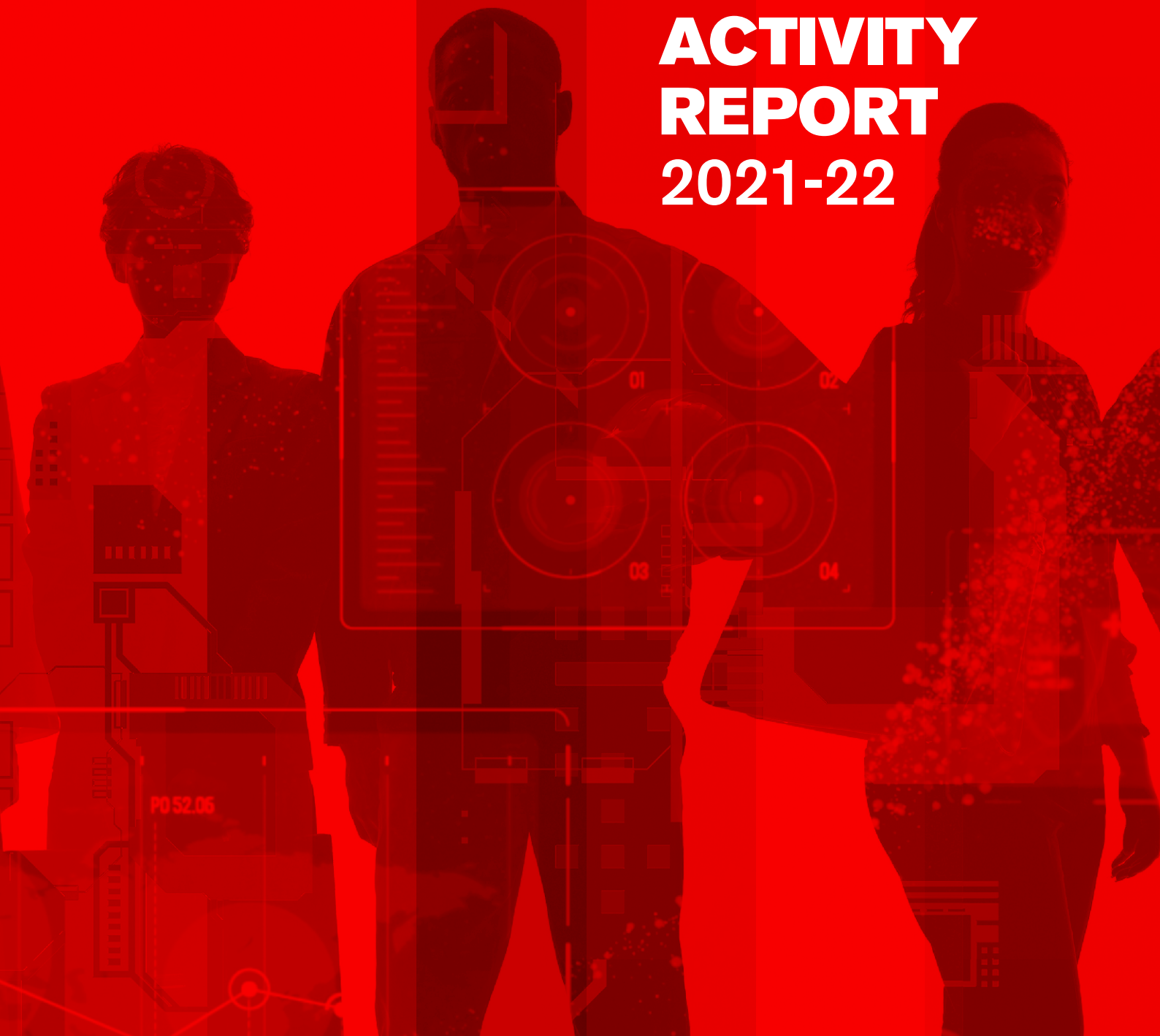


# ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2021-22




## OUR OBJECTIVES

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- facilitate training in the effective use of ESS data;
- ensure the visibility, accessibility and reach of ESS data among researchers in the social sciences and beyond, policy makers and the wider public, at both the national and international level.

(The objectives of the ESS ERIC as set out in its Scientific and Technical Description were re-formulated at a strategic ESS workshop in July 2021, agreed by the ESS ERIC Scientific Advisory Board and endorsed by the GA at the 20th meeting of the GA in October 2021.)





# ESS ERIC ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2021-22



# FOREWORD

BY PROFESSOR MICHAEL BREEN,  
CHAIR, ESS ERIC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Since its launch in 2002, after many years of preparatory work, the European Social Survey has become the pre-eminent social science survey in Europe, primarily due to its methodological rigour. At its very core, the ESS provides international comparisons that rely on strictly comparable data in respect of question wording, translation, sampling, survey mode, data cleaning, data documentation, and many other features. In addition, the provision of contextual information available on every participating country assists in the task of putting results in a correct perspective.

The ESS was awarded European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) status in 2013 and was recognised as an ESFRI Landmark by the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures in 2016. It remains a data source of strategic import across the European Union and beyond.

The current activity report provides ongoing evidence of the central significance of the ESS. With 27 members, and 1 observer, the ESS is the ERIC with the highest number of participating countries. It has more than 200,000 registered users of its data across 241 countries and territories. Since 2003, there have been more than 5,900 methodological or substantive publications, an average of 314 annually.

In all of this ESS has remained at the forefront of social scientific research. In a time of declining availability of fieldwork agencies along with significantly increased costs, it continues to produce detailed plans for new cutting-edge methodologies without any sacrifice of rigour or standards.

All of the work and effort involved in the ESS is not ultimately about the provision of data, although such data and the development of attendant methodologies are its primary considerations. It is, rather, focused essentially on the provision of data toward a given end, viz., the provision of highly detailed fine-grained empirical contexts that are critical for legislators and policy makers who need to understand the complexity of Europe, as well as beliefs, attitudes, opinions and behaviours as documented at the level of the individual citizen, as well as significant insight into the countries and regions of Europe.

Such contextual context has immense significance in the current political climate. At the time of writing there is a major conflict of the edge of Europe, initiated by the illegal invasion of Ukraine by Russia. Across Europe political systems have seen significant gains by parties relying on appeals to authority or nationalism rather than freedom and equality. The denial of climate change, itself a threat to the whole planet, is often marked by insular claims that have no basis in fact. The growth of misinformation, along with its consequent chaos, continues apace. Truth has become relativised rather than absolute. The data of ESS remains a bulwark against all of this. The data provided from ESS assists with the task of creating a just society that is cognisant of both the similarities and the differences across the European constituency, a task that is just as important as the curation of a thriving economy.

Finally, to all who make ESS possible, my profound thanks. The work in which you are engaged is of profound important lasting impact.

**November 2022**





# MESSAGE

**FROM ESS ERIC DIRECTOR,  
PROFESSOR RORY FITZGERALD**

The impact of the COVID pandemic on our societies has been profound and that impact has also been felt in regard to the activities of the European Social Survey (ERIC). The impact of prolonged lockdowns on the ability to conduct a face-to-face survey across over 30 countries is clear. I would like to pay tribute to the work of ESS National Coordinators, fieldwork agencies and interviewers who have worked tirelessly to conduct ESS fieldwork in very difficult circumstances. Many interviews were conducted with both interviewers and respondents wearing masks and practising social distancing. Special gratitude of course is extended to the respondents who agreed to take part in the ESS in very difficult circumstances. Without them there would be no ESS.

The pandemic has also led to a methodological transformation for the ESS. For some time, the ESS has considered if / when it will need to change its data collection methodology from face-to-face interviews to other modes. Such a change would likely have been inevitable in the medium-term as face-to-face data collection infrastructure declines. The pandemic meant that 9 of the 31 participating countries in ESS Round 10 had to use a combination of online and web interviews since face-to-face data collection was not possible. Developing that method for the ESS context and reflecting on the outcome has stimulated ESS to take the decision now that its data collection will switch modes in the near future (likely 2027). This will lead to a once in a generation data collection mode switch and presents significant opportunities and challenges for the ESS. Together with our ESS national teams, and with input from our advisory boards, we are ready for this challenge.

We are now looking ahead to the 2022-2023 period which will see the conclusion of data release from ESS Round 10. We have now passed the 200,000 data user figure and there are almost 6,000 academic publications that make significant use of ESS data. This is a significant achievement for the ESS ERIC infrastructure and underlines the demand for the data services that ESS provides. There will be significant upgrades of our data services and website in 2023 to further improve the infrastructure we provide to ESS data users. This will be complemented by efforts to further improve the use of ESS data by policy makers, especially at the EC level in future. With ESS data on 'democracy' and 'digital social contacts' appearing in 2002 and for 'health' and 'gender' in 2024/25, alongside the ESS core questionnaire topics, there are many opportunities for ESS to make a significant contribution to some of the key academic and political issues in the European Research Area. ESS will also agree a strategic plan for the first time in its history in order to shape its development for the future. ESS ERIC had 27 Members and 1 Observer as of June 2022 with Serbia and Spain having joined most recently. This represents the highest number of national members for any ERIC and is a source of pride for the infrastructure, underlining the power of European scientific collaboration.

Finally, the COVID pandemic also meant that the ESS decided to postpone its 20th birthday celebrations to ensure in-person events could take place. ESS will therefore celebrate '20 years of ESS data' starting from 2023 culminating in a major scientific conference in the summer of 2024. Preparations for the conference are already underway. This conference will allow the users of the ESS infrastructure to come together and highlight the scientific outputs that the ESS facilitates. It will also be an opportunity to make links between ESS topics and the key challenges Europe faces such as climate change, immigration and health amongst many others.

## **ESS ERIC Headquarters, City, University of London. November 2022**

The Regulation No 723/2009 provides that

An ERIC shall produce an annual activity report, containing in particular the scientific, operational and financial aspects of its activities. It shall be approved by the assembly of members and transmitted to the Commission and relevant public authorities within six months from the end of the corresponding financial years. This report shall be made publicly available (Article 17 Reporting and Control).

This Report was approved by the ESS ERIC General Assembly at its meeting in October 2022. It is available on the ESS website: [www.europeansocialsurvey.org](http://www.europeansocialsurvey.org).

# OVERVIEW

The fifth ESS ERIC Work Programme covers the period from 01 June 2021 to 31 May 2023.

This Annual Activity Report covers the first part of this biennial period: 01 June 2021 to 31 May 2022.

Key activities in this period included the final implementation of ESS Round 10 fieldwork (much delayed by the coronavirus pandemic) and preparations for the ESS Round 10 first data release in June 2022.

Ongoing preparations for ESS Round 11 continued alongside the implementation - and conclusion - in most ESS participating countries of ESS R10. Academic usage and non-academic interest continued to increase over the course of this period although at a slightly slower rate due to the delay in providing data caused by the pandemic disrupting fieldwork. Despite the slightly slower growth ESS ERIC surpassed 200,000 registered users since it started providing data in 2003.

The management of disruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic was ongoing. Responses included Round 10 rescheduling, as well as the use of the developed innovative methods and tools that sought to mitigate the impact of the public health restrictions on ESS data collection activities. The ESS ERIC General Assembly approved specific activities arising from the changed arrangements, for example, a fieldwork experiment in Finland was funded by ESS ERIC and, separately funded by the ESRC, an experiment in the UK was completed. Both of these experiments captured the learning arising from the implementation of a previously unused mode of survey administration in ESS - the self-completion mode - that ran concurrently with the traditionally used face-to-face survey in Round 10. In addition, 9 of the countries fielding ESS Round 10 switched completely to the self-completion methodology developed as they were unable to use face-to-face interviews due to the pandemic.

The learning generated during the pandemic and wider changes to the survey research industry led ESS ERIC to make the decision to switch its data collection in the near future, away from face-to-face interviewing to self-completion. This change will represent one of the biggest changes to the operation of ESS ERIC since its inception as a survey in 2001 and an infrastructure in 2013.

MEMBERSHIP  
INCREASED IN  
THIS PERIOD FROM  
**25 TO 27**  
MEMBERS

**SPAIN AND  
SERBIA** WERE  
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MEMBERS.

## HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

**Membership and participation:** Membership increased in this period from 25 to 27 Members. Spain and Serbia were admitted as Members. ESS ERIC has the highest number of Member countries of any ERIC.

Participation in ESS ERIC at 31 May 2022 reached 29 including 27 Members and one Observer (O): Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland (O) and the UK (Host Country).

**Meetings:** The General Assembly met in October 2021 and April 2022. Its Committees, the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), the Methods Advisory Board (MAB), the Research Ethics Board (REB), Finance Committee (FINCOM) and the Funding and Governance Working Group (FGWG) met throughout the year.

The ESS ERIC Director's Committees - the Core Scientific Team (CST) and the National Coordinators' (NC) Forum met as planned. The CST met in September 2021 and February 2022. The NC Forum met in September 2021 and March 2022.

**ESS Survey Coordination:** Preparations for Round 11 were ongoing concurrently with the completion of Round 10. 32 countries participated in ESS R10, the highest number of participating countries in a single round. The Specification for Participating Countries in ESS Round 11 was issued in November 2021 and work on the questionnaire, including the rotating modules on (i) gender and (ii) inequalities in health continued with further pretesting activities initiated.

**32 COUNTRIES** PARTICIPATED IN ESS R10, THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES IN A SINGLE ROUND

THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED USERS OF THE ESS WEBSITE SURPASSED **200,000** BY THE END OF THE 2021-2022 PERIOD

IN APRIL 2022 ESS ERIC ISSUED A STATEMENT OF **SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE** FURTHER TO THE RUSSIAN INVASION AND HAS CEASED ALL COOPERATION WITH RUSSIA

**ESS ERIC Programme of Research:** An ongoing programme of research seeks to ensure that the ESS ERIC is conducted to the highest quality standards and is equipped to face the challenges of the future. The research programme includes research on web and paper self-completion survey administration of cross-national surveys as well as ongoing analyses oriented to the improvement of survey quality (from sampling to interviewer effects). This programme is also supported via H2020 projects. In this period the ESS completed work testing an ESS Electronic Questionnaire Device. This device allows the off-line population to complete the ESS interview digitally.

**ESS ERIC Deliverables:** Deliverables as part of the Work Programme 2019-2021 were largely produced as scheduled; delays due to rescheduling related to the rescheduling of Round 10 fieldwork. Outstanding deliverables were produced alongside the Deliverables scheduled for 2021-2023.

**ESS ERIC Dissemination:** ESS ERIC continued its programme of dissemination, which included a programme of online events that were recorded and uploaded to various playlists on the ESS YouTube channel. The number of registered users of the ESS website continued to increase, breaking the 200,000 mark by the end of the 2021-2022 period (18 May 2022) - at 30 May 2022, there were 200,331 registered ESS data users. Analysis of the take up of ESS data continued to report a steady growth in the number of relevant methodological or substantive English language publications with ESS data usage between 2003 and 2021, reaching 5,972 publications.

**ESS ERIC and ESFRI:** ESS ERIC is an ESFRI Landmark Research Infrastructure on the ESFRI Roadmap 2021.

**ESS ERIC and H2020:** ESS ERIC continued to coordinate the project, Securing the Sustainability of the ESS ERIC, SUSTAIN 2, a project that commenced in January 2020 (<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/871063>). It participated as a partner in five other H2020 projects: SSHOC (GA 823782, <http://sshopencloud.eu>), RI-VIS (GA 824063) and the ERIC

Forum Implementation Project (GA 823798, [www.eric-forum.eu](http://www.eric-forum.eu)). The first two of these projects (RI-VIS and SSHOC) concluded in the period. In addition, ESS ERIC participates in a multidisciplinary project, PAUL Project, GA 101037319, led by ICOS ERIC and in the EOSC - Futures project. Tasks for these two projects were initiated in this year.

**ESS ERIC Global Links:** ESS ERIC continued to develop links with global partners.

In June 2021, ESS released links to data of ESS items fielded in the Life in Australia panel. This is run by Australian National University (ANU) and it replicated items from ESS Round 9 (2018/2019) in the Australian context, with data collected through its Social Research Centre's probability-based panel, Life in Australia. ESS ERIC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (2021-2025) with the Japanese General Social Survey (JGSS). Some items from the ESS R10 COVID-19 module were fielded in the JGSS.

In South Africa, the South African Social Attitude Survey included the ESS module on democracy in its 2021 wave.

In April 2022 ESS ERIC issued a statement of support for Ukraine further to the Russian invasion and has ceased all cooperation with Russia. The ESS ERIC General Assembly approved Ukraine's participation as a Guest country, without contribution, for up to three rounds.

**Strategic Planning:** A Strategic Review Group concluded its activities in this year. In July 2021, an ESS ERIC strategic workshop for CST institutions (ESS Futures) was held. This discussed the future of the ESS and its data collection. The Chair of the Strategic Review Group presented recommendations to the ESS ERIC General Assembly at its meeting of April 2022. A key recommendation is the change from face-to-face to self-completion mode. A roadmap for its achievement was initiated in 2022.



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# 1

## INTRODUCTION

The European Social Survey ERIC (ESS ERIC) is a pan-European research infrastructure.

Its objectives were slightly updated at a strategic ESS workshop held in July 2021 and agreed by its Scientific Advisory Board (SAB).

The objectives of the ESS are to:

- operate a Research Infrastructure providing high quality data measuring change (and stability) over time within and between European countries in their living conditions, social structure, public opinion and attitudes;
- practise and promote the highest scientific standards in cross-national comparative research in the social sciences;
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- facilitate training in the effective use of ESS data;
- ensure the visibility, accessibility and reach of ESS data among researchers in the social sciences and beyond, policy makers and the wider public, at both the national and international level.

