European Social Survey

Household surveys in policy making workshop

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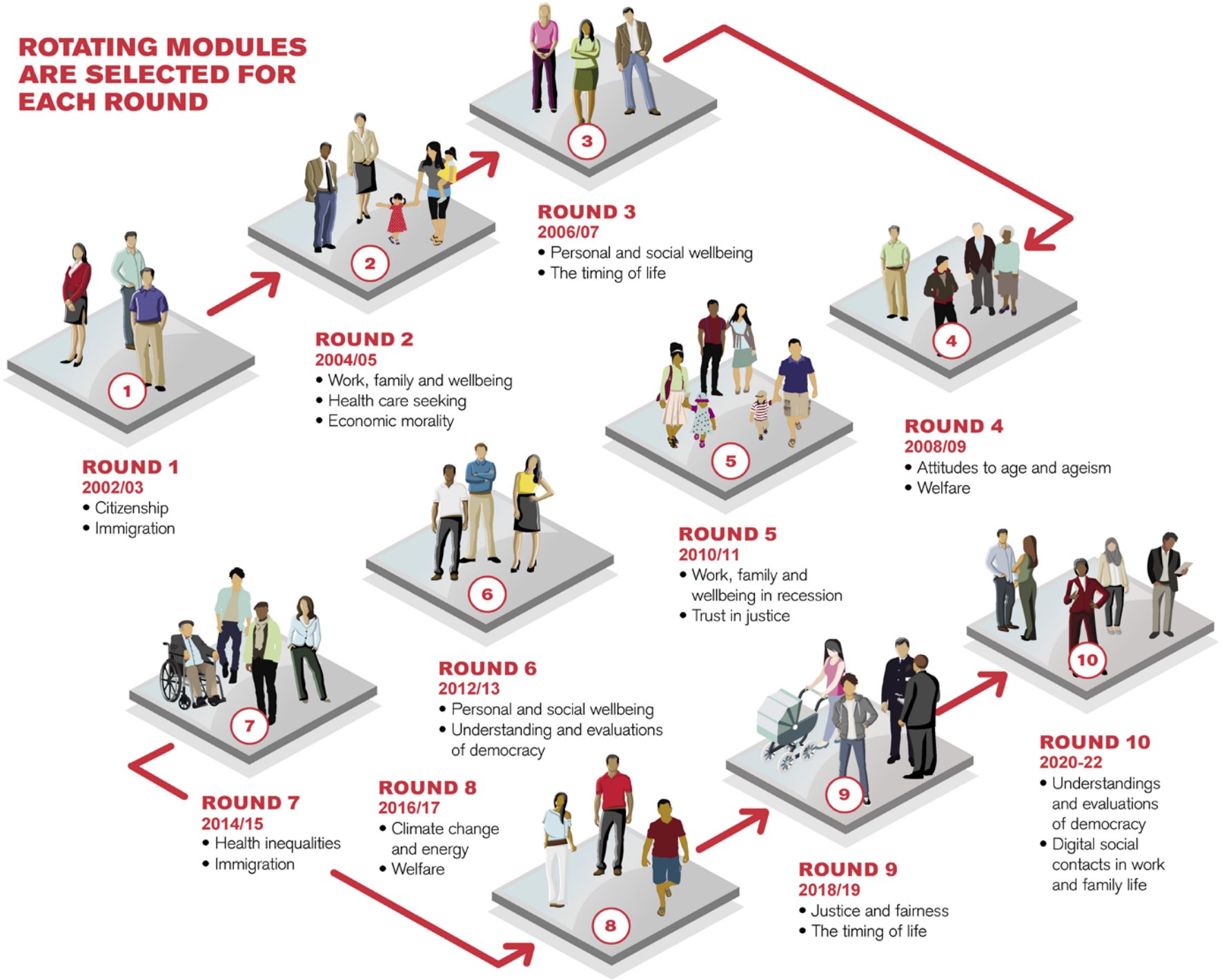
ESS is a European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ESS ERIC)

The impact of the European Social Survey

Questionnaire

- **Media/Internet use, social trust**
  6 questions
- **Political interest, trust in others / institutions, electoral and other forms of participation, party allegiance, socio-political orientations, immigration**
  43 questions
- **Subjective wellbeing, social exclusion, crime, religion, perceived discrimination, national and ethnic identity, vote intention in EU referendum**
  35 questions
- **Socio-demographic profile: household composition, sex, age, marital status, type of area, education & occupation of respondent, partner, parents, union membership, income and ancestry**
  35 questions
- **Human Values Scale**
  21 questions
- **Rotating modules**
  Two sections of 30 questions on a single academic and/or policy concern within Europe

ROTATING MODULES ARE SELECTED FOR EACH ROUND



ROUND 1
2002/03
- Citizenship
- Immigration

ROUND 2
2004/05
- Work, family and wellbeing
- Health care seeking
- Economic morality

ROUND 3
2006/07
- Personal and social wellbeing
- The timing of life

ROUND 4
2008/09
- Attitudes to age and ageism
- Welfare

ROUND 5
2010/11
- Work, family and wellbeing in recession
- Trust in justice

ROUND 6
2012/13
- Personal and social wellbeing
- Understanding and evaluations of democracy

