)

Attitudes & Values

(climate concern, policy support)

**Geocoded
Linkage**

 Environmental Data**Climate**

(temperature, precipitation, extremes)

Air Quality

(PM2.5, NO2, ozone exposure)

Green Space

(NDVI, park access, urban canopy)

Transport & Accessibility

(public transit, service proximity)

**Linkage enables individual-level exposure and context
analysis across 17 countries**

New questions we can ask

Climate

How does experience of extreme heat change support for environmental policies?

Air Quality

Do perceptions of pollution match measured exposure — and does the gap vary by income?

Transport

How does transport infrastructure accessibility shape travel behaviour?

Green Space

Does proximity to green space increase physical activity and improve mental health among older adults?

Social Cohesion

Does unequal climate-risk exposure erode trust in institutions and undermine social cohesion?

Knowledge Mobilisation Lab

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Network development

Build a network of audiences and stakeholders

2

Expert survey

Create resources to increase the social value of the SoGreen outputs

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Data guides

Promote survey items related to the green transition

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Webinars

Raise awareness & facilitate dialogue re SoGreen outputs

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Blogs

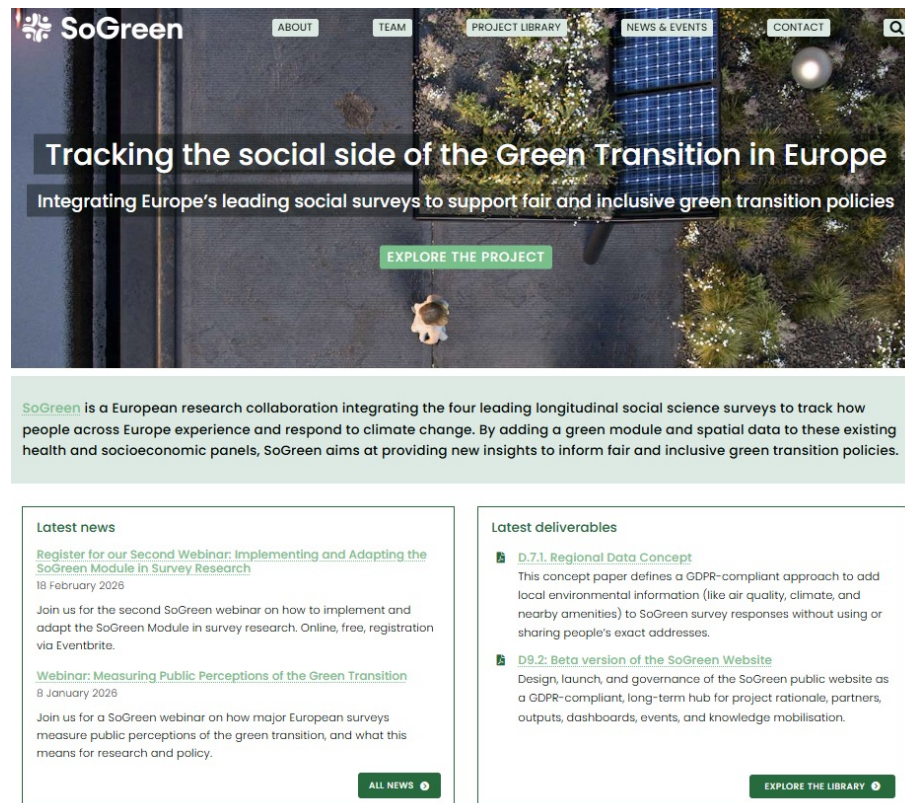
Accessible short outputs linking to significant SoGreen outputs

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Dissemination activities

RI channels: Social media, websites, newsletters

SoGreen Website



What our future dashboards could show:

- **Regional air quality, green space, public transport access** – where living conditions are more or less favourable
- **Extreme weather events and climate risks** – which regions are more exposed
- **Public concern and trust in climate policies** – who is worried, who supports which measures
- **Breakdowns by age, income, gender and more** – to see *who* is most affected or left behind

Dashboards will let the public see who is at risk where in a few clicks – without diving in

Thank you

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