The European Social Survey seeks to ensure its results are relevant to academic researchers and teachers, policy makers and civil society. The ESS is fielded every two years and 36 countries have participated in at least one round since 2002. All EU Member States, apart from Malta, have participated in the ESS at least once, as have ten countries from outside the EU (Albania, Kosovo, Iceland, Israel, Norway, Russia, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom).

The Decision establishing the European Social Survey as European Social Survey ERIC ('ESS ERIC'), published in the Official Journal of the European Union, took effect on 2 December 2013. The European Social Survey became an independent legal entity (ESS ERIC), 'owned' by its assembly of Members, the ESS ERIC General Assembly.



In the ninth year of ESS ERIC operations (2021-2022) 29 countries participated in its activities. 27 countries were Members of ESS ERIC; 1 held the status of Observer. Support for country participation as a Guest country was ongoing. The 'Guest country' status was established by agreement of the General Assembly to enable countries to participate in a round of the ESS without playing a formal part in the governance of the ESS ERIC.

**Members:** Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, UK (Host Country)

**Observer:** Switzerland

**Guest:** Kosovo

Each participating country assigns a named National Representative to the ESS ERIC General Assembly. The National Representatives of Observers and Guest countries do not have voting rights. The listing of National Representatives at 31 May 2022 is presented in Annex 1.

The Committees of the ESS ERIC General Assembly include:

- the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB)
- the Methods Advisory Board (MAB) and the Research Ethics Board (REB))
- the Finance Committee (FINCOM)
- the Funding and Governance Working Group (FGWG)

The ESS ERIC Director, Professor Rory Fitzgerald, is the Chief Scientific Officer, Chief Executive Officer and legal representative of the ESS ERIC.

The Core Scientific Team (CST) Institutions include GESIS (Germany), The Netherlands Institute for Social Research/SCP (The Netherlands), University Pompeu Fabra (Spain), Sikt - Norwegian Agency for Shared Services in Education and Research (Norway), University of Ljubljana (Slovenia) and the University of Essex (UK). There are two Deputy Directors of the ESS ERIC; one at ESS ERIC HQ and a second Deputy Director, External:

- Deputy Director: Dr Eric Harrison, ESS ERIC Headquarters
- Deputy Director External: Dr Angelika Scheuer, GESIS

Working collaboratively, the ESS ERIC HQ and the CST Institutions develop and, further to General Assembly approval, implement each of the ESS ERIC Work Programmes.

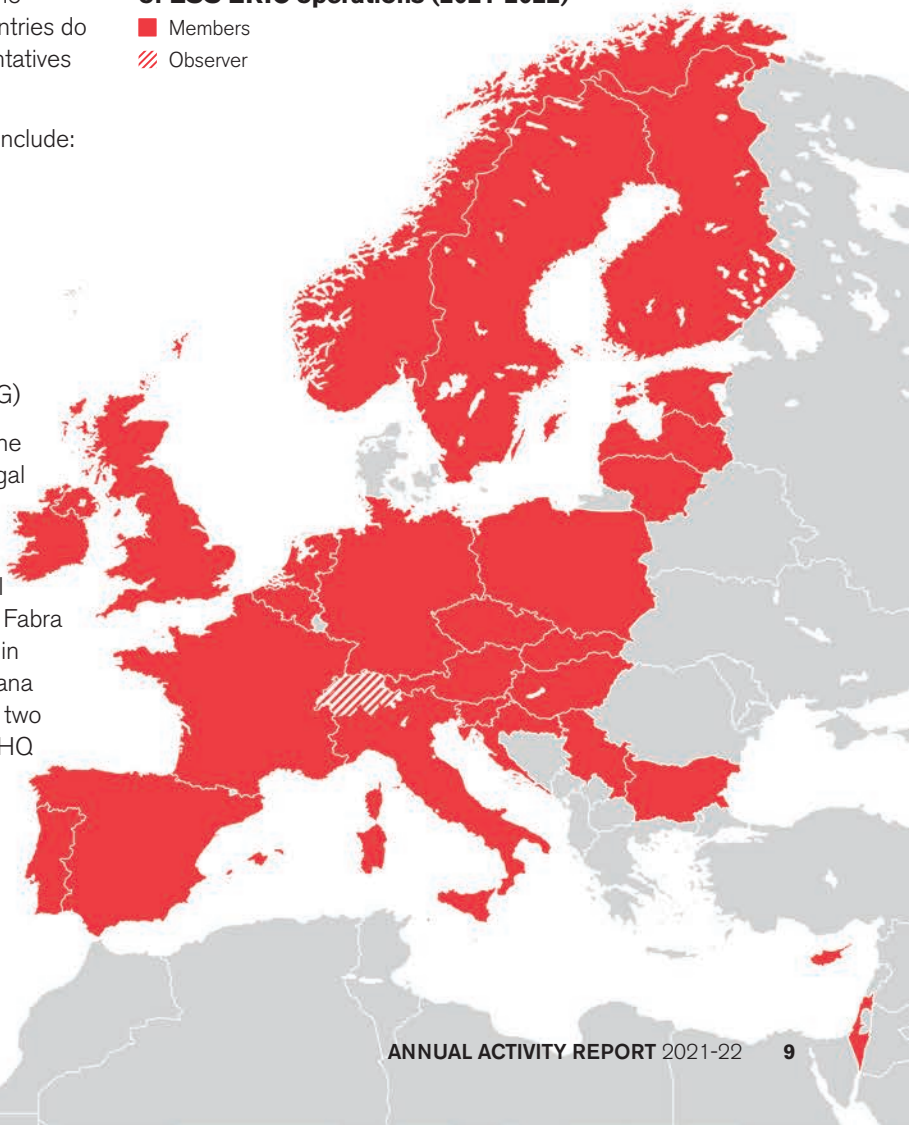
The ESS ERIC Director's Committee, the National Coordinators' Forum, was periodically convened, allowing National Coordinators from each of the ESS participating countries to share learning and best practice.

The members of the GA and Director's Committees are listed in Annex 2 and 3.

This Annual Activity Report covers the first period of ESS ERIC operations under Work Programme 2021-2023 (1 June 2021 to 31 May 2022).

### Participating countries in the ninth year of ESS ERIC operations (2021-2022)

- Members
- ▨ Observer



# 2

## SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

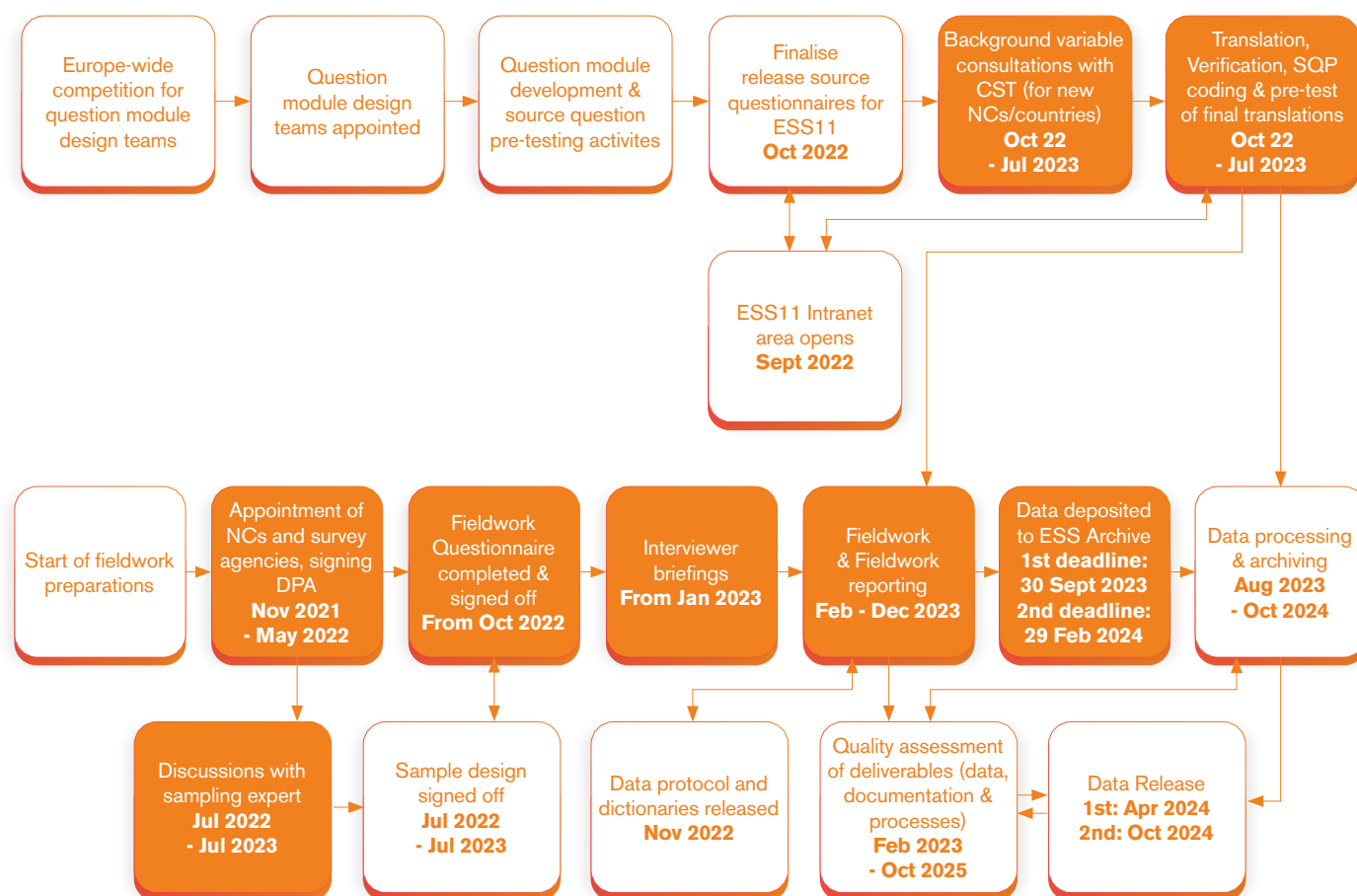
The aim of the ESS ERIC is to chart social change and stability in social structure, conditions and attitudes in Europe and to interpret how Europe's social, political and moral fabric is changing. This is achieved through the fielding of a functionally equivalent face-to-face general population survey across 25+ plus European countries every two years.

The primary focus of the ESS ERIC Work Programme 2021-2023 is on preparation and delivery of Round 11 of the European Social Survey, which is due to enter the field from February 2023. However, due to the pandemic, most countries were unable to start their Round 10 fieldwork until Summer-Autumn 2022. The first year period of this biennial work programme, 1 June 2021 to 31 May 2022, therefore covered the ongoing delivery of Round 10 fieldwork, as well as preparations for Round 11.

This period also covered delivery of a self-completion approach for Round 10 fieldwork, which was used by 9 countries that were unable to deliver Round 10 face-to-face, due to the pandemic. It was also confirmed in this period that the ESS should prepare for a transition to self-completion data collection in the medium term. Initial preparatory discussions and activities regarding this future mode switch were therefore a key focus of this period.

The Survey Specification for Round 11 of ESS was released in November 2021. A small number of changes were made to the compared with the Round 10 specification. These changes are summarised below:

- Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Round 10 timetable, the Round 11 fieldwork period has been revised to run from 1 February 2023 to 31 December 2023. Fieldwork is expected to last for a minimum of 6 weeks and a maximum of 5 months, and it can now be completed any time within this period. However, countries are advised to start fieldwork as early as possible to minimise the risk of late delivery.
- As at Round 10, countries can offer target respondents a video interview at Round 11. National teams can decide whether or not to include the video approach based on their expected level of demand for this (e.g. how effective this option was at Round 10). For Round 11, a video interview can be offered as an equal option to an in-person interview, and not only after a refusal for an in-person interview has been received.

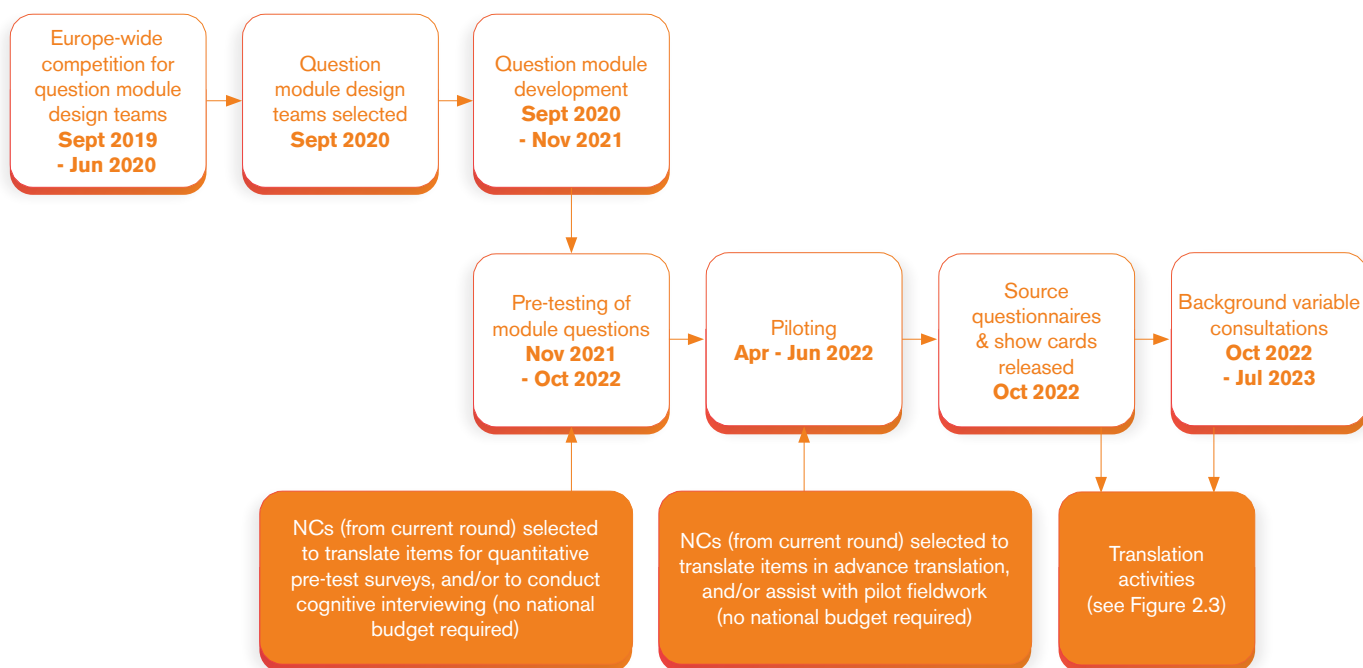
**FIGURE 2.1: Overview of the survey lifecycle of the ESS 2021-23**

- For Round 11, interviewer briefings can either be carried out in-person or online (by video). National teams must ensure that online briefings, where carried out, cover all of the same information as in-person briefings, including the practice interview. Teams should also have evidence of the effectiveness of online briefings (from ESS Round 10 or equivalent studies) before deciding to adopt this approach.
- The number of NC Forum meetings per year has been increased from 2 to 3. This reflects the need to keep NCs regularly updated and to provide their input on both Round 11 concerns and future ESS developments. One meeting each year will be held face-to-face, with the other two held virtually.
- The Round 11 specification advised that national teams should allow contingency in their budgets and tender planning in the event that a mode switch (from face-to-face to self-completion) is needed. This reflects ongoing uncertainties over the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the ability to carry out in-person interviewing.
- National teams were also encouraged to consider experimentation with self-completion approaches alongside their Round 11 face-to-face fieldwork. This reflects the planned mode switch to self-completion data collection and the need to assess the feasibility and practicalities associated with this approach across ESS countries.

Figure 2.1 (above) provides a diagrammatic overview of the entire survey process for Round 11. Dates are given for activities as they pertain to ESS Round 11.



**FIGURE 2.2: Source Questionnaire Development and Pre-testing**



There are three broad areas of activity led and coordinated by ESS ERIC in each survey round:

- Questionnaire design and translation (see Fig 2.2 and Fig 2.3)
- Sampling and fieldwork (see Fig 2.4)
- Data curation and preparation (see Fig 2.5)

The activities undertaken in the June 2021 to May 2022 period in relation to each of these categories of activity are described below.

At all stages of the survey life cycle, the CST works closely with National Coordinators (NCs) to ensure that the way the survey is implemented in each country adheres as closely as possible to the ESS Specification. A list of the activities for Round 11 involving NCs is shown in Table 2.1.

Each country participating at an ESS round is assigned a 'Country Contact' from the CST. The task of the Country Contact is to monitor fieldwork preparations in the countries assigned to them and complete a 'country profile' at the end of the round to facilitate a timely quality assessment.

The ESS ERIC Intranet facility for NCs, integrated within the myESS portal, contains all standards, specifications and guidance documents required for ESS preparations. A list of guidance documents to be prepared and released for Round 11 is included in Table 2.2.

The period between June 2021 and May 2022 saw two meetings of the CST and two meetings of the NC Forum (which NCs from all participating countries are invited to attend). The CST met in September 2021 and February 2022. The NC Forum met in September 2021 and March 2022. In addition, an 'ESS Futures' workshop was held in June 2021, and attended by members of the CST, ESS Scientific and Methods Advisory Boards, and National Coordinators. Due to the pandemic, all meetings were held remotely by video conference.