ROUND 7
2014/15
- Health inequalities
- Immigration

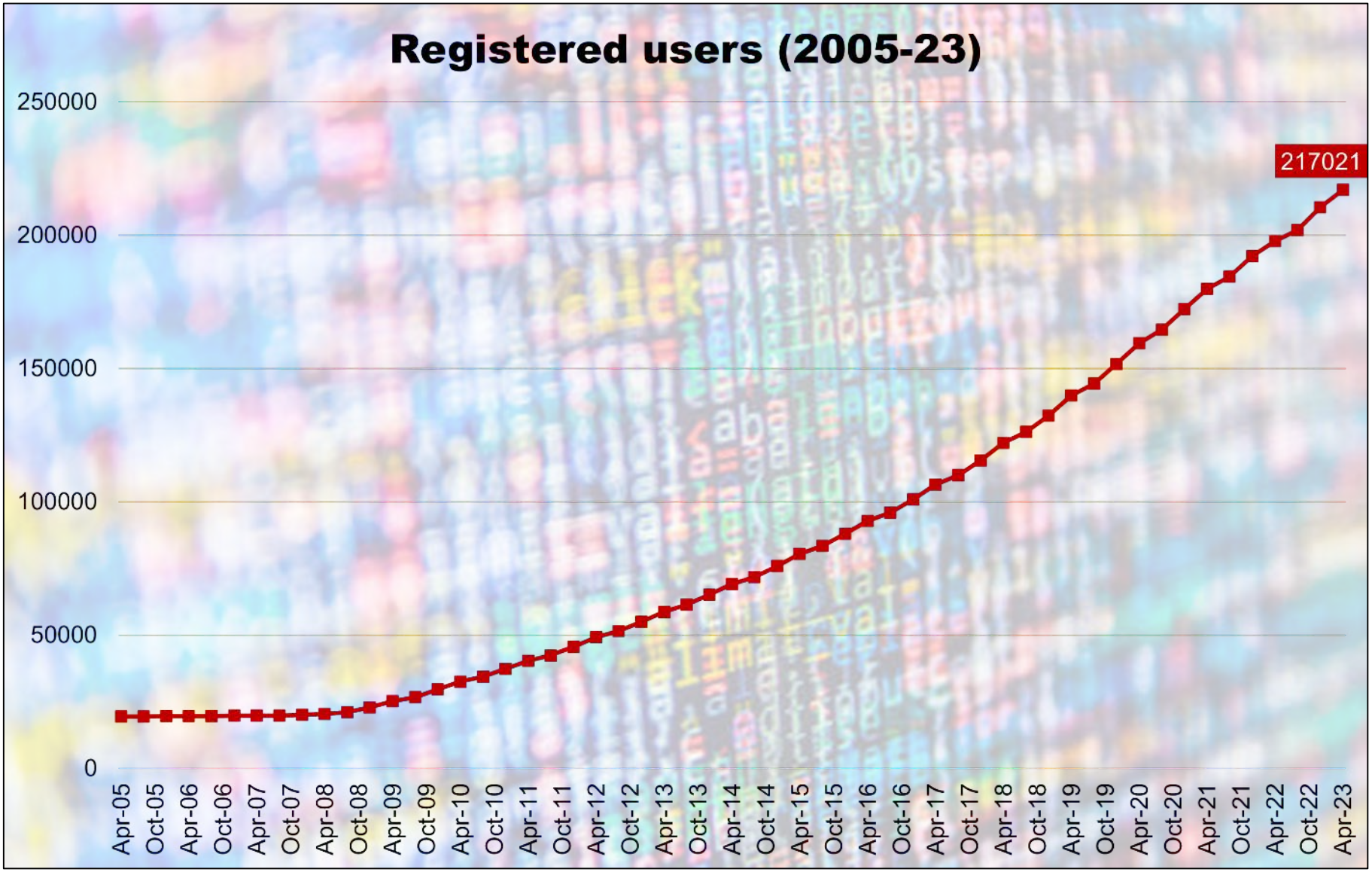
ROUND 8
2016/17
- Climate change and energy
- Welfare

ROUND 9
2018/19
- Justice and fairness
- The timing of life

ROUND 10
2020-22
- Understandings and evaluations of democracy
- Digital social contacts in work and family life

