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FAIRness assessment and the role of DDI in the Generations and Gender Programme

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The Generations and Gender Programme (GGP) is a cross-national longitudinal panel survey on life-course and family dynamics launched in the year 2000. It comprises two rounds of data collection: Generations and Gender Survey-I (GGS-I), covering 19 countries, and GGS-II, initiated in 2017 and currently ongoing, with data available so far for 10 countries. The GGP is on the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) Roadmap and aims to become a European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC).

Since its inception, the GGP has been committed to high quality data documentation and has chosen the Data Documentation Initiative (DDI) standard to document its surveys. It has implemented DDI-Codebook, before opting for DDI-Lifecycle with the start of GGS-II. Today users can browse the datasets in the GGP Colectica Portal (<https://ggp.colectica.org/>). As part of the work to enhance its technical excellence, GGP takes part in a support action promoted by FAIR-Impact (<https://fair-impact.eu/>) to assess its level of FAIRness.

This paper presents the results of this assessment and discusses the contribution of DDI to making GGS datasets FAIR. It ends with consideration of the actions needed for GGP to increase FAIRness and the role that compliance with DDI will play to implement them.

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