## QUESTIONNAIRE DESIGN AND TRANSLATION

### Questionnaire design and pre-testing

The period June 2021 to March 2022 saw intensive work on developing the Round 11 questionnaire, including the two rotating modules selected by the ESS ERIC Scientific Advisory Board in the summer of 2020. The two rotating modules for ESS Round 11 are a repeat of the Round 7 module on Social Inequalities in Health and their Determinants (Questionnaire Design Team led by Mirza Balaj, Norwegian University of Science and Technology) and a new module on Gender in Contemporary Europe: Rethinking Equality and the Backlash (Questionnaire Design Team led by Susan Banducci, University of Exeter, UK).

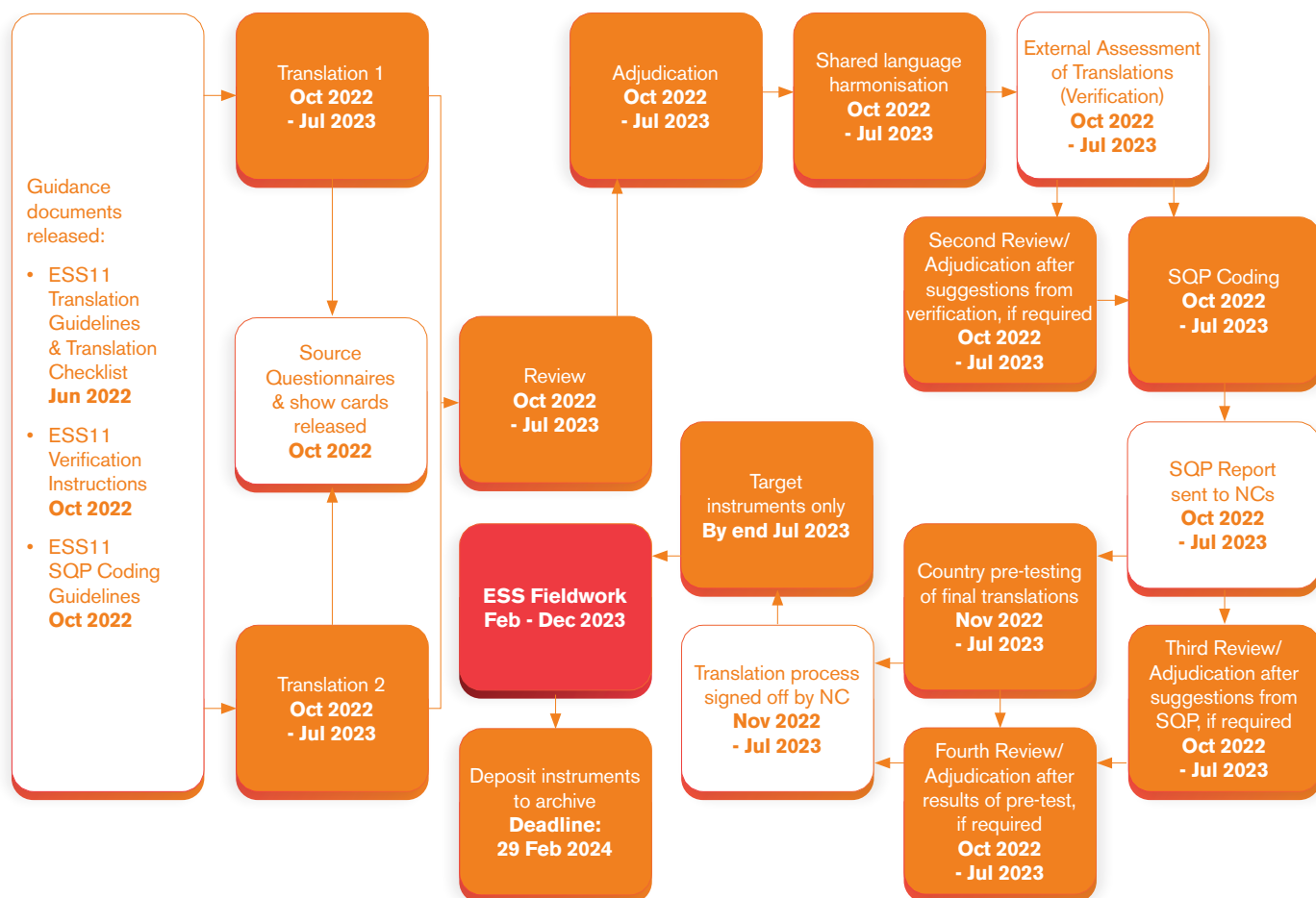
Several stages of pre-testing of the Round 11 questionnaire were undertaken between June 2021 and May 2022. Two phases of online testing were carried out in the UK and Lithuania, in June 2021 and December 2021, respectively. Online testing was used in place of face-to-face omnibus testing, due to restrictions on in-person interviewing during this period. Cognitive interviewing took place in three countries (the UK, Austria and Hungary) in October 2021. A revised version of the questionnaire was then prepared for piloting with 400 respondents in two countries: the UK and Austria, with fieldwork carried out in June 2022. Advance translation of the questionnaire was also undertaken in several countries to test for any translation issues. Learning from the pilot and advance translations fed into final changes to the Round 11 questionnaire, which will be released to national teams in early October 2022.

A central CAPI program was used by several ESS countries at Round 10, as part of an integrated tool suite produced by Centerdata (funded by the SUSTAIN-2 grant). Between June 2021 and May 2022, the tool suite was used to support delivery of Round 10 fieldwork. It was also confirmed in this period that the tool suite would be used for up to 12 countries at Round 11.

A call for rotating module applications for ESS Round 12 was issued in February 2022. Two modules will be selected by the ESS ERIC Scientific Advisory Board over a two-stage process in 2022.

The full cycle of questionnaire development and testing for Round 11 is shown in Figure 2.2.

**FIGURE 2.3: Producing Country Questionnaires: Translation, External Assessment, Harmonisation of formal characteristics of the questions and Pre-testing**



## Translations

Once the source questionnaire is issued, countries undertake translation activities following the TRAPD process (Translation, Review, Adjudication, Pre-testing and Documentation) to ensure the functional equivalence of the questionnaires fielded in each country (see Figure 2.3). The translation process is overseen by GESIS.

During the period from June 2021 to May 2022, a small number of ESS countries completed their translations for Round 10. Due to the shift in the timescale for Round 11 fieldwork, translation activities for Round 11 will not start until later in 2022.

The Round 11 translation process is shown in more detail in Figure 2.3.

## SQP Coding

The SQP (Survey Quality Predictor) Coding for Round 10 was completed during this period. Following translation, this procedure, overseen by UPF, compares the formal characteristics of the questions between the target language and source versions and highlights any discrepancies. UPF

submitted its report on findings of Round 10 SQP coding in December 2021.

## Questionnaire experiments

To ensure that ESS continues to be world-leading in standards for cross-national questionnaire design, UPF continued their programme of work on question quality. In this period, they commenced work on developing a Multi-Trait Multi-Method (MTMM) experiment for inclusion in the Round 11 questionnaire.

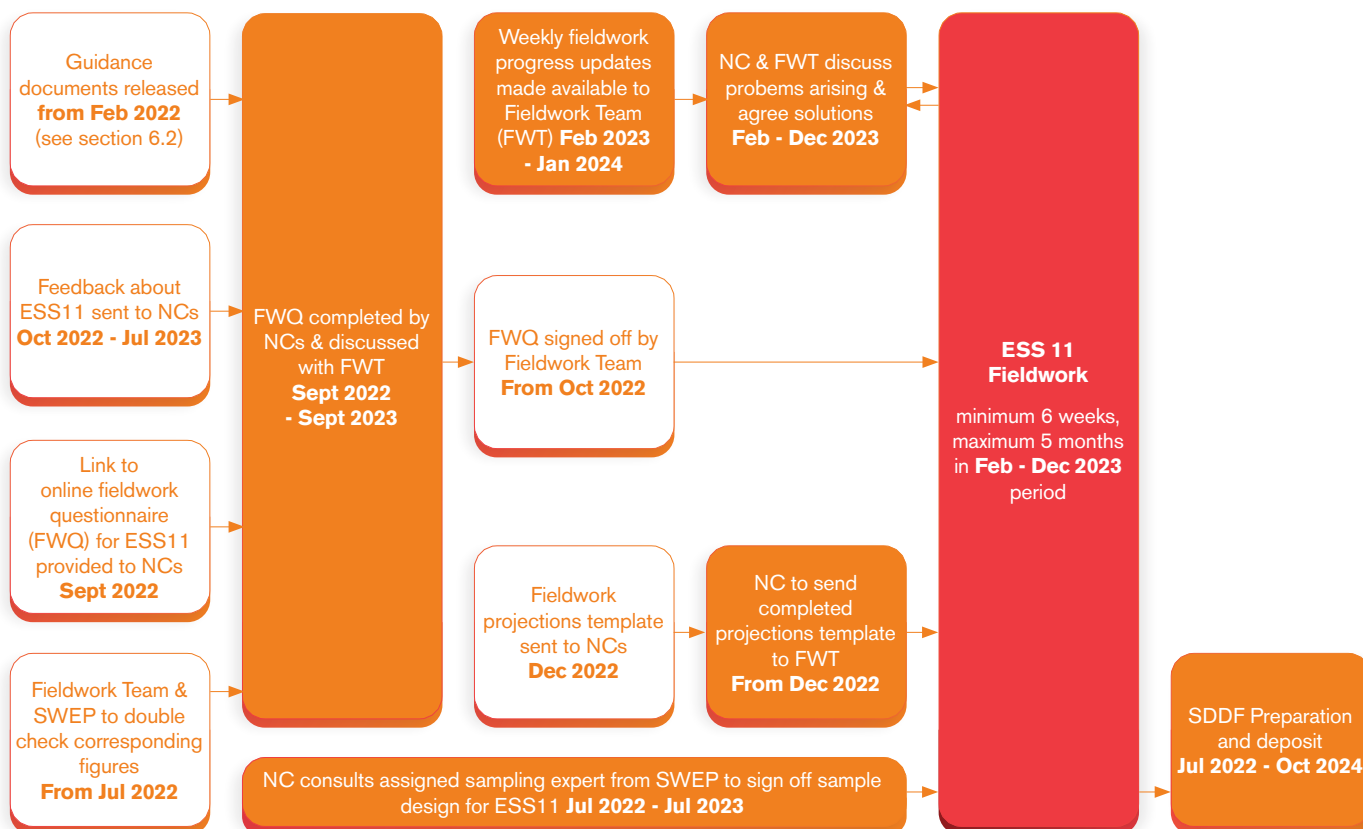
## SAMPLING AND FIELDWORK

### Sampling

Sampling activities for ESS are overseen by a Sampling and Weighting Expert Panel (SWEPP), led by the University of Essex.

Each country participating in an ESS round is assigned a dedicated sampling expert to assist them in ensuring their sample design, which must be approved by the SWEPP before the start of fieldwork, in line with the ESS Specification (see Figure 2.4). During the period between June 2021 and May 2022, the SWEPP experts worked closely with some of the

**FIGURE 2.4: SAMPLING AND FIELDWORK**





**31 COUNTRIES**  
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participating national teams for Round 10 to advise on, review and approve their sampling designs. This included advising on changes to sample designs for countries that switched from face-to-face to self-completion data collection at Round 10.

Other key activities for the SWEP in this period included preparation of design weights for countries included in the first Round 10 data release. The SWEP also prepared the Round 11 sampling guidelines, due for release in the summer of 2022.

### Fieldwork

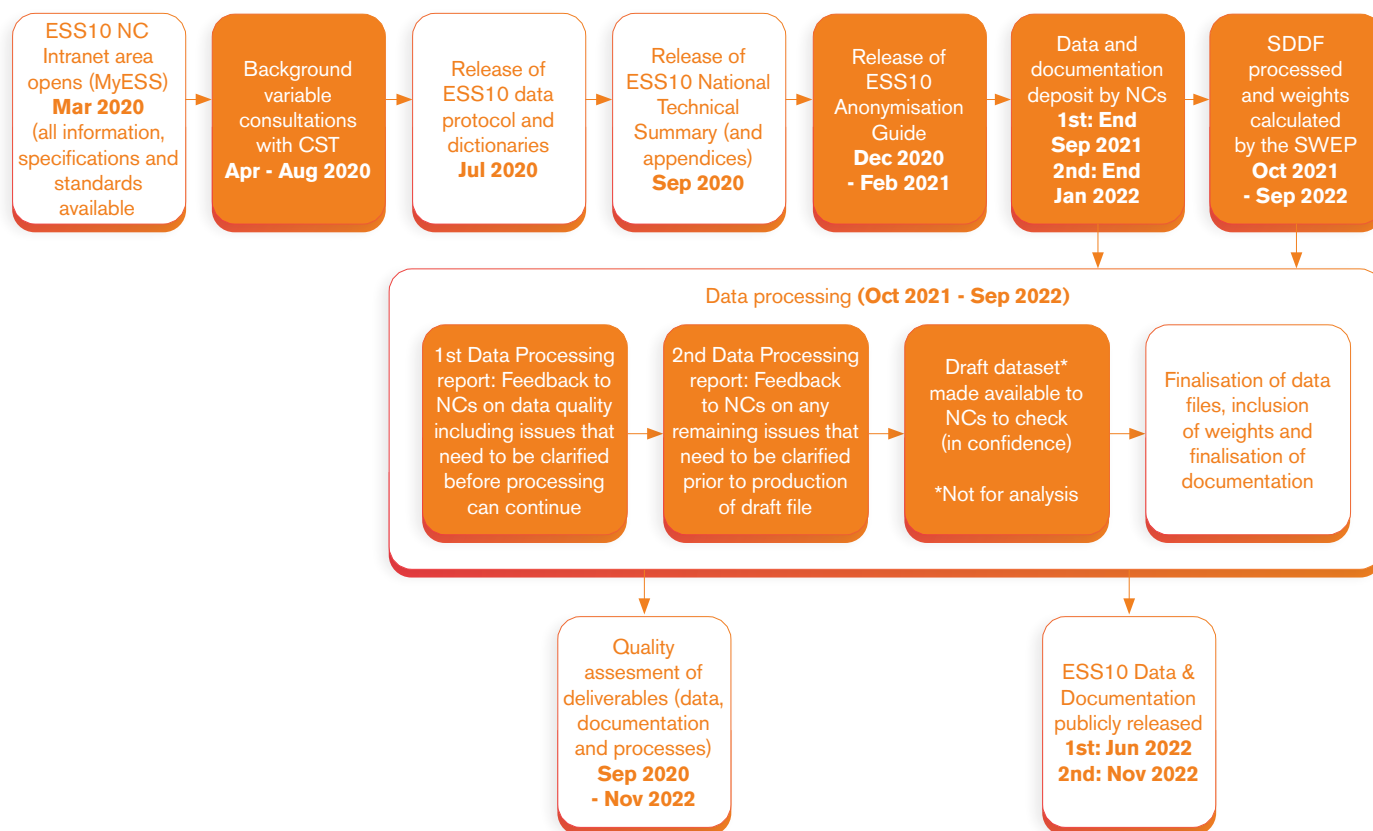
The COVID-19 pandemic had two main impacts on ESS fieldwork at Round 10:

- There was a need to extend the deadline for completion of Round 10 face-to-face fieldwork. The deadline was initially moved to December 2021 but due to ongoing fieldwork delays it was not possible for all countries to finish by this point. Fieldwork was therefore extended into 2022, with the latest countries expected to finish by end of August 2022. For Round 10, due to the pandemic, countries were allowed to offer video interviews as a complementary method to in-person interviewing.
- Even with the extended deadline, it was apparent that some countries would be unable to deliver their Round 10 data collection face-to-face due to restrictions arising from the pandemic. Several countries therefore carried out their Round 10 data collection using a self-completion (web and paper) approach. That approach was prepared in the 2020-2021 period and then rolled out in the 2021-2022 period.

A total of 31 countries will have completed Round 10 fieldwork by summer 2022. This includes 22 countries who have delivered face-to-face fieldwork, and 9 countries who have switched to the self-completion approach. The countries using a self-completion approach were: Austria, Cyprus, Germany, Israel, Latvia, Poland, Serbia, Spain and Sweden. A self-completion experiment was also carried out in Finland and the UK in parallel to Round 10 face-to-face data collection (the UK experiment was funded by ESRC via City, University of London). This aimed to allow analysis of measurement differences between face-to-face and self-completion modes.

The CST works closely with NCs in the planning and conduct of fieldwork. This work is led by an ESS Fieldwork Team (FWT) which comprises members from across the CST institutions. Each participating country is assigned a member of the FWT to act as a 'Country Contact' who can assist them with fieldwork preparations and monitoring. During the period from June 2021 to May 2022, the country contacts worked closely with national teams on their Round 10 fieldwork delivery. All of the 31 participating countries at Round 10 carried out some or all

**FIGURE 2.5: Data Preparation, Processing and Archiving**



of their fieldwork during this period, with the vast majority of countries completing fieldwork by May 2022.

The ESS Fieldwork Team is responsible for monitoring fieldwork once it commences in countries and liaising closely with national teams throughout the fieldwork period. For Round 10, fieldwork was monitored using the Fieldwork Management System (FMS) developed for ESS as part of the H2020 SERISS project and first used at Round 9. Countries using the integrated tool suite developed by Centerdata used an FMS app for daily fieldwork monitoring. Other countries uploaded their fieldwork progress to an FMS upload portal on a weekly basis during the fieldwork period.

Other activities during this period included preparations for Round 11 fieldwork. This included release of the Round 11 specification in November 2021, and development of a range of Round 11 fieldwork documents. These documents will be released to national teams, via the myESS portal, between summer and autumn 2022. Round 11 fieldwork is due to commence in February 2023.