Measuring our impact: Sources

- **Activities within the core scientific team (CST)**
  - **Bibliographic monitoring (University of Ljubljana)**
  - **Media monitoring (HQ)**
  - **User Statistics (Sikt)**
- **Comparative impact study of the ESS ERIC (2017)**
- **Impact Study of the ESS (2022)**
- **Policy Consultant (2023)**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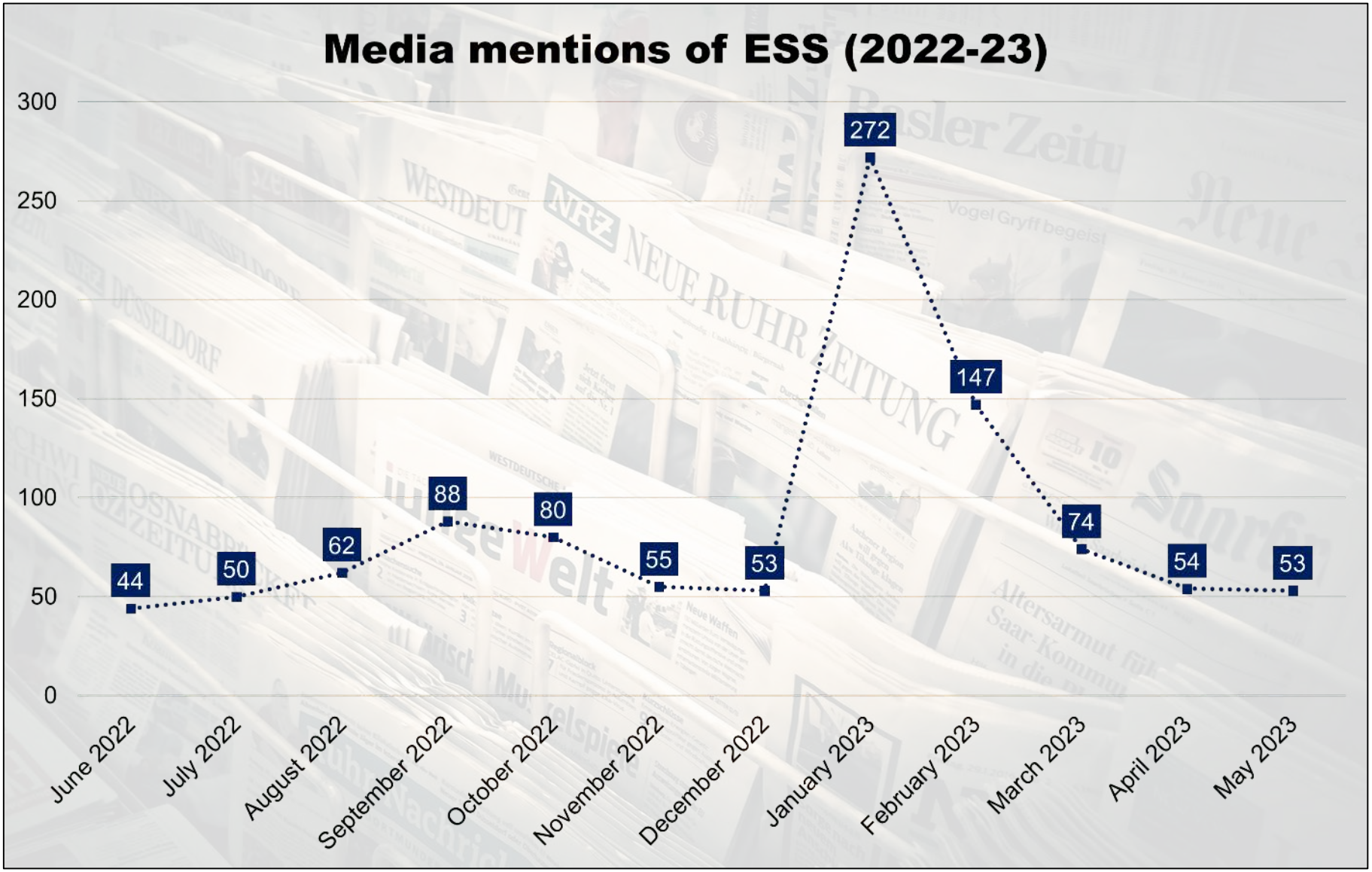
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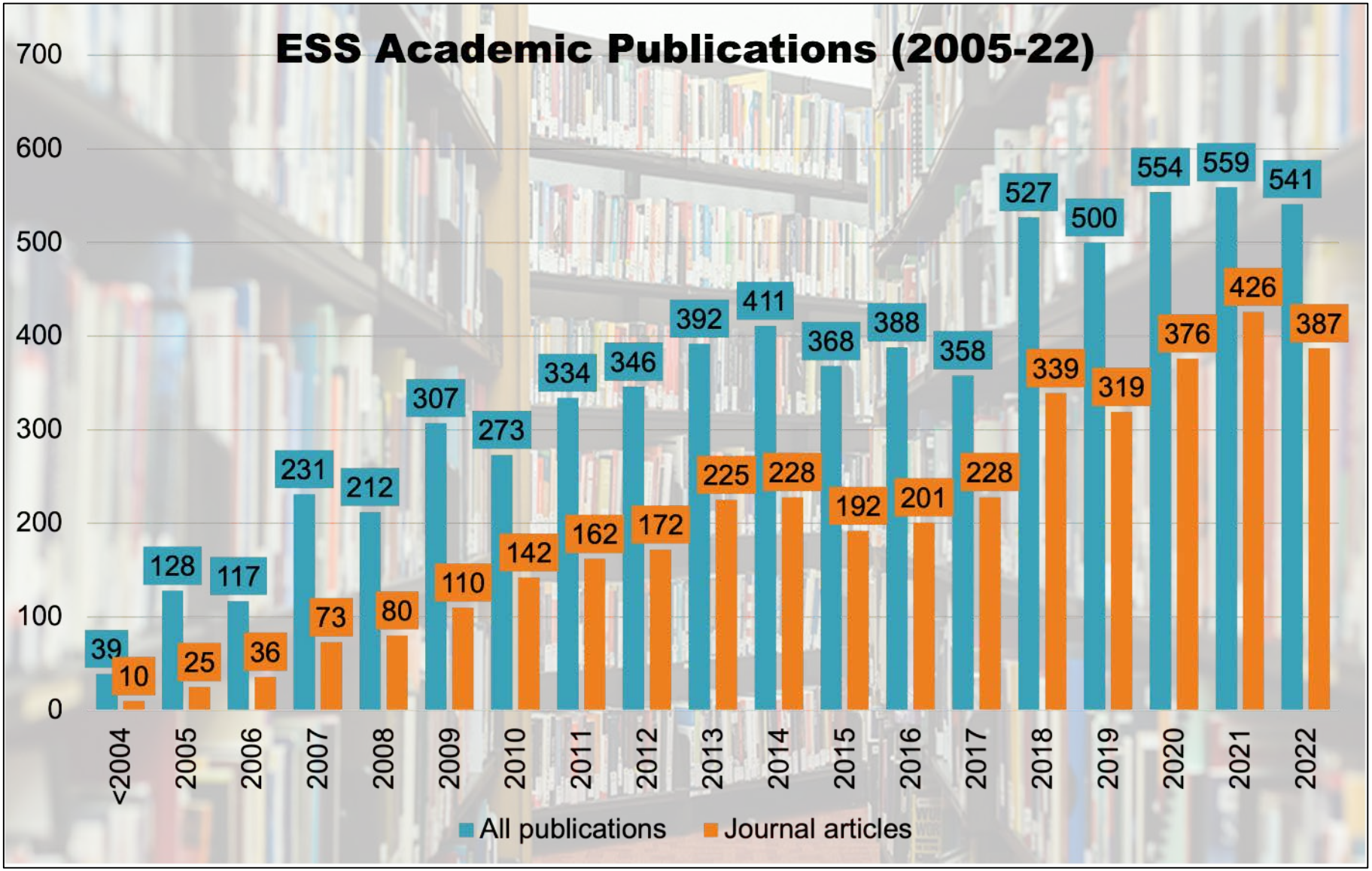
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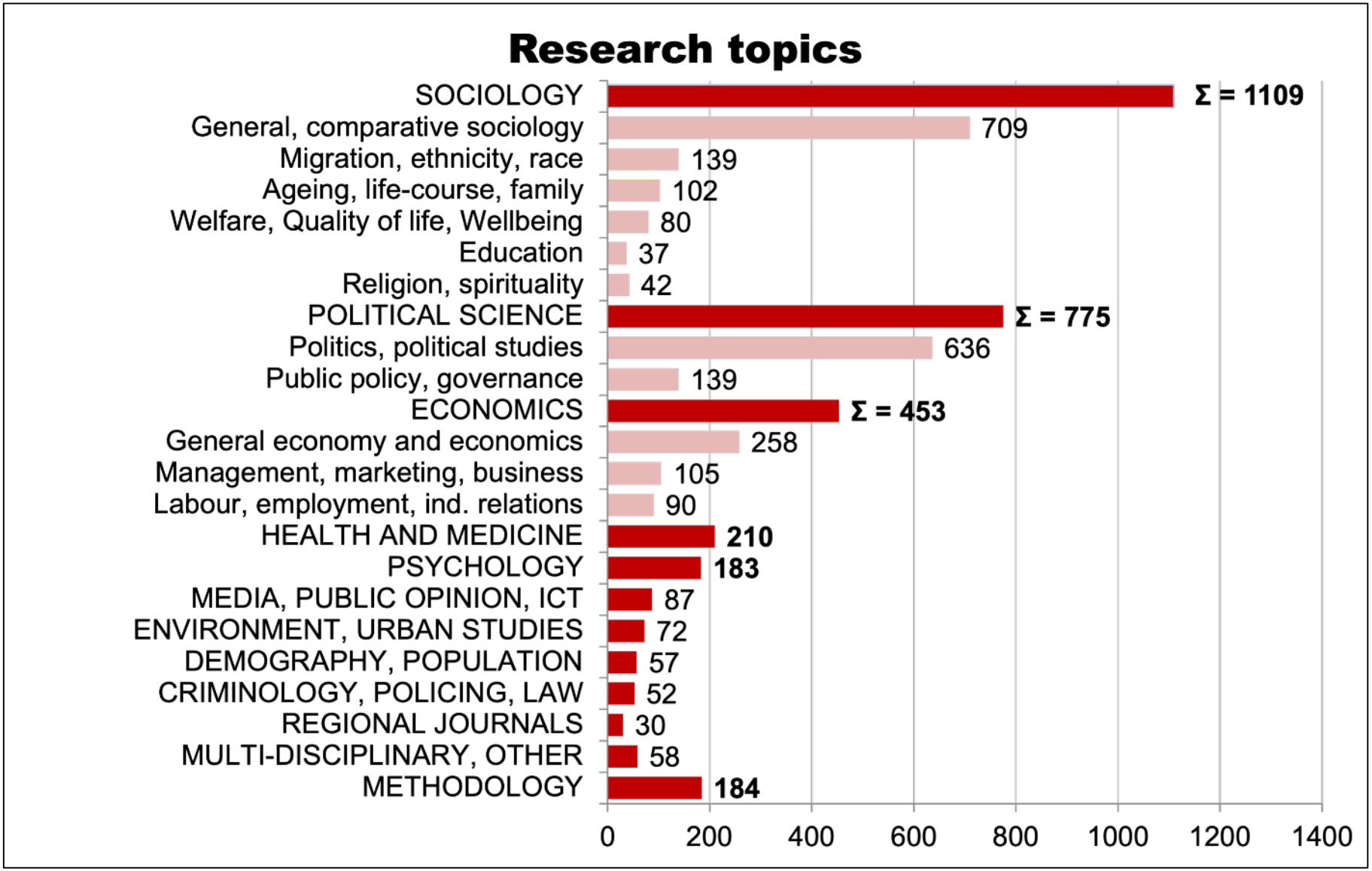
Research topics
SOCIOLOGY
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General, comparative sociology
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Migration, ethnicity, race
139
Ageing, life-course, family
102
Welfare, Quality of life, Wellbeing
80
Education
37
Religion, spirituality
42
POLITICAL SCIENCE
Σ = 775
Politics, political studies
636
Public policy, governance
139
ECONOMICS
Σ = 453
General economy and economics
258
Management, marketing, business
105
Labour, employment, ind. relations
90
HEALTH AND MEDICINE
210
PSYCHOLOGY
183
MEDIA, PUBLIC OPINION, ICT
87
ENVIRONMENT, URBAN STUDIES
72
DEMOGRAPHY, POPULATION
57
CRIMINOLOGY, POLICING, LAW
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REGIONAL JOURNALS
30
MULTI-DISCIPLINARY, OTHER
58
METHODOLOGY
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Overton study