## DATA PREPARATION, PROCESSING AND ARCHIVING

Curation and archiving constitute distinct areas of activity which are ongoing over the survey biennial period. The key task in this period was the preparation of data files for the first Round 10 data release. The first release was scheduled for June 2022 and was expected to include data from 10 countries.

By the end of May 2022, the majority of Round 10 participating countries had completed a first deposit of their data and documentation. Further data releases are planned for November 2022 and a final one in early 2023.

Figure 2.5 (above) presents an overview of data preparation, processing and archiving activities for Round 10.

**TABLE 2.1: ESS Round 11 Project Timetable**

MONTH/DATE	ACTION
<b>Nov 2021</b>	ESS ERIC Round 11 Specification issued to General Assembly (Members, Observers and Guests), NCs and Survey Agencies
<b>June 2021 to Jan 2022</b>	ESS Round 11 pre-testing of questions for items from rotating modules in the main questionnaire - including quantitative testing (organised by ESS ERIC HQ) and cognitive interviewing (in a small number of selected countries)
<b>Nov 2021 to May 2022</b>	Appointment of Round 11 National Coordinators (NCs)
<b>Nov 2021 to Sept 2022</b>	Appointment of survey agencies for Round 11
<b>Feb 2022 to Sept 2023</b>	Signing Data Processing Agreements including Data Management Plans
<b>April to June 2022</b>	Advance Translation (a small number of selected countries) (rotating modules), Pilot Fieldwork (2 countries) (rotating modules)
<b>July 2022 to July 2023</b>	Sample design plans discussed between NCs and assigned sample panel member & signed off by the Sampling and Weighting Expert Panel (SWEPP)
<b>2 Sept 2022</b>	Penultimate draft main questionnaire sent to NCs for comments; NCs asked to highlight possible translation problems
<b>Sept 2022</b>	ESS Round 11 NC Intranet area and Fieldwork Questionnaire (FWQ) available in myESS11
<b>3 Oct 2022</b>	ESS Round 11 Source Questionnaires released to the NCs
<b>From Oct 2022</b>	FWQ completed by NCs and signed off by ESS Fieldwork Team
<b>Oct 2022 to July 2023</b>	Question adaptation and consultations with CST Translation, Team review and adjudication, External assessment (Verification), Harmonisation of formal characteristics of the questions using SQP coding, and national pre-tests
<b>Nov 2022</b>	ESS Round 11 Data Protocol and dictionaries distributed
<b>From Dec 2022</b>	Fieldwork projections sent to the Fieldwork Team
<b>From Jan 2023</b>	Interviewer Briefings
<b>Feb 2023</b>	National Technical Summary (NTS) made available ESS Round 11 Fieldwork starts
<b>Feb 2023 to Dec 2023</b>	Monitor fieldwork: Make weekly fieldwork progress information available to the Fieldwork Team
<b>June 2023 to Oct 2024</b>	Data processing and archiving Preparation of sample design data file (SDDF)
<b>30 Sept 2023</b>	Data delivery to the ESS Archive (1st release countries)
<b>31 Dec '21</b>	ESS Round 11 face-to-face fieldwork ends
<b>29 Feb 2024</b>	Data delivery to the ESS Archive (2nd release countries)
<b>April 2024</b>	1st data release expected
<b>Oct 2024</b>	2nd data release expected



DATA WILL BE USED TO EVALUATE THE POTENCY OF DIFFERING EUROPEAN POLICY REGIMES, TO TRACK THE MEDIUM-TERM IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AND TO FURTHER ADVANCE THEORIES OF SOCIAL INEQUALITIES IN HEALTH.

**TABLE 2.2: Key guidance documents released for Round 11**

DOCUMENT NAME	ROUND 11 PUBLICATION DATE
Data Processing Agreement	Feb 2022
Respondent Information Sheet	June 2022
Sampling Guidelines	June 2022
Translation Guidelines Translation Quality Checklist	June 2022
Fieldwork Questionnaire (FWQ) available for national teams	Sep 2022
Source Questionnaire and showcards	Oct 2022
Instructions for SQP assessment	Oct 2022
(Translation and) Verification Follow-up Form (T)VFF Verification Instructions	Oct 2022
Contact form templates	Oct 2022
Guidelines on fieldwork monitoring	Oct 2022
NC Manual (including Interviewer Briefings)	Oct 2022
ESS Data Protocol and dictionaries	Nov 2022
Fieldwork Projections Template	Dec 2022
Tools for monitoring interviewer behaviour at ESS R11	Jan 2023
National Technical Summary & appendices	Feb 2023
Anonymisation Guide	May 2023

## ESS ROUND 11 ROTATING MODULES

ESS has an open call for special modules to be included in a particular round alongside its core questionnaire. In Round 11 the following 2 modules are included:

### **Social Inequalities in Health and their Determinants**

Health inequalities emerge in the intersection between social structures, individual actions and biological processes. While disease and premature mortality ultimately are biological phenomena taking place in individual bodies, social inequalities in ill health, disease and mortality are caused by socially determined conditions. There has been a strong renewed interest in health inequalities both among policymakers and in academia, even before the COVID-19 crisis. From 2018, the WHO organization-wide commitment to acting on health inequalities was presented in the 13th General Programme of Work 2019-2023. A new Department devoted to Social determinants of Health was also launched. The key element in this proposed second module wave is health and its broader social determinants. The European region is committed to lead the renewed effort to inform the debate on health inequalities, which was highlighted by WHO-Europe in the “Healthy, prosperous lives for all: European Health Equity Status Report” (WHO 2019). Despite the immense value of this report, it also highlighted the need for better data materials with high-quality indicators on several determinants of health. A repeat module on socioeconomic inequalities in health and their determinants will enable trend analyses and longitudinal application of the comprehensive pan-European comparative data set developed as part of the first module. The data will e.g., be used to evaluate the potency of differing European policy regimes, to track the medium-term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to further advance theories of social inequalities in health.

This module is led by Mirza Balaj, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU).

### **Gender in Contemporary Europe: Rethinking Equality and the Backlash**

Decades of policy efforts and campaigns by governments, international organizations and social movements have brought significant progress towards gender equality. Many would argue, however, that gender equality still remains largely out of reach. Furthermore, there are visible backlashes against gender equality partly driven by the rhetoric of the radical right against “gender ideology”. Additionally, there is evidence there has been retrenchment on key indicators measuring the status of women in society. In response to these seemingly countervailing trends, we propose a module that will allow researchers to examine contemporary attitudes about gender and gender equality, sexism, gender-based discrimination and policy responses to gender equality. We propose measuring five dimensions: identity, sexism, experiences, salience and policy instruments. While these five dimensions draw on a wealth of existing measures about gender attitudes, the proposed module would, we argue, redress some blind spots in current cross-national survey items such as experiences of gender-based discrimination, perceptions of masculinity and femininity, and attitudes about the role of gender equality in society.

This module is led by Professor Susan Banducci, University of Exeter, UK.





# DISSEMINATION

The ESS ERIC is committed to wide dissemination of its results. There is a dedicated strand of activity on science communication and monitoring in the Work Programme 2021-2023.

There have been numerous ESS ERIC dissemination activities during the annual activity reporting period (1 June 2021 - 31 May 2022). Many in-person conferences and events are still being held online due to measures implemented to prevent the spread of Coronavirus, which continues to hamper dissemination efforts. Despite this, the core scientific team (CST) and national teams continue to host a wide range of online events.

The survey methodology seminar series continues to be a great vehicle for promoting the ESS. There were 10 webinars delivered by survey experts during this reporting period, with an average (mean) of 90 live attendees. The recordings of these webinars are additionally uploaded to the ESS YouTube channel and promoted across social media. This means that there is additional content for ESS social media channels and audience figures for each event continue to grow.

Perhaps another barrier to the promotion of the ESS during this reporting period has been the lack of new data. Delays to Round 10 fieldwork meant that, for the first reporting period ever, there was no major data release. As such, the promotion of the new data will be a priority in the subsequent reporting period.

## EVENTS

The European Social Survey has organised and delivered many events during the reporting period (1 June 2021 - 31 May 2022), mainly online. These have been delivered by ESS HQ, the core scientific team (CST) and national teams.

Organised by ESS HQ alongside the host institution (City, University of London) and UK national coordinator (NatCen Social Research), the survey methodology seminar series continues to be delivered online. This events series is notable in its frequency and reach: 10 events were held during the reporting period, watched live by 906 of 1,839 who registered.

There remains a sizeable gap between the number of people the ESS can engage with at large in-person industry conferences (such as ESRA) and online equivalents. It became clear at the beginning of the reporting period that virtual exhibition booths are a largely ineffective way of promoting the ESS. The return of large in-person conferences and events is anticipated, which will lead to significantly higher engagement with ESS target audiences.

TABLE 3.1: Selected events

DATE	EVENT, LOCATION	DETAILS
02-04/06/2021	Virtual exhibition booth, ICRI 2021, online	The ESS HQ hosted a virtual exhibition booth at the International Conference on Research Infrastructures (ICRI) 2021. The booth was visited on 49 occasions.
05/06/2021	Presentation, University of Pécs, online	Organised by the Hungarian national team, an online presentation was delivered on the ESS ERIC to 12 members of staff from the University of Pécs.
08/06/2021	ESS ERIC and SHARE Austria presentation, online	Organised by the Austrian national team and Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE), a short introduction to the data was broadcast online.
15-17/06/2021 05-07/10/2021	Symposia on Research Infrastructures, online	As part of the Research Infrastructure Visibility (RI-VIS) project, the ESS HQ hosted virtual exhibition booths for the South America-Europe (June 2021) and Australia-Europe (October 2021) symposia.
22/06/2021 - 16/12/2021	Vytautas Magnus University methodological seminars, online	The Lithuanian national team at Vytautas Magnus University held eight methodological webinars and one policy event with The Chancellery of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania.
23/06/2021 - 06/04/2022	Survey methodology seminars, online	Organised by ESS HQ, the ESS host institution (City, University of London) and the UK fieldwork agency (NatCen Social Research), nine survey methods webinars were held.
02-23/07/2021	ESRA 2021 Virtual Conference, online	The ESS HQ hosted a virtual exhibition booth at the European Survey Research Association (ESRA) 2021 Virtual Conference, held on four consecutive Fridays.
14/07/2021 17/09/2021	GenPopWeb2 webinars, online	ESS ERIC delivered two GenPopWeb2 Webinars on transitioning to online data collection in social surveys.
08/09/2021 - 20/01/2022	ESS Estonia webinars, online	The Estonian national team organised three online training courses and one policy event with the Estonian Ministry of Internal Affairs and related institutions.
16-17/09/2021	ESFRI Conference, online	ESS Director, Rory Fitzgerald, delivered a presentation at an online conference organised by the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI).
28/09/2021	Sir Roger Jowell Memorial Lecture, City, University of London and online	Organised by ESS HQ, the annual lecture was delivered by Paul Johnson (Institute for Fiscal Studies).
30/09/2021 - 01/10/2021	Bulgarian Sociological Association conference, online	The ESS Director and Bulgarian national team participated in a conference: <u>Trust and Well-Being in the Balkans</u> .
26/10/2021	NCRM Research Methods festival, online	Two CST members presented at the United Kingdom's National Centre for Research Methods (NCRM) Research Methods e-festival.
15/12/2021	ICOS Cities Talk, online	ESS Director, Rory Fitzgerald, and CST member, Diana Zavala-Rojas (UPF) delivered a webinar for ICOS - Integrated Carbon Observation System.
25/03/2022	20 years of ESFRI conference, Paris	A young researcher presented analysis of ESS data at the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) <u>conference</u> .
11/05/2022	UK Government site visit, HQ (City, University of London)	The ESS HQ hosted a delegation of 10 people from the UK Government's Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS), Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and UK Research and Innovation (UKRI).
11-13/05/2022	AAPOR, Sheraton Grand Chicago	Senior Research Fellow, Tim Hanson, presented two papers at the <u>American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) 77th Annual Conference</u> .
15-16/05/2022	DeZIM Actors without Arena workshop, Berlin	The German national team delivered a lecture at the German Center for Integration and Migration Research (DeZIM) and a webinar on Round 10 data collection.



Listed in Table 3.1 are events that took place over the reporting period with notable ESS involvement. This includes events led by the ESS HQ, CST and national coordinating teams.

All online events organised by ESS HQ were broadcast using Zoom Webinar. A full list of events is included in Annex 4.

YouTube figures refer to the number of views from the date the recording was uploaded up to and including 31 May 2022.

Some dissemination activities in the first year of the ESS ERIC Work Programme (2021-23) were supported by the Horizon 2020 projects: Research Infrastructure Visibility (RI-VIS) and Pilot Application in Urban Landscapes (PAUL).

## PUBLICATIONS



### Topline Results

Topline Results Issue 11: The Timing of Life was published in June 2021. The questionnaire design team (QDT) for the Round 9 (2018/19) timing of life module undertook the analysis of the data and drafted the report. ESS HQ was responsible for editing the text and designing the finished product. The publication was launched by the QDT at an online event held using Zoom Webinar, attended by 55 people live. A recording of the event is available on the [ESS YouTube channel](#) and was viewed on 142 occasions (up to 31 May 2022).



### Findings Booklet

A sixth findings booklet - Exploring public attitudes, informing public policy: Selected findings from the first nine rounds - was developed during the reporting period (01 June 2021 - 31 May 2022). However, this was officially published in

June 2022 - the beginning of the subsequent reporting period. The publication included summaries of research undertaken mainly by external academics using ESS data collected over the first nine rounds (2002-19).



## ESS WEBSITE

The ESS website continued to be a valuable resource for users over the reporting period. From 1 June 2021 - 31 May 2022, there were 214,656 users who accessed at least one page on the ESS website (+3.27% on the previous year). These users logged onto the website 377,059 times (-5.34%) viewing a total of 1,462,128 webpages (-14.6%). The average session duration decreased (from 00:04:08 to 00:03:45). Other metrics that decreased slightly from the previous year included: number of sessions per user (1.75) and number of pages per session (3.88). The bounce rate also increased slightly, to 44.17%.

In total over the period, 1 June 2021 - 31 May 2021, only two data alerts were published on the ESS website. These announced the publication of country-specific data for Romania (September 2021) and Albania (December 2021).

### News articles

22 news articles were published on the ESS website from 1 June 2021 - 31 May 2022, listed below.

- 03/06/21 Web panel question modules selected
- 10/06/21 Agreement with Japanese General Social Survey
- 25/06/21 New report published: The timing of life events
- 07/07/21 Round 9 Multilevel Data published
- 16/09/21 Roger Jowell memorial lecture 2021
- 21/09/21 Virtual General Assembly meeting
- 05/10/21 Round 10 fieldwork update
- 20/10/21 ESS involved in new climate change project
- 29/11/21 Round 10 self-completion experiment funded in UK

- 13/12/21 Spain becomes 26th member of ESS ERIC
- 04/01/22 Pre-announcement: Call for rotating modules
- 10/01/22 Round 10 source questionnaire published
- 04/02/22 New data search and download service
- 14/02/22 Call for Round 12 rotating modules
- 04/03/22 ESS community condemns Russian attack
- 08/03/22 New study reveals impact of ESS data
- 16/03/22 Upcoming General Assembly meeting
- 05/04/22 Round 10 data coming soon
- 26/04/22 Serbia becomes newest member of the ESS ERIC
- 16/05/22 Supporting Ukrainian research
- 19/05/22 The way you access our data is changing
- 31/05/22 ESS announces change to data collection methodology.

## MEDIA COVERAGE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

ESS HQ monitored 902 mentions of 'European Social Survey' in current affairs outlets from 1 June 2021 - 31 May 2022.

This includes printed articles published by the traditional media (newspapers and magazines), online-only news articles, broadcast media, academic press releases/news sites and blog posts (academic and non-academic). These articles included the term 'European Social Survey' (in English or another language) and were discovered using several media monitoring sources.<sup>1</sup>

Most of this news coverage is generated organically through the external promotion of analysis of ESS data, but some were generated by ESS HQ, the Core Scientific Team (CST) or national teams. The total number of articles published over the year is slightly above the lowest number recorded in a reporting period (888 mentions in 2018-19) but significantly down on the previous year (1,199 in 2020-21). The highest number recorded was 1,397 mentions in 2017-18.

This decline in media interest could in part be attributable to the fact no new ESS data was published during the reporting period. New data released in the previous reporting period (2020-21) coincided with an upsurge in the number of media articles monitored.

ESS social media channels have continued to grow steadily in terms of followers over the reporting period. Each week, 10 updates are posted to Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter, with an additional five updates posted to Twitter. Videos are uploaded to the YouTube channel (launched in March 2020) when they become available.

On 31 May 2022, the ESS Facebook page had 2,222 followers (+180 since 1 June 2021). These figures represent an increase, albeit at a slower rate than the previous year. ESS Facebook posts were seen on average (mean) by 194 people with an engagement rate of just 0.6%.

On 31 May 2022, the ESS LinkedIn page had 1,391 followers (+342 since 1 June 2021). ESS updates appear in the LinkedIn feeds of 4,314 people per month (mean). The ESS account has an engagement rate of just over 5%. This means that an average (mean) of 219 people directly engage with LinkedIn updates each month. Over the reporting period, there was an increase in the number of impressions, unique impressions, clicks, reactions, engagement rate and followers on the previous reporting period.

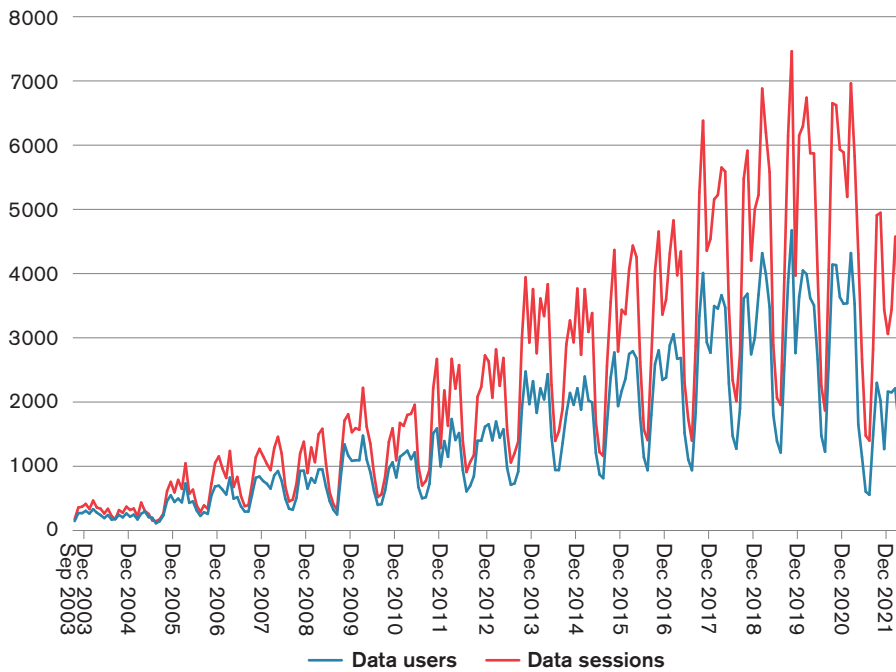
On 31 May 2022, the ESS Twitter account had 17,095 followers (+3,142 since 1 June 2021). During the reporting period (1 June 2021 - 31 May 2022), there were 710 Tweets posted to over 1m feeds. Updates to the profile tend to receive an engagement rate of 1.9% (this includes users that click, like or retweet the post, click on the weblink provided, visit the ESS Twitter profile page or reply to the update). This suggests that approximately 19,000 people engaged directly with ESS Twitter over the period.<sup>2</sup>

On 31 May 2022, the ESS YouTube channel had 313 subscribers (+127 since 1 June 2021). Over the annual period, ESS films were viewed on 6,500 occasions for a total of 650 hours. The channel now includes 30 videos, including: one promotional video (with over 3,000 views), one policy webinar, two Sir Roger Jowell Memorial Lectures, three report launches and 23 survey methodology seminars.

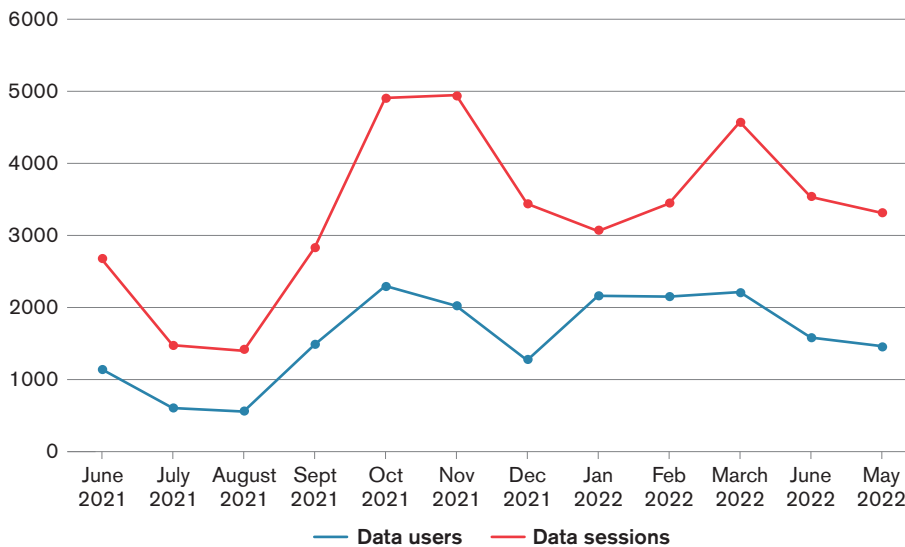
<sup>1</sup> The sources used for media monitoring are: Factiva (City, University of London Library Services); Google Alerts (for 'European Social Survey' in English and other languages); Signal Media Monitoring (City, University of London press office); Mention Alerts; Nexis (City, University of London Library Services); Press Reader (City, University of London Library Services) and Talkwalker Alerts. Additionally, some NC teams share articles that they have monitored in their country.

<sup>2</sup> Facebook and LinkedIn analytics refer to the number of times that the ESS post is actually seen on the timelines of followers or other users; Twitter analytics refer to the number of times that the ESS post appears on the timelines of followers or other users (these users have not necessarily seen the post). Facebook has revised its pages over the past year, and no longer count page likes as well as followers.

**CHART 3.1: Data user numbers and data sessions per month (2003-2022)**



**CHART 3.2: Data users and data sessions (data download and on-line analysis) per month (June 2021 - May 2022)**



Source: Sikt, 28.9.2022

**200,331**  
**REGISTERED ESS**  
**DATA USERS**  
 AS OF 30 MAY 2022.

## DATA USERS

### Data user statistics

As at 30 May 2022, there were 200, 331 registered ESS data users.

The users include academics, government and non-governmental organisations, think tanks, journalists, students and private individuals.

The ESS User Statistics documents the usage of ESS data from the launch of ESS Round 1 in 2002 to date. Two groups of users are reported:

“Registered users” - registered at the ESS website and thereby eligible for using ESS data

“ESS data downloaders” - registered users who have actually downloaded ESS data at least once

The ESS User Statistics reports, available publicly on the ESS website and updated periodically, include tables showing numbers of registered users and ESS data downloaders by country, user type (faculty members, students etc.) and data type (ESS round, cumulative data and multilevel data) - see [https://www.europeansocialsurvey.org/about/user\\_statistics.html](https://www.europeansocialsurvey.org/about/user_statistics.html)

Chart 3.1 (left) presents the pattern of data user numbers and data sessions per month (2003-2022) and Chart 3.2 (below, left) provides an overview of the annual data user and data session activity (2021-2022).

## GOOGLE CITATION RESEARCH

CST Institution, University of Ljubljana, undertakes analyses of citations using Google analytics. This exercise considers all relevant (English language) and unique ‘ESS based’ publication by a) methodological or b) substantive focus, which include data with at least one ESS item. Excluded are non-English publications, publications with no data usage (e.g. item borrowing), secondary data usage (citations from primary ESS based publications), non-academic publications, expired links and duplicates of journal articles.

The final result of the citation analysis 2003-2021 reports that there were 5,972 relevant publications (ESS ERIC Deliverable 11.11 European Social Survey bibliographic indexing report: Intermediate report 2022, Work Programme 2021-2023). Abstracts are coded allowing details of the precise item use (substantive or method to be ascertained).

The analysis undertaken indicates that

- most publications are in journals
- the majority of publications are in the journal field ‘sociology’
- the focus of the articles is mainly on substantive not methodological topics.

The number of ESS based publications is currently increasing year on year by around 500-600 publications.

Table 3.3 indicates the publication type and the substantive/methodological focus of publications and the key topics are shown in Table 3.4.

## PUBLICATIONS

**TABLE 3.2 ESS substantive and methodological publications across publication categories**

	SUBSTANTIVE	METHODOLOGICAL	TOTAL
<b>Journal articles</b>	3012	271	3283
<b>Books, monographs</b>	72	12	84
<b>Book chapters</b>	643	113	756
<b>Working papers</b>	604	53	657
<b>Conference papers</b>	532	229	761
<b>Reports, projects</b>	122	26	148
<b>Theses</b>	274	9	283
	<b>5259</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>5972</b>

Source: ESS Annual Bibliographic Report 2021



## ACADEMIC COMMUNITIES

The largest number of ESS-based journal articles are published in sociological, political science and economic journals. Three additional strongest fields are health and medicine, psychology and social science methods.

Another key angle in monitoring ESS academic outreach is topics mapping. Table 3.4 presents a picture of substantive research topics most frequently investigated by ESS based

**TABLE 3.3** Number of ESS publications addressing individual topics (up to two topics coded per publication, 2003-2021, (N=5972))

	RESEARCH TOPIC	N	%*
1	<b>Politics</b> , democratic system, political participation, political parties, populism, LR placement	1374	23.0
2	<b>Immigration</b> issues, ethnic diversity, ethnic discrimination	847	14.2
3	<b>Survey methods</b>	763	12.8
4	<b>Welfare</b> stare, welfare attitudes, welfare chauvinism	636	10.6
5	Paid work, <b>labour market</b> , industrial relations, trade unions	554	9.3
6	<b>Economy</b> , financial crisis, economic values, consumerism	546	9.1
7	<b>Subjective well-being</b> , happiness, life satisfaction, quality of life	479	8.0
8	<b>Social inequalities</b> , social class, social mobility	458	7.7
9	Social capital, <b>trust</b> , social networks	440	7.4
10	Culture, <b>values</b>	439	7.4
11	<b>Health</b> , subjective health, health system	389	6.5
12	<b>Family</b> , family roles, norms, work-life balance, family planning	342	5.7
13	<b>Age groups</b> , ageism, the elderly, the young	323	5.4
14	<b>Gender</b> issues, gender roles	276	4.6
15	<b>Religion</b> , religiosity, religious change	252	4.2
16	<b>Education</b> , skills, educational inequalities	252	4.2
17	<b>Crime</b> , criminal justice, corruption	245	4.1
18	<b>Environment</b> , climate change	185	3.1
19	<b>Media</b> , internet, ICT	180	3.0
20	<b>Citizenship</b> , volunteering	179	3.0
21	Nation, <b>national identity</b>	161	2.7
22	<b>Europe</b> , European Union, Euroscepticism	158	2.6
23	<b>Post-socialism</b> , transition	99	1.7

Source: ESS Annual Bibliographic Report 2021

authors (with up to two topics coded for each publication). Among the substantive publications, the topic most frequently addressed by ESS based authors by far remains politics, with the widespread exploration of the functioning of modern democratic systems. The second largest topic is immigration - something that continues to be one of the most pressing social issues facing European countries and has an association with many other issues, such as political and welfare attitudes. Other prominent topics include public policies and welfare, work-life conflict, macro-economic conditions and others.

## AUTHORS' AFFILIATIONS

First authors in ESS publications are affiliated in more than 60 countries or international institutions (e.g. OECD). Almost 90% of ESS publications are produced by first authors affiliated in Europe, particularly in the western and northern European countries with strong social science communities (i.e. UK, Germany, The Netherlands) but also in countries such as Italy and Spain. Among non-European countries the largest numbers of publications come from authors affiliated in USA, Canada and Australia. Table 3.5 presents (first) author affiliations.

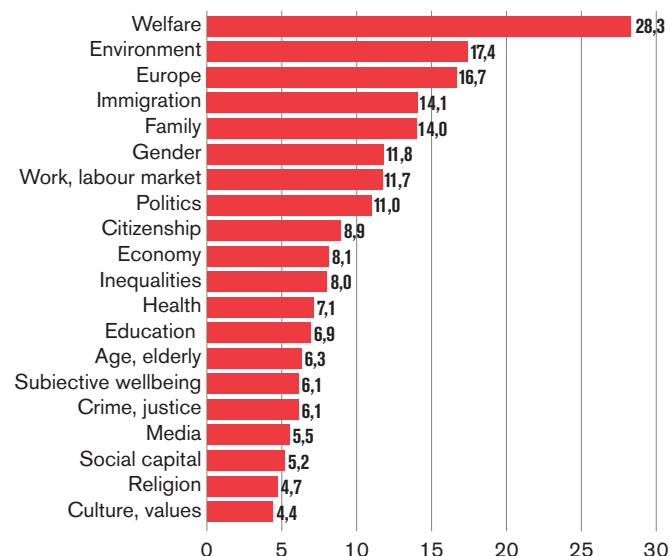
**TABLE 3.4** Number of ESS international publications (co)authored by at least one author affiliated in a country, 2003-2021 (N=5972)

COUNTRY OF AFFILIATION	N	COUNTRY OF AFFILIATION	N	COUNTRY OF AFFILIATION	N
UK	896	France	138	Turkey	36
Germany	783	Ireland	132	Lithuania	35
USA	634	Israel	110	Bulgaria	32
Netherlands	578	Hungary	107	Slovakia	30
Spain	398	Austria	94	Ukraine	19
Belgium	379	Estonia	92	Cyprus	18
Italy	351	Greece	84	Croatia	16
Sweden	350	Canada	77	Serbia	15
Switzerland	227	Russia	75	Iceland	12
Norway	212	Czech Republic	66	Latvia	8
Portugal	179	Slovenia	53	Albania	4
Denmark	173	Australia	49	Kosovo	2
Finland	168	Luxembourg	47		
Poland	167	Romania	44		

Source: ESS Annual Bibliographic Report 2021

FIRST AUTHORS IN  
ESS PUBLICATIONS  
ARE AFFILIATED IN  
**MORE THAN 60**  
COUNTRIES OR  
INTERNATIONAL  
INSTITUTIONS  
(E.G. OECD).

**CHART 3.3** Average number of keywords 'policy' and 'policies' in publications addressing different topics, 2003-2020 (N=2367 journal articles)



Source: ESS Annual Bibliographic Report 2021

## ADDRESSING POLICY CONCERNS

The final chart shows to what extent topics are policy oriented based on the average number of keywords policy/policies present in respective articles (Figure 3.3). The discrepancies are large. Articles addressing the welfare system have an extremely high average of policy references, which is to be expected. Other 'policy intense' domains include the environment, European integration, immigration and work-family issues, with articles in these areas containing on average two or three times more policy keywords than publications dealing primarily with micro level topics such as values, religion, social capital or subjective well-being. With environment being one of the most policy oriented topics, the climate change module has clearly opened a path into a new domain of ESS based policy relevant knowledge (D11.10, ESS Annual Bibliographic Report 2021, 2022:31)



# 4

## GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

Throughout 2021-2022, all Committees of the General Assembly and of the Director were in place and operational.

At ESS ERIC Headquarters, located at City, University of London, the necessary arrangements relating to the management of the research infrastructure were implemented.

### GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The governance of the ESS ERIC is outlined in its Statutes and displayed diagrammatically below. Standing Orders are periodically adopted by the General Assembly, as appropriate.

**FIGURE 4.1 Governance of the ESS ERIC**



### MEETINGS OF THE ESS ERIC GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ITS COMMITTEES AND THE DIRECTOR'S COMMITTEES

The ESS ERIC General Assembly met twice in the year 01 June 2021 - 31 May 2022; in October 2021 and April 2022. The April 2022 meeting was the first ever hybrid meeting, held in The Hague, The Netherlands. Key decisions, in addition to the routine business of approving applications for membership. The adoption the audit and other reports, related to the contingency planning required to mitigate the impact of the pandemic and to consider and approve the Strategic Review Group Recommendations relating to the change of survey mode.

All of the committees of the General Assembly and of the Director met at least once in the 2021-2022 period. The secretariat to all committees of the General Assembly is provided by the ESS ERIC HQ, with CST Institution GESIS sharing the organisation of the National Coordinators' Forum.

An extra-Statute grouping, the Troika, comprising the Host Country, represented by the Economic and Social Research Council (UK National Representative), the Host Institution, City, University of London (represented by its Vice-President for Research & Enterprise), and the Chair of the General Assembly, representing the GA, has met periodically over the course of the operation of the ESS ERIC. It met in March 2022.

Members of the GA committees are listed in Annex 2.

The Director's committees were also active in this period. These committees are:

- (i) the Core Scientific Team (CST) - the institutions are GESIS, Germany; The Netherlands Institute for Social Research/SCP, Universitat Pompeu Fabra/UPF, Spain; Sikt, Norway, University of Ljubljana and the University of Essex, UK.
- (ii) the National Coordinators' Forum - the representative of National Coordinators elected to attend General Assembly meetings is Dr Peter Grand (Austria). The representative of NCs elected to attend meetings of the Director's Core Scientific Team is Dr Sveinung Arnesen (Norway).

ESS ERIC HQ provided the secretariat for the various meetings, preparing minutes of the meetings and background papers, as appropriate.

Table 4.1 (below) provides an overview of meetings (June 2021 - May 2022).

**TABLE 4.1: Meetings of the ESS ERIC General Assembly, Its Committees and the Director's Committees (2021-2022)**

	JUNE 2021	JUL 2021	AUG 2021	SEPT 2021	OCT 2021	NOV 2021	DEC 2021	JAN 2022	FEB 2022	MAR 2022	APR 2022	MAY 2022
<b>ESS ERIC General Assembly</b>					*						*	
GA Committee - <b>Scientific Advisory Board (SAB)</b>						*		*				
GA Committee - <b>Methods Advisory Board (MAB)</b>								*				
GA Committee <b>Finance Committee (FINCOM)</b>				*						*		
GA Committee <b>Funding and Governance Working Group (FGWG)</b>											*	
GA Committee <b>Research Ethics Board (REB)</b> Ad hoc meetings throughout year	○			○			○			○		
Director's Committee - <b>Core Scientific Team (CST)</b>				*					*			
Director's Committee - <b>National Coordinators' Forum (NC Forum)</b>				*						*		



## ESS ERIC DELIVERABLES PRODUCED IN THE PERIOD 01 JUNE 2021 - 31 MAY 2022

The ESS ERIC Work Programme has a set of scheduled deliverables which are produced through the Work Programme period. Deliverables largely have public access status, excepting FINCOM documents and some GA papers.