Preliminary observations from desk research in Overton.io

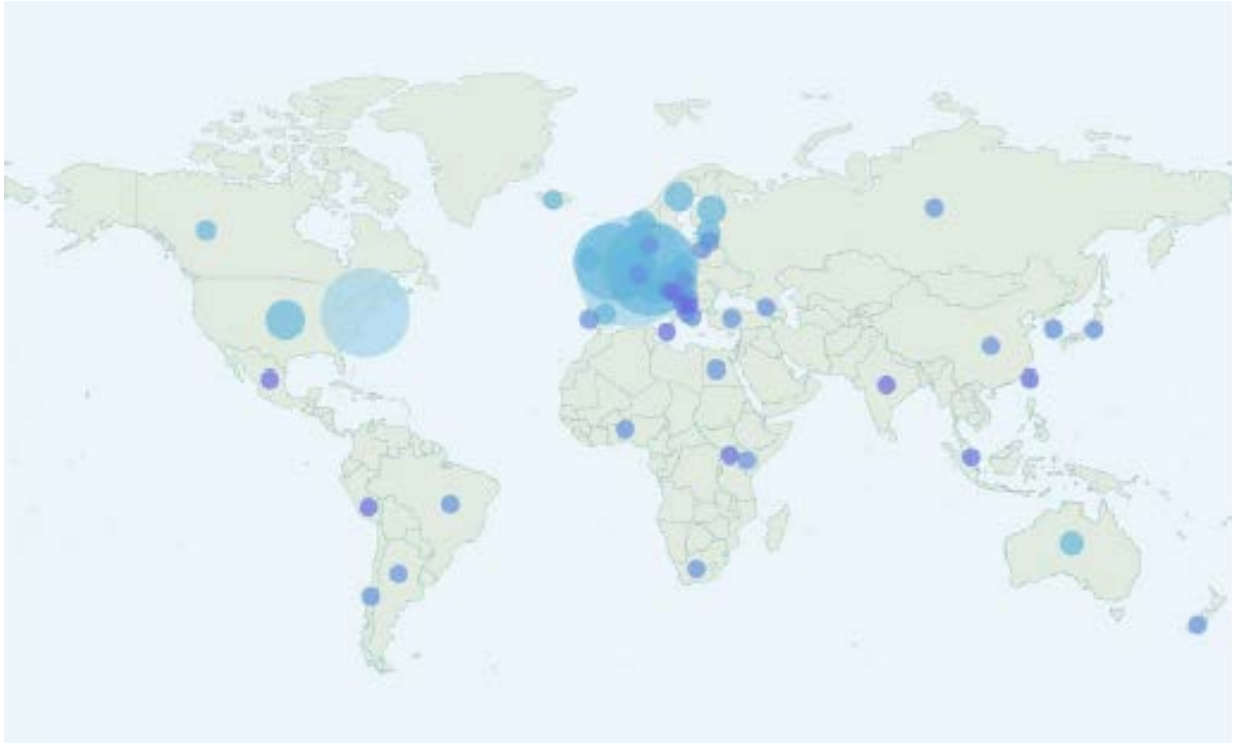
References to European Social Survey found in:

- 3,246 policy documents
- Across 57 countries
- 355 sources:

  - Government: 46%

  - Think tanks: 39%

  - International governmental organisations: 15%



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Overton.io: Organisations with high citations

Country / Org	N=
EU	392
IZA (DE)	237
OECD	208
IFO Institute (DE)	95
UK Government	202
JRC (EC)	84
SCP (NL)	79
Government of Flanders (BE)	74
DIW (DE)	70