\* Those Deliverables scheduled in the 2020-2021 period as part of the previous Work Programme (that is Work Programme 2019-2021) but that were delayed due to COVID related adjustments, are listed in Table 4.2.

**TABLE 4.2: ESS ERIC Work Programme 2021-2023 - Deliverables submitted 2021-2022**

Reports to GA and EC on 2018-2019 activities
Minutes and meeting papers NCF17
ESS Round 11 Survey Specification for ESS ERIC Member, Observer and Guest countries
Round 11 Timetable for the CST
ESS annual bibliographic report 2021, with appendices
Annual activity and status report for the ESS Website including user support
Tender document for the procurement of a new ESS website
Minutes and meeting papers NCF18
Round 11 pilot questionnaire
Specification for FMS in R11
Minutes from FINCOM circulated to GA
Bibliographic indexing report
Round 11 results from Advance Translation
Design weights for Round 10 first release

**TABLE 4.3: ESS ERIC Work Programme 2019-2021: Deliverables submitted 2021-2022**

Troika report
Collected minutes and action points from SAB meetings
ESS Round 11 Survey Specification for ESS ERIC Member, Observer and Guest countries
Google Scholar user app
Report of planned sampling deviations for Round 10
Findings of Round 10 SQP coding
ESS Findings Booklet Rounds 1-9
ESS10 Report on verification
ESS Online Bibliography Report 2019-2021
Marketing Activity
Public Affairs Activity
ESS10 FWQ Data
Evaluation of the briefing sessions in Round 10
Round 10 design documentation for rotating modules
ESS Multilevel Data context updated
Media monitoring report
Translation Q+A file
Report and recommendation from ESS ERIC
EduNet Module on Weighting
Report on sample quality for Round 9

## DATA PROTECTION

ESS ERIC first appointed its Data Protection Officer (DPO) in May 2018. The role of the ESS ERIC DPO is to:

- Provide advice and guidance to the ESS ERIC GA and Director about its obligations pursuant to data protection laws
- Act as a contact point for data subjects, the supervisory authority and internally within the organization
- Raise the profile of data protection compliance across ESS
- Advise the ESS ERIC Research Ethics Board if questions about data protection aspects of proposed research.

Together with a HQ (City, University of London) staff member, the DPO undertook activities to ensure ESS ERIC compliance with applicable data protection law, including GDPR throughout 2021-2022.

During this period, one of the main tasks of the DPO has been to assist HQ with the assessment of ESS ERIC data processing agreements with all processors.

As part of the preparation for R11, preparatory work for the Data Protection Impact Assessment commenced. The DPO has also been included in the privacy assessments of all other processing activities that take place on behalf of, or for, ESS ERIC.

Further, the DPO provided ESS ERIC with information on its obligations related to possible transfers of personal data to third countries, and commented on several sources of data protection information.

An important role of the DPO is to raise the profile of data protection compliance across ESS, and promote a culture of data protection. Within the period the DPO has held digital presentations about privacy within National Coordinators' Forum Meetings, a Field Directors' meeting, and several country briefings. The DPO presents a Report to the ESS ERIC General Assembly at each of its meetings.

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# FINANCES

The arrangements for financing the ESS ERIC central costs are detailed in the ESS ERIC Statutes (Annex III). ESS ERIC finances are organised in the following way - the individual countries (the Member, Observer and Guest countries, as applicable) contribute to the central coordinating costs of the ESS ERIC. A condition of membership (and Observer and Guest status) is that countries also commit to carrying out the survey 'at their own expense' in accordance with the specifications for participating countries (ESS ERIC Statutes Article 4.1 d(i)).

## COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS

The governance of the ESS ERIC is outlined in its Statutes and displayed diagrammatically below. Standing Orders are periodically adopted by the General Assembly, as appropriate.

Country contributions for the period 2021-2023 were approved by the General Assembly at its 19<sup>th</sup> meeting on 7 April 2021. Annex III to the ESS ERIC Statutes presents an overview of country contributions 2021-2023 and includes details of the formula applied in the calculation of individual country contributions in the Explanatory Note to Annex.

The country contributions for 2021-2022 are presented in Table 5.1.

## AUDIT STATEMENT

Buzzacott LLP was appointed to carry out the audit for ESS ERIC for the period: 01 June 2021 - 31 May 2022.

The audit was undertaken in August 2022 and its findings reported to the FINCOM at its meeting on 22 September 2022. The recommendation of FINCOM for the adoption of the Audit Report was sent for consideration by the General Assembly at its 22 meeting on 25 October 2022. The General Assembly adopted the Audit Report at its meeting on 25 October 2022.



**TABLE 5.1: Country contributions to central costs of ESS ERIC (01 Jun 2021- 31 May 2022)**

Country	Affiliation	2021-22 (€)
United Kingdom	Host Mb	695,623
Austria	Member	65,561
Belgium	Member	74,128
Bulgaria	Member	22,500
Croatia	Member	22,500
Cyprus	Member	22,500
Czech Republic	Member	45,976
Estonia	Member	22,500
Finland	Member	48,664
France	Member	287,207
Germany	Member	398,631
Hungary	Member	22,500
Iceland	Member	22,500
Ireland	Member	58,684
Israel	Member	59,059
Italy	Member	220,475
Latvia	Member	22,500
Lithuania	Member	22,500
Netherlands	Member	109,280
Norway	Member	62,896
Poland	Member	78,385
Portugal	Member	45,460
Serbia	Member	22,500
Slovakia	Member	22,500
Slovenia	Member	22,500
Spain	Member	135,000
Sweden	Member	75,691
Switzerland	Observer	90,754

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF EUROPEAN SOCIAL SURVEY EUROPEAN RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE CONSORTIUM

### Opinion

"We have audited the financial statements of European Social Survey European Research Infrastructure Consortium (the 'ERIC') for the year ended 31 May 2022 which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of financial position, the principal accounting policies and the notes to the financial statements. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including section 1A of Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the ERIC's affairs as at 31 May 2022 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice." (Buzzacott LLP, October 2022)

The audited accounts are presented in Annex 5.



# HORIZON 2020 PROJECTS

In the period 01 June 2021 to 31 May 2022, there were six EU HORIZON 2020 (H2020) projects in operation in which ESS ERIC participates, as coordinator and as partner. Details of the projects are presented below:

## **EU HORIZON 2020 PROJECT COORDINATED BY ESS ERIC**

### **Next Steps in Securing the Sustainability of the European Social Survey, European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ESS-SUSTAIN-2): GA 871063**

ESS-SUSTAIN-2, a €5 million project, funded under HORIZON 2020, aims to create sustainability through a structural strengthening of the ESS and by future proofing the infrastructure. ESS is not seeking another few years of Commission funding to keep it afloat, an approach unlikely to yield long-term sustainability (and in any event these costs are now met by ERIC members). Rather it seeks a vital helping hand to help complete the transition of the ESS into a research infrastructure that is financially sound and scientifically equipped for the future. By developing links with the European Values Survey, establishing global partners, engaging with policy makers, harnessing technology to improve efficiency and cost effectiveness and launching the world's first probability-based online panel, this proposal aims to give the European Social Survey the strongest possible foundation to succeed in the years ahead. This project commenced in January 2020. It will conclude in December 2023.

## EU HORIZON 2020 PROJECTS IN WHICH ESS ERIC PARTICIPATES AS A PARTNER

Other Horizon 2020 projects in which ESS ERIC participates as a partner, with Linked Third Parties, including the Host Institution/HQ City, University of London and CST Institutions, GESIS, UPF, UL and Sikt, in this year:

- Social Sciences and Humanities Open Cloud: SSHOC, GA 823782, [www.sshopencloud.eu](http://www.sshopencloud.eu)
- ERIC Forum Implementation Project, GA 823798, [www.eric-forum.eu](http://www.eric-forum.eu)
- Increasing the Visibility of Research Infrastructures: RI-VIS, GA 824063, [www.ri-vis.eu](http://www.ri-vis.eu)

In this period, preparatory actions were underway for ESS ERIC participation in a HORIZON 2020 project coordinated by ICOS ERIC (PAUL Project GA 101037319 ) and in a HORIZON 2020 project (EOSC Future GA 101017536).

**ESS-SUSTAIN-2**,  
A €5 MILLION PROJECT,  
FUNDED UNDER  
**HORIZON 2020**,  
AIMS TO CREATE  
SUSTAINABILITY  
THROUGH A  
STRUCTURAL  
STRENGTHENING  
OF THE ESS AND BY  
FUTURE PROOFING  
THE INFRASTRUCTURE.





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# ANNEX 1

## ESS ERIC GENERAL ASSEMBLY: NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES AT 31 MAY 2022

Members of the ESS ERIC General Assembly are represented by a National Representative.

The Chair of the General Assembly is Professor Michael Breen, Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick, Ireland. He was re-elected for a second and third four-year term in October 2016 and April 2021.

The Deputy Chair is Dr Susanna Bylin, Swedish Research Council, Sweden. She was elected for a four year term at the GA meeting of 20 October 2021.

**Austria:** Julia Prikoszovits, Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research

**Belgium:** Bart Dumolyn, delegated representative from the Flemish Department of Economy, Science and Innovation (representing the Flemish Community); Aziz Naji, delegate for the FPS Science policy (representing the federal government); and Marc Vanholsbeeck, delegated representative from the Federation Wallonia-Brussels (representing the French-speaking Community)

**Bulgaria:** Yumer Kodzhayumer, Science Directorate, Ministry of Education and Science

**Croatia:** Staša Skenžić, Ministry of Science and Education

**Cyprus:** Eleana Gabriel, Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy

**Czechia:** Naďa Vaverová, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports

**Estonia:** Erle Rikmann, Analysis and Statistics Department, Ministry of Social Affairs

**Finland:** Päivi Messo, Academy of Finland

**France:** Basudeb Chaudhuri, French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation

**Germany:** Maike Koops, Federal Ministry of Education and Research

**Hungary:** Tamás Takács, National Research, Development and Innovation Office

**Iceland:** Professor Sigrún Ólafsdóttir, University of Iceland

**Ireland:** Rosemary Sweeney, Irish Research Council

**Israel:** Dr Alex Altshuler, Ministry of Science and Technology

**Italy:** Sebastiano Fadda, National Institute for Public Policy Analysis (INAPP)

**Latvia:** Diāna Laipniece, Ministry of Education and Science

**Lithuania:** Professor Algis Krupavičius, delegated representative, to 2021; Assoc. professor Aurelija Stelmokienė, delegated representative of the Research Council of Lithuania

**Netherlands:** Joris Voskuilen, Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research

**Norway:** Ministry of Education and Research, represented by Siri H. Hollekim Haaland, Research Council of Norway

**Poland:** Anna Głąbska, Ministry of Education and Science

**Portugal:** Analia Torres, University of Lisbon

**Serbia:** Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development, represented by Dr. Goran Bašić, Institute of Social Sciences

**Slovak Republic:** Robert Szabó, Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic

**Slovenia:** Dr. Albin Kralj, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport

**Spain:** Inmaculada Figueroa Rojas, Ministry of Science and Innovation

**Sweden:** Susanna Bylin, delegated representative from the Swedish Research Council

**UK:** Beccy Shipman, Economic and Social Research Council, UK Research and Innovation (Host Country)

**Switzerland** is an Observer and is represented by Professor Georg Lutz, FORS (Swiss Foundation for Research in Social Sciences).

## ANNEX 2

### MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ESS ERIC

#### Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) at 31 May 2022

The Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) comprises eight members, appointed by the General Assembly following nominations from its Members.

- Chair: Professor Christian Staerklé, University of Lausanne, Switzerland
- Deputy Chair: Professor Hajo Boomgaarden, University of Vienna, Austria
- Professor Patrizia Catellani, Catholic University of Milan, Italy
- Professor Dana Hamplová, Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic
- Professor Karsten Hank, WISO, University of Cologne, Germany
- Dr. Pedro Magalhães, University of Lisbon, Portugal
- Professor Caroline Rapp, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Dr. Tom Smith, National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago, USA

The ESS ERIC Director, Rory Fitzgerald (ESS ERIC HQ at City, University of London) and the ESS ERIC Deputy Director - Scientific, Dr. Angelika Scheuer (Core Scientific Team - GESIS) attend SAB meetings as observers.

#### ESS ERIC Methods Advisory Board (MAB) at 31 May 2022

The Methods Advisory Board (MAB) advises the General Assembly, the Director and the Core Scientific Team on technical and methodological aspects of the survey. It comprises six members, appointed by the General Assembly following nominations from its Members.

- Chair: Professor Caroline Roberts, University of Lausanne and FORS - Swiss Centre of Expertise in the Social Sciences, Switzerland
- Deputy Chair: Professor Johan Martinsson, Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
- Professor Michael Bosnjak, Leibniz Institute for Psychology, Germany
- Professor Giancarlo Gasperoni, University of Bologna, Italy
- Professor Sylvia Kritzinger, University of Vienna, Austria
- Professor Edith de Leeuw, Utrecht University, Netherlands

The ESS ERIC Director, Rory Fitzgerald (ESS ERIC HQ at City, University of London) attends MAB meetings as an observer.

#### ESS ERIC Finance Committee (FINCOM) at 31 May 2022

The Finance Committee (FINCOM) is comprised of four members, two of which are National Representatives at the General Assembly. FINCOM advises the General Assembly and the Director on the financial health of the ESS ERIC.

- Beccy Shipman, Economic and Social Research Council, UK Research and Innovation, UK (Chair, National Representative, replaced Carlos Pueyo in March 2022)
- Diāna Laipniece, Ministry of Education and Science, Latvia (National Representative)
- Professor Michael Healy, Mary Immaculate College, Ireland (external expert)
- Dr. Eckard Kämper, DFG, Germany (external expert)

The ESS ERIC Director, Rory Fitzgerald (ESS ERIC HQ at City, University of London) attends FINCOM meetings as observer.



### ESS ERIC Research Ethics Board (REB) at 31 May 2022)

- Julie de Jong (External expert and Chair)
- Dr. Tom Smith (SAB representative)
- Manuela Bonacci (National Coordinators' representative)
- Professor Edith de Leeuw (MAB representative)
- Professor Gert Wagner (External expert)
- Dr Emily Gilbert (External expert)

### ESS ERIC Funding and Governance Working Group at 31 May 2022

The Chair of the General Assembly acts as Chair of the FGWG.

The ESS ERIC Director, Rory Fitzgerald, attends FGWG meetings.

- Professor Michael Breen, Chair
- Basudeb Chaudhuri, French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, France
- Meike Koops, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany
- Joris Voskuilen, Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, The Netherlands
- Beccy Shipman, Economic and Social Research Council, UK Research and Innovation (Chair FINCOM); UK



**FINCOM** ADVISES  
THE GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY AND THE  
DIRECTOR ON THE  
FINANCIAL HEALTH  
OF THE ESS ERIC.

## ANNEX 3

### MEMBERSHIP OF THE ESS ERIC DIRECTOR'S COMMITTEES - CORE SCIENTIFIC TEAM AND NATIONAL COORDINATORS' FORUM

The Director, Professor Rory Fitzgerald, is located at ESS ERIC Headquarters at its Host Institution, City, University of London. He is supported in the design and implementation of the ESS ERIC Work Programme by six other institutions that collectively comprise the ESS ERIC Core Scientific Team.

#### CORE SCIENTIFIC TEAM (CST) [AT 31 MAY 2022]

Members of the CST are:

- Sikt, Norway
- GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Germany
- The Netherlands Institute for Social Research/SCP, The Netherlands
- Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain
- University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
- University of Essex, UK

Senior representatives of the CST attend the meetings of the ESS ERIC General Assembly.

#### NATIONAL COORDINATORS' FORUM [AT 31 MAY 2022]

The ESS ERIC Director also convenes a National Coordinators' Forum, attended by National Coordinators appointed by ESS ERIC Members and Observers. For the period 01 June 2021 to 31 May 2022, the representative of NCs elected to attend meetings of the Director's Core Scientific Team is Dr Sveinung Arnesen (Norway). The representative of NCs attending the ESS ERIC General Assembly is Dr Peter Grand (Austria).

**Austria:** Dr. Peter Grand, Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS)

**Belgium:** Professor Bart Meuleman, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven and Professor Pierre Baudewyns, University of Louvain

**Bulgaria:** Professor Venelin Boshnakov, University of National and World Economy

**Croatia:** Professor Dragan Bagić, University of Zagreb

**Cyprus:** Professor Stelios Stylianou, University of Cyprus

**Czechia:** Dr. Klára Plecítá, Institute of Sociology, Czech Academy of Sciences

**Estonia:** Dr. Liisa Talving, University of Tartu

**Finland:** Professor Heikki Ervasti, University of Turku

**France:** Nicolas Sauger and Agnaly Michaud, Sciences Po

**Germany:** Dr. Oshrat Hochman, GESIS - Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences

**Hungary:** Dr. Bence Ságvári, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

**Iceland:** Guðbjörg Andrea Jónsdóttir, University of Iceland

**Ireland:** Professor Mathew Creighton and Dr. Micheál Collins, UCD

**Israel:** Dr. Sigal Alon, B. I. Cohen Inst. for Public Opinion Research at Tel-Aviv University

**Italy:** Sveva Balduini, National Institute for Public Policy Analysis (INAPP)

**Latvia:** Dr. Jurijs Ņikišins, University of Latvia

**Lithuania:** Dr. Apolonijus Žilyš, Vytautas Magnus University

**Netherlands:** Professor Aat Liefbroer, Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI)

**Norway:** Dr Sveinung Arnesen, University of Bergen (UiB)

**Poland:** Dr. Michal Kotnarowski, Polish Academy of Sciences

**Portugal:** Dr. Alice Ramos, Institute of Social Sciences (ICS), University of Lisbon

**Serbia:** Dr. Dragan Stanojević, University of Belgrade

**Slovakia:** Denisa Fedáková and Michal Kentoš, Institute of Social Sciences, Slovak Academy of Sciences

**Slovenia:** Dr. Slavko Kurdija, University of Ljubljana

**Spain:** Pablo Oñate, University of Valencia on behalf of Centre for Sociological Studies (CIS)

**Sweden:** Professor Mikael Hjerm, Umeå University

**Switzerland (Observer):** Dr. Michael Ochsner, FORS - Swiss Centre of Expertise in the Social Sciences

**UK:** Alun Humphrey, NatCen Social Research

# ANNEX 4

## DISSEMINATION EVENTS

### Full list of dissemination events

DATE	EVENT, LOCATION	DETAILS
02-04/06/2021	Virtual exhibition booth, ICRI 2021, online	The ESS HQ hosted a virtual exhibition booth at the International Conference on Research Infrastructures (ICRI) 2021. The booth was visited on 49 occasions by 25 unique users.
05/06/2021	ESS ERIC presentation, University of Pécs, online	Organised by the Hungarian national team, Vera Messing and Bence Ságvári delivered an online presentation on the ESS ERIC to 12 members of staff from the University of Pécs.
08/06/2021	ESS ERIC and SHARE Austria presentation, online	Organised by the Austrian national team and Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE), a short introduction to the data was broadcast online.
15-17/06/2021	South America-Europe Symposium on Research Infrastructures, online	As part of the Research Infrastructure Visibility (RI-VIS) project, the ESS HQ was allocated a virtual exhibition booth via the conference app hosted by Whova. This area was visited by 27 attendees.
17/06/2021	Book launch, University of Ljubljana	Organised by the Slovenian national team, a launch event was held at the Faculty of Social Sciences for a new book: Values in Transition XIII (SJM Documents series). The 840-page publication included analysis of data from surveys conducted by the University of Ljubljana (Public Opinion Research Centre) from 2017-20. Three chapters focused on results from ESS Round 9. Approximately 40 people attended the event.
21/06/2021	Topline Results report launch, online	Organised by ESS HQ, Francesco Billari (Bocconi University), Gunhild Hagestad (Agder University), Aat Liefbroer (NIDI), Jan Van Bavel (University of Leuven) and Zsolt Spéder (Hungarian Demographic Research Institute) launched <a href="#">Topline Results issue 11. The Timing of Life</a> to 55 people online. The recording has been viewed 142 times on YouTube.
22/06/2021	Vytautas Magnus University methodological seminar, online	Organised by the Lithuanian national team at Vytautas Magnus University, a methodological seminar was delivered to 73 participants. Apolonijus Žilys (Vytautas Magnus University) presented the webinar - Classification methods in quantitative data analysis: Discriminatory analysis - to an audience of PhD students and advanced social science researchers.
23/06/2021	Survey methodology seminar, online	Organised by ESS HQ, the ESS host institution (City, University of London) and the UK fieldwork agency (NatCen Social Research), Emilia Peytcheva (RTI International) delivered a seminar - The effect of language of survey administration on the response formation process - to 27 attendees. Due to technical issues, a recording of this seminar was not made available.
02-23/07/2021	ESRA 2021 Virtual Conference, online	The ESS HQ hosted a virtual exhibition booth at the European Survey Research Association (ESRA) 2021 Virtual Conference, held on four consecutive Fridays. The booth was visited by 31 unique users. Presentations were delivered by CST members throughout the conference, with Senior Research Fellow, Tim Hanson, speaking on an ESRA podcast: Undertaking surveys during a pandemic.
14/07/2021	GenPopWeb2 webinar, online	Senior Research Fellow, Tim Hanson, delivered a presentation (Developing self-completion instruments for the European Social Survey) for a GenPopWeb2 Webinar: <a href="#">Designing and delivering online surveys: Transitioning long questionnaires</a> .
08/09/2021	ESS Estonia webinar, online	The Estonian national team organised an online training course: Regressions and hypothesis testing with ESS data. It was delivered online to 60 participants from different universities and institutions in Estonia.



# ANNEX 4 (CONTINUED)

## DISSEMINATION EVENTS

### Full list of dissemination events

DATE	EVENT, LOCATION	DETAILS
16-17/09/2021	ESFRI Conference, online	ESS Director, Rory Fitzgerald, delivered a presentation at an online conference - Stay tuned to the future. Impact of Research Infrastructures 2.0 - organised by the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI). The presentation slides are available: <a href="#">Mapping impact and impact pathways: the European Social Survey Research Infrastructure</a> .
17/09/2021	GenPopWeb2 webinar, online	ESS Director, Rory Fitzgerald, delivered a presentation for a GenPopWeb2 Webinar: Covid-19 and Transitioning to Online Data Collection in Social Surveys.
	ESS Estonia webinar, online	The Estonian national team organised an online training course: Econometric analyses with ESS data. It was delivered online to 70 participants from different universities and institutions in Estonia.
28/09/2021	Sir Roger Jowell Memorial Lecture, City, University of London and online	Organised by ESS HQ, Paul Johnson (Institute for Fiscal Studies) delivered the annual lecture in memory of the ESS co-founder, Sir Roger Jowell. 35 people attended the lecture in person with an additional 130 watching a live stream of the event online. <a href="#">Economic and social challenges after COVID</a> has been viewed 289 times on YouTube.
30/09/2021	Vytautas Magnus University scientific event, VMU Botanical Garden in Kaunas and online	Organised by the Lithuanian national team at Vytautas Magnus University, a scientific picnic was held with 43 participants. At the event - also broadcast online - participants had the opportunity to learn about the ESS and scientific analysis of ESS data.
30/09/2021 - 01/10/2021	Bulgarian Sociological Association conference, online	The ESS Director and Bulgarian national team participated in a conference: <a href="#">Trust and Well-Being in the Balkans</a> . The event was organised by the Bulgarian Sociological Association, in cooperation with the sociological association of North Macedonia, Serbia and Romania. The conference also received support from the International Sociological Association (ISA).
05-07/10/2021	Australia-Europe Symposium on Research Infrastructures, online	As part of the Research Infrastructure Visibility (RI-VIS) project, the ESS HQ was allocated a virtual exhibition booth via the conference app hosted by Whova. This area was visited by 19 attendees.
13/10/2021	Survey methodology seminar, online	Organised by ESS HQ, City, University of London and NatCen Social Research, René Bautista (NORC at the University of Chicago) delivered a seminar - <a href="#">What was done to adapt the General Social Survey in 2020?</a> - to 24 attendees. The recording has been viewed 180 times on YouTube.
26/10/2021	NCRM Research Methods festival, online	As part of the United Kingdom's National Centre for Research Methods (NCRM) Research Methods e-festival, two CST members delivered presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Olena Kaminska (ISER, University of Essex): Creating Survey Weights.</li> <li>• Tim Hanson (HQ): Developing self-completion instruments for the ESS.</li> </ul>
28/10/2021	Survey methodology seminar, online	Organised by ESS HQ, City, University of London and NatCen Social Research, Ben Edwards (Australian National University) delivered a seminar - <a href="#">Measuring Disasters - The role of self-report surveys, geospatial linkage and citizen science approaches</a> - to 27 attendees. The recording has been viewed on 105 occasions via YouTube.
15 AND 17/11/2021	Vytautas Magnus University methodological seminar, online	Organised by the Lithuanian national team at Vytautas Magnus University, methodological training was delivered to 83 participants. Tomas Rekašius (Vytautas Magnus University) conducted the training: Introduction to Statistical Data Analysis with R.

DATE	EVENT, LOCATION	DETAILS
19/11/2021	Vytautas Magnus University policy event, The Chancellery of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania and online	Organised by the Lithuanian national team at Vytautas Magnus University together with the Chancellery of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania, an event was held: European Social Survey: What are its benefits for policymakers? Presentations were delivered by members of the ESS Lithuanian team to 100 representatives of different ministries, the Seimas and the Government Chancellery, STRATA.
26/11/2021	ESS Estonia webinar, online	The Estonian national team organised an online training course: How to use ESS data for religion and migration studies. It was delivered online to 28 participants from the Estonian Ministry of Internal Affairs and related institutions.
03/12/2021	Survey methodology seminar, online	Organised by ESS HQ, City, University of London and NatCen Social Research, Emily Geisen (Qualtrics) delivered a seminar - <a href="#">Improving web surveys through visual design and usability</a> - to 142 attendees. The recording has been viewed 393 times on YouTube.
7 AND 16/12/2021	Vytautas Magnus University methodological seminar, online	The SUSTAIN Training course for Lithuania - methodological training was delivered to 17 participants. Angelika Scheuer (ESS, GESIS) moderated the training, delivered by Levente Littvay (Central European University): Multilevel modelling. Aurelija Stelmokien (Vytautas Magnus University) helped with organizational issues.
15/12/2021	ICOS Cities Talk, online	ESS Director, Rory Fitzgerald, and CST member, Diana Zavala-Rojas (UPF) delivered a webinar for ICOS - Integrated Carbon Observation System. A recording of the webinar is available: <a href="#">Surveying attitudes towards climate change and energy preferences in the ESS</a> .
20/01/2022	ESS Estonia, user conference, online	Organised by the Estonian national team based at the University of Tartu, an online conference was held to showcase the use of ESS data. The event included substantive and methodological presentations.
27/01/2022	Survey methodology seminar, online	Organised by ESS HQ, City, University of London and NatCen Social Research, Peter Cornick and Shanna Christie (NatCen) delivered a seminar - <a href="#">Remodelling social surveys - trade-offs and opportunities</a> - to 296 attendees. The recording has been viewed on 441 occasions via YouTube.
02/02/2022	NCRM/ESRC Data Collection Network Meeting, online	ESS Director, Rory Fitzgerald and Senior Research Fellow, Tim Hanson, presented on the electronic questionnaire device and video interviewing to a group of industry experts. The meeting was organised by the National centre for Research Methods (NCRM) and the Economic and Social Research council (ESRC).
10/02/2022	Survey methodology seminar, online	Organised by ESS HQ, City, University of London and NatCen Social Research, Mandy Sha and Dorothee Behr (GESIS) delivered a seminar - <a href="#">Cross-cultural survey pretesting in the digital age</a> - to 91 attendees. The recording has been viewed 407 times on YouTube.
16/02/2022	Survey methodology seminar, online	Organised by ESS HQ, City, University of London and NatCen Social Research, Cornelia Neuert (GESIS) delivered a seminar - <a href="#">How to conduct cognitive interviews online</a> - to 136 attendees. The recording has been viewed on 307 occasions via YouTube.
18/03/2022	Vytautas Magnus University methodological seminar, online	Organised by the Lithuanian national team at Vytautas Magnus University, methodological training was delivered to 70 participants. Aurelija Stelmokien (Vytautas Magnus University) moderated the training - Data protection requirements in contemporary research: Regulation and practice. The ESS DPO, Mathilde Steinsvåg Hansen, was one of the speakers.

# ANNEX 4 (CONTINUED)

## DISSEMINATION EVENTS

### Full list of dissemination events

DATE	EVENT, LOCATION	DETAILS
25/03/2022	20 years of ESFRI conference, Paris	Following a request from the European Commission (DG Research & Innovation) in December 2021, the ESS HQ provided details for three young researchers. Mark Visser was chosen to present research using ESS data at the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) <a href="#">conference</a> .
06/04/2022	Survey methodology seminar, online	Organised by ESS HQ, City, University of London and NatCen Social Research, Melanie Revilla (UPF) delivered a seminar - <a href="#">Web survey participation of Millennials</a> - to 71 attendees. The recording has been viewed 118 times on YouTube.
09-12/05/2022	Vytautas Magnus University methodological seminars, online	Organised by the Lithuanian national team at Vytautas Magnus University, a series of methodological seminars were delivered to 360 participants. Rasa Indriliūnaitė (Vytautas Magnus University) moderated the training: Theory and practice of preparing and implementing surveys.
11/05/2022	UK Government site visit, HQ (City, University of London)	The ESS HQ hosted a delegation of 10 people from the UK Government's Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS), Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and UK Research and Innovation (UKRI). BEIS funds the ESRC - part of UKRI - who are the largest single funder of the ESS. The request was received by ESS HQ through the ESRC by Dr Shabana Haque, OBE, the new Deputy Director Research Infrastructures at BEIS.
11-13/05/2022	AAPOR, Sheraton Grand Chicago	Senior Research Fellow, Tim Hanson, presented two papers at the <a href="#">American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference</a> .
15/05/2022	DeZIM Actors without Arena workshop, Berlin	German national coordinator, Oshrat Hochman, delivered a lecture - The European Social Survey: A short introduction - at the German Center for Integration and Migration Research (DeZIM).
16/05/2022	GESIS Meet the Experts Lecture, online	The German national team delivered a webinar that focused on their experiences of Round 10 data collection: <a href="#">Implementing the European Social Survey (ESS) in self-completion modes</a> . The recording of the webinar has been viewed on 74 occasions (1 June 2022).
31/05/2022	Survey methodology seminar, online	Organised by ESS HQ, City, University of London and NatCen Social Research, Patricia Goerman, Yazmín García Trejo and Mikelyn Meyers (U.S. Census Bureau) delivered a seminar - <a href="#">Methods for including respondent perspectives in the development of multilingual surveys</a> - to 37 attendees. The recording was uploaded to YouTube on 2 June 2022.



# ANNEX 5

## AUDITED ACCOUNTS 2021-2022

Auditor: Buzzacott LLP, London, United Kingdom

### STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME EUROPEAN SOCIAL SURVEY ERIC FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

	1 JUNE 2021 TO 31 MAY 2022 €	1 JUNE 2020 TO 31 MAY 2021 €
<b>INCOME</b>	4,453,363	2,905,646
Direct costs	(4,326,154)	(2,923,975)
<b>GROSS SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	127,209	(18,329)
Administrative expenses	(87,951)	(90,382)
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	39,258	(108,711)

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MAY 2022

	2022		2021	
	€	€	€	€
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Debtors	36,692		1,197,545	
Cash at bank	2,887,589		1,519,316	
<b>CREDITORS:</b>				
Amounts falling due within one year	(2,834,816)		(2,666,654)	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>				50,207
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		89,465		50,207
<b>RESERVES</b>				
Income and expenditure account		89,465		50,207
<b>TOTAL RESERVES</b>		89,465		50,207

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the General Assembly and were signed on its behalf on 1/12/2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Section 1A Small Entities of the Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102.

# ANNEX 6

## KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

KPIs were presented to the ESS ERIC General Assembly at its meeting of 7 April 2022. It was agreed that information relating to these KPIs would be included in an Annex to the Annual Activity Report.

### KPIs for the European Social Survey ERIC to 31.5.2022.

OBJECTIVE	KPIs	ESS APPLICATION AND SOURCE
<b>ENABLING SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE</b>	1. Number of user requests for access	Downloads (Ever: 145,244; last 12 months: 10,503) <sup>3</sup>
	2. Number of users served	Registered users (Ever: 200,331; last 12 months: 18,715) <sup>4</sup>
	3. Number of publications	Academic articles (Ever: 5,972; last 12 months: 543) <sup>5</sup>
	4. Percentage of top (10%) cited publications	21% <sup>6</sup>
<b>DELIVERY OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING</b>	5. Number of master and PhD students using the RI	PhD and students registered (Ever: 152,204; last 12 months: 15,403) <sup>7</sup>
	6. Training of people who are not RI staff	Training course attendees (Last 12 months: 716) <sup>8</sup>
<b>ENHANCING COLLABORATION IN EUROPE</b>	7. Number of Members, Observers and Guests of the RI (in ESS Round 10)  ESS Member countries shown in bold; ESS Observer shown in italics; ESS Round 10 Guests shown in plain text  ESFRI status is shown as (M) = Member State; (AC) = Associated Country; (- = no affiliation)	31: <b>Austria (M); Belgium (M); Bulgaria (M); Croatia (M); Cyprus (M); Czechia (M); Estonia (M); Finland (M); France (M); Germany (M); Greece (M); Hungary (M); Iceland (AC); Ireland (M); Israel (AC); Italy (M); Latvia (M); Lithuania (M); Montenegro (AC); Netherlands (M); North Macedonia (AC); Norway (AC); Poland (M); Portugal (M); Serbia (AC); Slovak Republic (M); Slovenia (M); Spain (M); Sweden (M); Switzerland (AC); United Kingdom (-)</b>
	8. Share of users and publications per ESFRI member country	See separate table below <sup>9</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Download data was provided by Sikt and covers the time period from 18 May 2021 - 30 May 2022.

<sup>4</sup> Registered user data was provided by Sikt and covers the time period from 18 May 2021 - 30 May 2022.

<sup>5</sup> The figure for number of publications is taken from ESS annual bibliographic report 2022 compiled by Brina Malnar, University of Ljubljana. This research is compiled by calendar year, meaning the number of publications in the last 12 months refers to 1 January - 31 December 2021.

<sup>6</sup> This figure is taken from the February 2022 report: SUSTAIN-2: Impact of the European Social Survey. This bibliometric analysis was undertaken by the Centre for Science and Technology Studies (CWTS) on behalf of Technopolis Group (UK). This report was produced for the Horizon 2020 project, SUSTAIN-2 (grant agreement number 871063). There are currently no plans to repeat this work as part of the ESS ERIC work programme.