Country / Org	N=
Eurofound	65
WHO	64
World Bank	58
Government of Finland (FI)	54
NBER (US)	48
ISER (UK)	44
Government of Czechia (CZ)	43
Federal Planning Bureau (BE)	39

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Government of Switzerland (CH)	37
Analysis & Policy Observatory (AUS)	36
FAFO (NO)	30
Swedish Government (SE)	30
Government of Estonia (EE)	27
ETUI (BE)	26
ESRI (IE)	25

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Technopolis study

A rough typology of non-academic impacts

- General intelligence and insight for NGOs or government ministries, agencies or advisory bodies
- Agenda setting: ESS data highlight a particular problem or challenge, triggering various types of policy action
- Influence on public debate or highlighting certain issues to the general public
- Monitoring: using ESS data as indicators to track certain aspects of societal progress
- Methodological impact on other surveys (e.g. for policy monitoring)

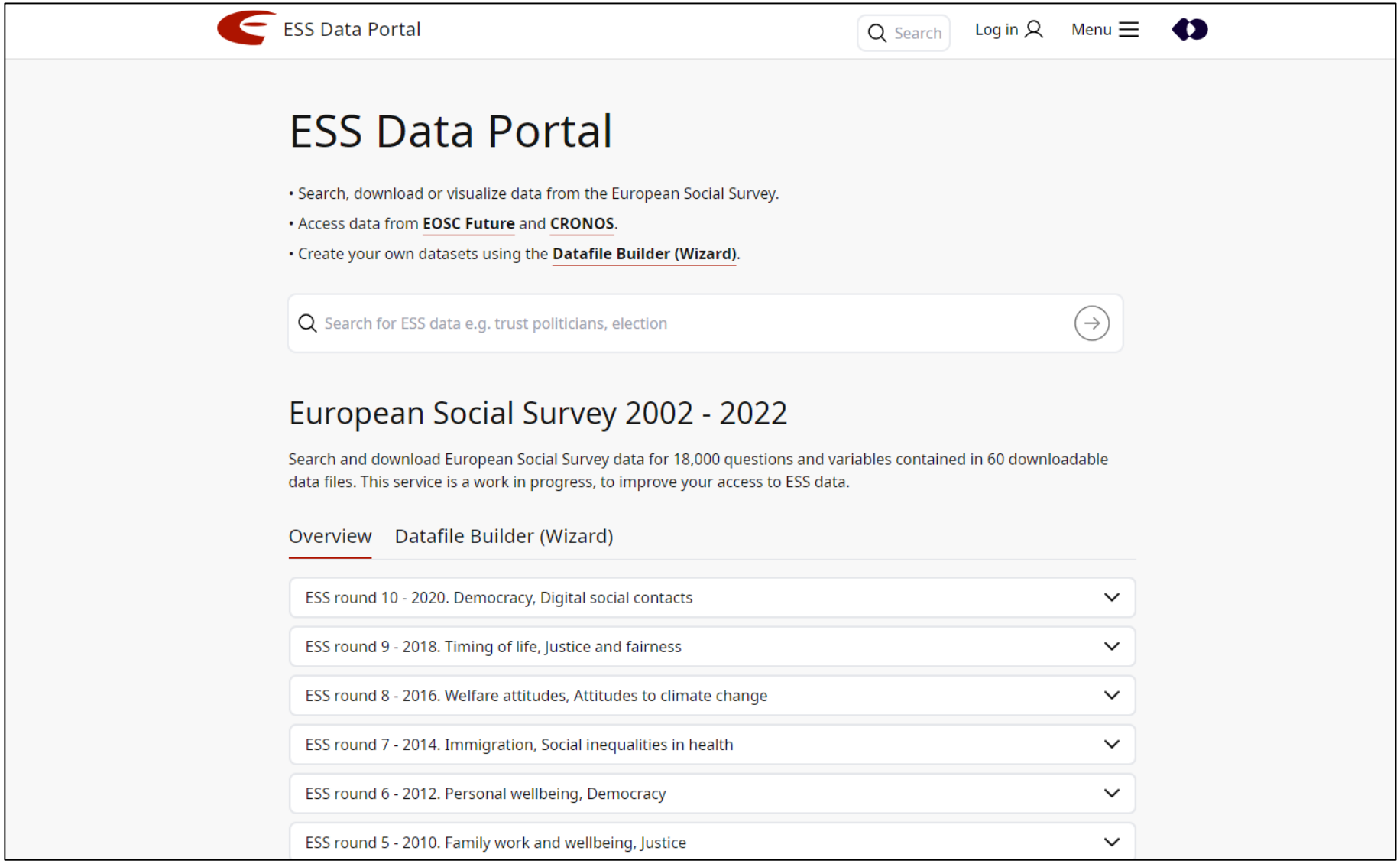
Some (of many) examples of non-academic impact