<sup>7</sup> Registered user data was provided by Sikt and covers the time period from 18 May 2021 - 30 May 2022.

<sup>8</sup> The information was compiled by ESS HQ for the period 1 June 2021 - 31 May 2022 and relied on submissions by the CST and national teams. There is no formal training provided in the ESS ERIC work programme.

<sup>9</sup> Registered user data per country was provided by Sikt and covers the time period from 18 May 2021 - 30 May 2022. The figure for number of publications per country is taken from ESS annual bibliographic report 2021 and the ESS annual bibliographic report 2022 compiled by Brina Malnar, University of Ljubljana. This research is compiled by calendar year, meaning the number of publications in the last 12 months refers to 1 January - 31 December 2021.

OBJECTIVE	KPIs	ESS APPLICATION AND SOURCE
<b>OUTREACH TO THE PUBLIC</b>	9. Engagement achieved by direct contact	Engagement, last 12 months: User Bulletin recipients: 16,954 <sup>10</sup> Exhibition stands: 102 unique visitors; Activities by HQ/ CST: 1,266 attendees; Activities by NCs: 255 attendees. <sup>11</sup>
	10. Outreach through media	Media articles mentioning ESS (Ever: 5,463; last 12 months: 902) <sup>12</sup>
	11. Outreach via the RI's own web and social media	ESS website (Ever, 1 June 2017 - 31 May 2022): 7,914,725 webpages accessed by 938,327. <sup>13</sup> ESS website (Last 12 months: 1 June 2021 - 31 May 2022): 1,462,128 webpages accessed by 214,656 unique users. <sup>14</sup> Facebook (1 June 2021 - 31 May 2022): 2,222 followers (122 new); 99,406 Reach. <sup>15</sup> LinkedIn (1 June 2021 - 31 May 2022): 1,391 followers (342 new); 51,778 Impressions (22,184 Unique Impressions) <sup>16</sup> Twitter (1 June 2021 - 31 May 2022): 17,095 followers (3,142 new); 1.009m Impressions. <sup>17</sup> YouTube (1 June 2021 - 31 May 2022): 334 subscribers (158 new); 6,500 views. <sup>18</sup> Access of on-line training (EduNet), Ever (since August 2016): 399,766 / last 12 months: 42,738. <sup>19</sup>
<b>OPTIMISING DATA USE</b>	12. Number of publicly available data sets used externally	60 ESS data files are publicly available on the ESS Data Portal. <sup>20</sup> The Data Portal also includes an updated version of the ESS Data Wizard, allowing users to create a bespoke subset of data by selecting variables (questions), countries and/or round(s) of data collection. Additionally, multilevel (contextual) data compiled from external sources is available to download alongside ESS data for rounds 4-9.

<sup>10</sup> This is the number of people who opted in to receive the ESS e-newsletter at the end of May 2021. The information was provided by Sikt.

<sup>11</sup> These are attendance figures as detailed in the activities table of the dissemination section of the ESS ERIC Annual Activity Report 2021-22. Where activities were not organised by ESS HQ, the number of attendees to events are reported by the CST and NCTs to ESS HQ. For externally organised events, figures are estimated.

<sup>12</sup> Media monitoring for ESS mentions began in January 2016. The figure for the last 12 months is taken from the annual media monitoring report, covering the period from 1 June 2021 - 31 May 2022.

<sup>13</sup> ESS website data is taken from Google analytics. Data is only available from 1 June 2017.

<sup>14</sup> ESS website data is taken from Google analytics.

<sup>15</sup> ESS Facebook data is taken from Facebook insights.

<sup>16</sup> ESS LinkedIn data is taken from LinkedIn.

<sup>17</sup> ESS Twitter data is taken from Twitter Analytics.

<sup>18</sup> ESS YouTube data is taken from YouTube.

<sup>19</sup> This is the number of users who accessed EduNet (essedunet.nsd.uib.no) in the period 1 June 2021 - 31 May 2022. However, this has a relatively high bounce rate (79.13%), indicating that many visitors left the site without interaction or viewing any other pages. The information is taken from Google Analytics via Sikt. Since 1 June 2022, EduNet is not accessible.

<sup>20</sup> More than 60 data files were available when ESS data was stored on physical servers. Since the move to a cloud-based storage solution following the culmination of the Horizon 2020 project, Social Sciences and Humanities Open Cloud (SSHOC) (grant agreement number 823782).



# ANNEX 6

## KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (CONTINUED)

### KPIs for the European Social Survey ERIC to 31.5.2022.

OBJECTIVE	KPIs	ESS APPLICATION AND SOURCE
<b>PROVISION OF SCIENTIFIC ADVICE</b>	13. Participation by RIs in policy related activities	Last 12 months: 7 <sup>21</sup>
	14. Citations mentioning policy in academic publications using ESS	Ever: 2,369; last 12 months: 262 <sup>22</sup>
<b>FACILITATING INTERNATIONAL CO- OPERATION</b>	15. Share of users and publications per non-ESFRI member country	See separate table below <sup>23</sup>
	16. Number of members of the RI from non-ESFRI countries	1 ESS Member and non-ESFRI country (United Kingdom) <sup>24</sup>
<b>OPTIMISING MANAGEMENT</b>	17. Revenues	€4,855,933.12 (2021-23) <sup>25</sup>

<sup>21</sup> This information is taken from the activities table of the dissemination section of the ESS ERIC Annual Activity Report 2021-22. Note however that it is likely to be a significant under estimation.

<sup>22</sup> These figures are taken from [ESS annual bibliographic report 2021](#) compiled by Brina Malnar, University of Ljubljana. This research is compiled by calendar year, meaning the number of policy related publications in the last 12 months refers to 1 January - 31 December 2020. This information is currently not available for 2021. It is also worth noting that this is a rudimentary measure of policy related publications. It refers to the number of journal articles that included 'the number of keywords 'policy' or 'policies' in the body of the text'. Another possible method could be to include all the reports included in the Bibliographic report. However, without monitoring all policy related websites, there is no way to ensure that all policy related publications are included. There is also uncertainty as to what a policy related citation might be (i.e. whether it is simply a reference to the ESS in an OECD report, for example, or whether significant analysis of ESS data is required). Work soon to be undertaken by an external policy consultant as part of SUSTAIN-2 may help inform this measure in future.

<sup>23</sup> Registered user data per country was sent via Sikt and covers the time period from [18 May 2021](#) - [30 May 2022](#). The figure for number of publications per country is taken from [ESS annual bibliographic report 2021](#) and the ESS annual bibliographic report 2022 compiled by Brina Malnar, University of Ljubljana. This research is compiled by calendar year, meaning the number of publications in the last 12 months refers to 1 January - 31 December 2021.

<sup>24</sup> This figure of €4,855,933.12 for the 2021-23 biennial period is the total budget for the Core Scientific Team (CST). This does not include funding for national teams and fieldwork collection that is funded from national sources. This figure does not include revenues received from the European Commission for Horizon 2020 projects which are often administered by the ESS ERIC but not necessarily spent on the CST. Up to and including the SERISS project, the ESS received €26,289,759.69 from the European Commission. The ESS ERIC Work Programme has been funded by the General Assembly since June 2013.

## KPI 8 and 16. Share of users and publications per ESFRI and non-ESFRI member country

ESS Member countries shown in bold; ESS Observer shown in italics; ESS Round 10 Guests shown in plain text)

ESFRI status is shown as (M) = Member State; (AC) = Associated Country; (-) = no affiliation

COUNTRY	REGISTERED USERS			PUBLICATIONS		
	MAY 2022	MAY 2021	LAST 12 MONTHS	JAN-DEC 2021	JAN-DEC 2020	LAST 12 MONTHS
<b>Austria (M)</b>	4830	4325	505	94	84	10
<b>Belgium (M)</b>	14134	13126	1008	379	361	18
<b>Bulgaria (M)</b>	760	641	119	32	26	6
<b>Croatia (M)</b>	491	436	55	16	11	5
<b>Cyprus (M)</b>	404	379	25	18	17	1
<b>Czechia (M)</b>	1592	1473	119	66	62	4
<b>Estonia (M)</b>	3018	2739	279	92	90	2
<b>Finland (M)</b>	3415	3161	254	168	154	14
<b>France (M)</b>	7281	6509	772	138	121	17
<b>Germany (M)</b>	21252	19131	2121	783	707	76
<i>Greece (M)</i>	1685	1600	85	84	73	11
<b>Hungary (M)</b>	3423	3067	356	107	94	13
<b>Iceland (AC)</b>	526	513	13	12	11	1
<b>Ireland (M)</b>	2673	2483	190	132	119	13
<b>Israel (AC)</b>	2014	1904	110	110	101	9
<b>Italy (M)</b>	9278	8199	1079	351	302	49
<b>Latvia (M)</b>	423	392	31	8	7	1
<b>Lithuania (M)</b>	1542	1330	212	35	25	10
<i>Montenegro (AC)</i>	212	184	28	0	0	0
<b>Netherlands (M)</b>	12409	11333	1076	578	526	52
<i>North Macedonia (AC)</i>	53	52	1	0	0	0
<b>Norway (AC)</b>	10400	9274	1126	212	192	20
<b>Poland (M)</b>	8399	7635	764	167	146	21
<b>Portugal (M)</b>	4523	4106	417	179	165	14
<b>Serbia (AC)</b>	359	275	84	15	0	15
<b>Slovak Republic (M)</b>	564	533	31	30	30	0
<b>Slovenia (M)</b>	4953	4781	172	53	50	3
<b>Spain (M)</b>	13027	11292	1735	398	350	48
<b>Sweden (M)</b>	5151	4614	537	350	319	31
<i>Switzerland (AC)</i>	5742	5409	333	227	208	19
<b>United Kingdom (-)</b>	17522	15842	1680	896	809	87

# ESS ERIC MEMBER AND OBSERVER COUNTRIES, 2021- 2022 (AT 31 MAY 2022)

## ESS ERIC MEMBERS

1. Austria
2. Belgium
3. Bulgaria
4. Croatia
5. Cyprus
6. Czech Republic
7. Estonia
8. Finland
9. France
10. Germany
11. Hungary
12. Iceland
13. Ireland
14. Israel
15. Italy
16. Latvia
17. Lithuania
18. The Netherlands
19. Norway
20. Poland
21. Portugal
22. Serbia
23. Slovakia
24. Slovenia
25. Spain
26. Sweden
27. Uk (Host Country)

## ESS ERIC OBSERVER

Switzerland



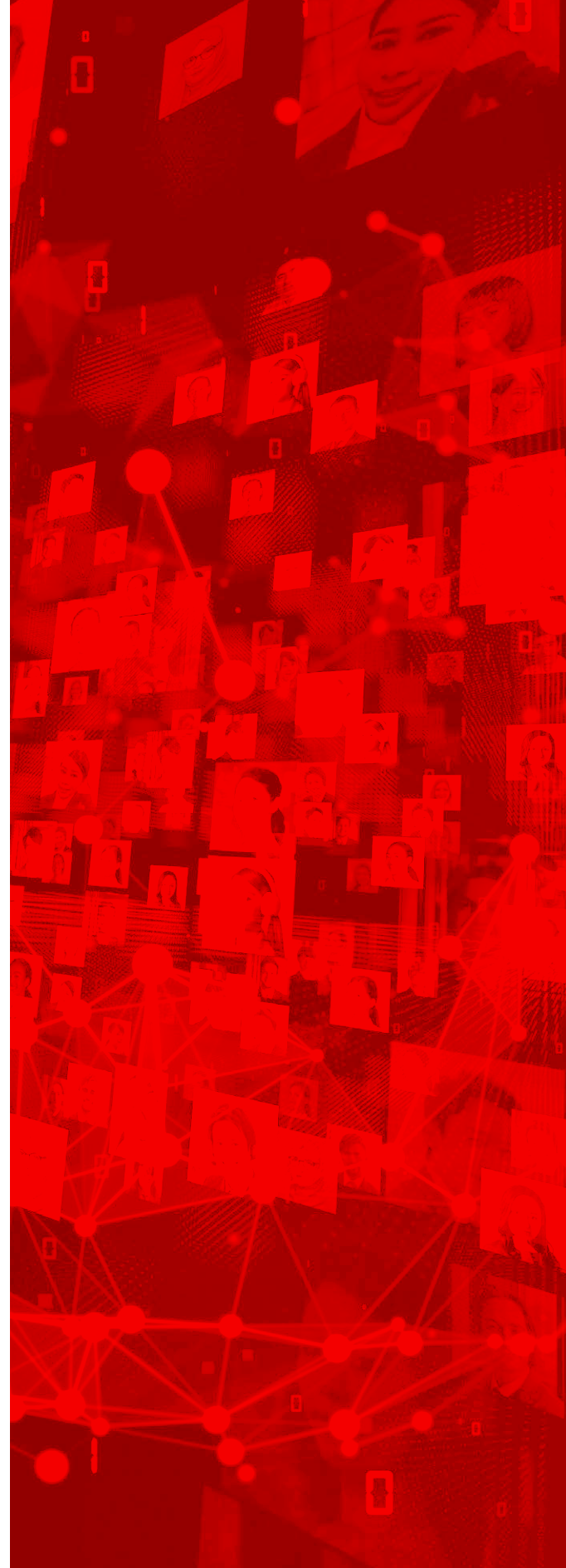
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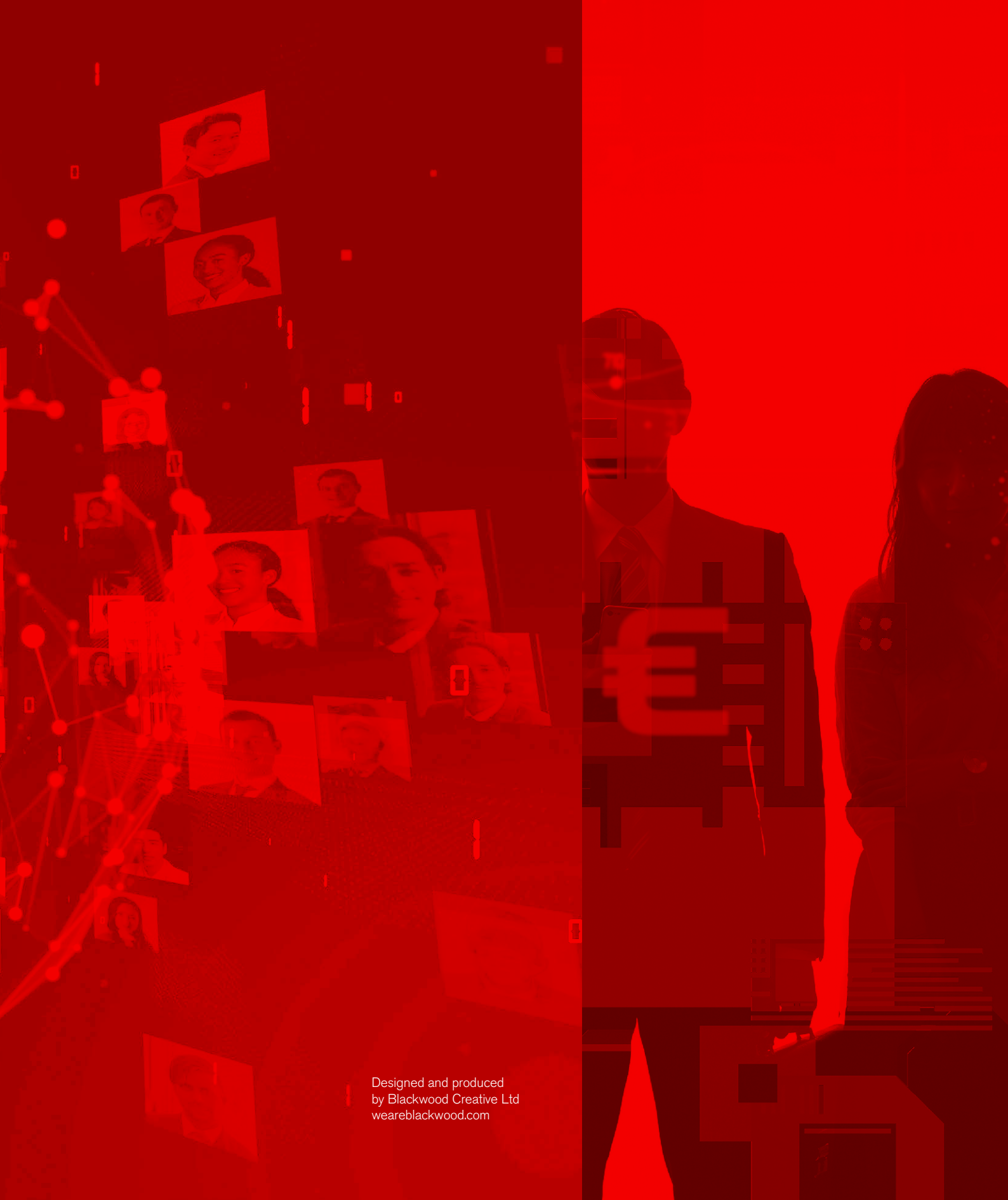




**“ I would like to pay tribute to the work of ESS National Coordinators, fieldwork agencies and interviewers who have worked tirelessly to conduct ESS fieldwork in very difficult circumstances. Many interviews were conducted with both interviewers and respondents wearing masks and practising social distancing. Special gratitude of course is extended to the respondents who agreed to take part in the ESS in very difficult circumstances. Without them there would be no ESS.”**

ESS ERIC Director,  
Professor Rory Fitzgerald





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