- **Hungary**: ESS used to examine the social relationships of people aged 65 and over and warned of the potential impact that quarantine rules during COVID-19
- **Finland**: The ESS survey design and data were used in evaluating the Universal Basic Income (UBI) trial
- **Slovenia**: ESS data provided to inform "Resolution on Family Policy 2018 – 2028: A Family-Friendly Society", which was adopted in February 2018
- **Ireland**: The Healthy and Positive Aging Initiative (HaPAI) has used the ESS as the basis for some of its own survey questions to improve policy and services for Irish citizens as they age
- **Lithuania**: The Lithuanian Strategy for Demography, Migration and Integration Policy 2018–2030 references ESS data to support strengthening Lithuanian NGOs and community organisations in order to foster stronger communities
- **Switzerland**: The Military Academy uses ESS data for its annual report on safety, to assess attitudes towards Swiss foreign, security and defence policy

Accessing data

ESS Data Portal

- **All data now available via the ESS Data Portal**
- **Developed through Social Sciences & Humanities Open Cloud (SSHOC) project**
- **FAIR principles (findability, accessibility, interoperability, and reusability)**
- **Includes data from all 483,089 interviews**
- **Variable visualisation now available**
- **Datafile Builder (Wizard) allows you to create own subset of data**
- **Stores previous searches on your profile**
- **Also includes data from CROss-National Online Survey (CRONOS)**
- **Includes Multilevel data which applies contextual data collected externally to ESS data**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• Search, download or visualize data from the European Social Survey.
• Access data from EOSC Future and CRONOS.
• Create your own datasets using the Datafile Builder (Wizard).
Search for ESS data e.g. trust politicians, election
European Social Survey 2002 - 2022
Search and download European Social Survey data for 18,000 questions and variables contained in 60 downloadable data files. This service is a work in progress, to improve your access to ESS data.
Overview
Datafile Builder (Wizard)
ESS round 10 - 2020. Democracy, Digital social contacts
ESS round 9 - 2018. Timing of life, Justice and fairness
ESS round 8 - 2016. Welfare attitudes, Attitudes to climate change
ESS round 7 - 2014. Immigration, Social inequalities in health
ESS round 6 - 2012. Personal wellbeing, Democracy
ESS round 5 - 2010. Family work and wellbeing, Justice

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ESS9 - integrated file, edition 3.2

CSV SPSS Stata

The European Social Survey (ESS) →

Documentation Variable Viewer Analysis

Theme (Filter)

All themes

Question/variable

imbgeco - Immigration bad or good for country's economy

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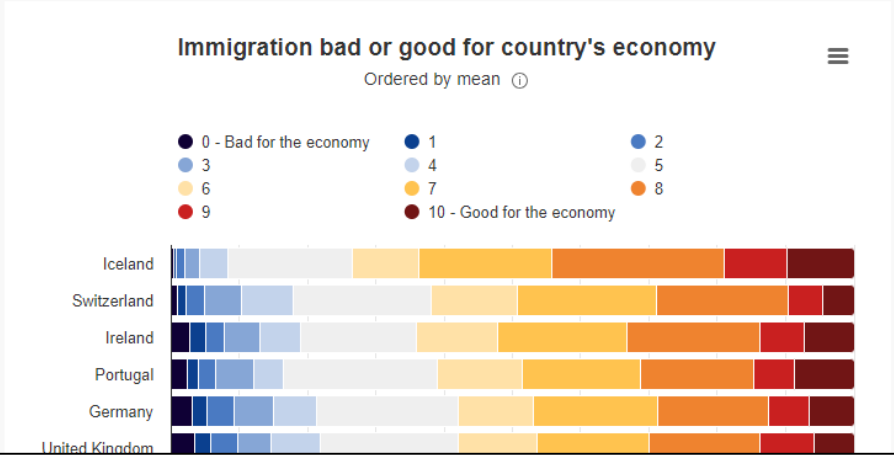
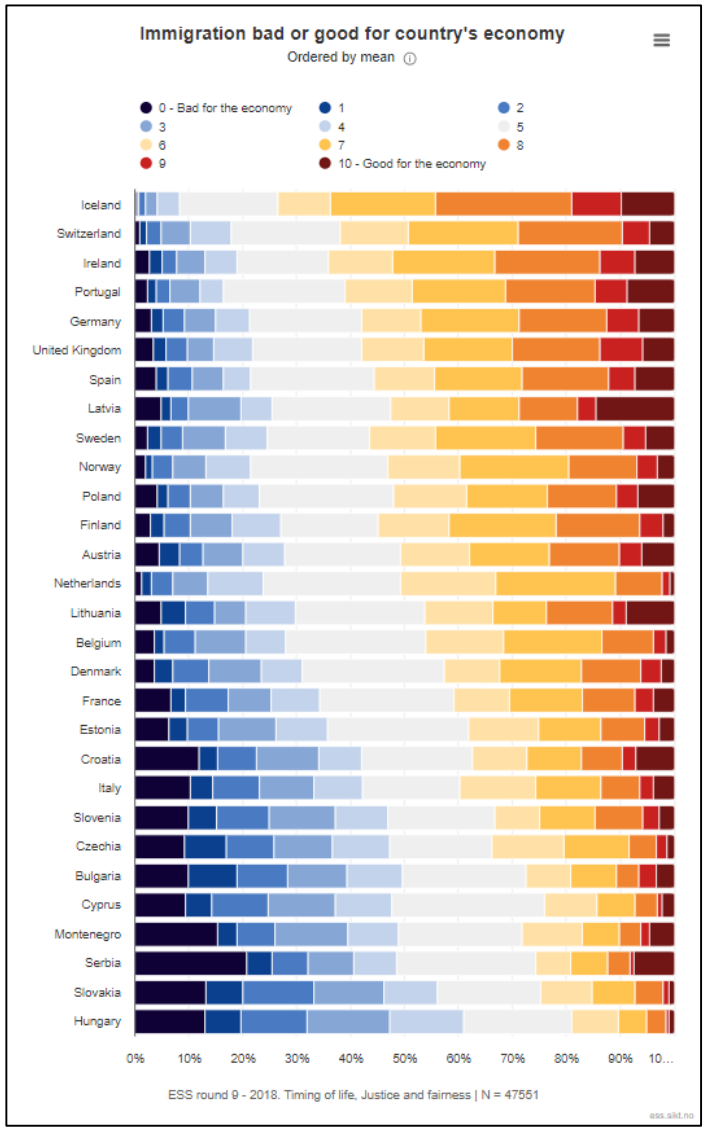
Would you say it is generally bad or good for [country]'s economy that people come to live here from other countries?

The results are weighted by the variable:pspwght - Post-stratification weight including design weight




Immigration bad or good for country's economy
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10 - Good for the economy
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Switzerland
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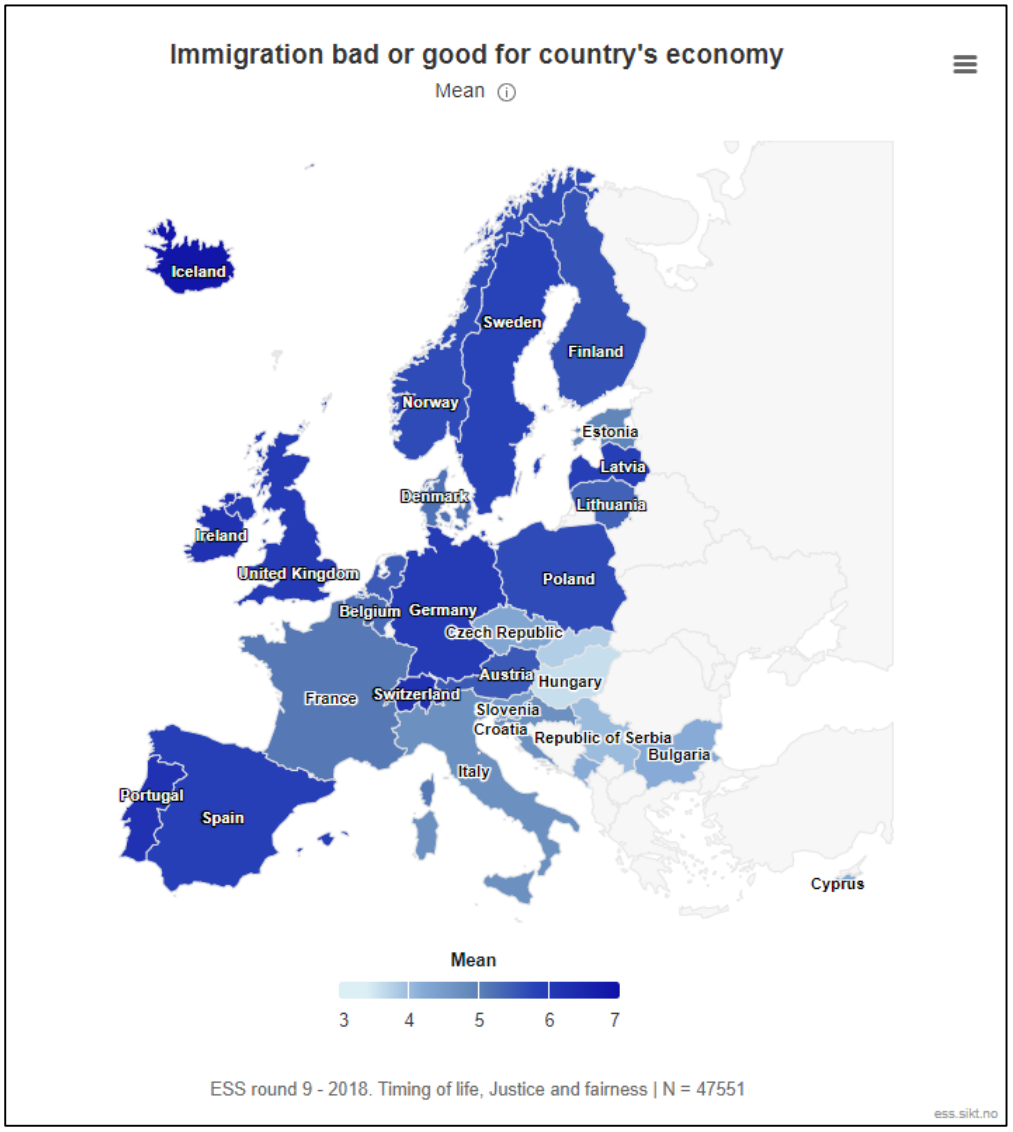
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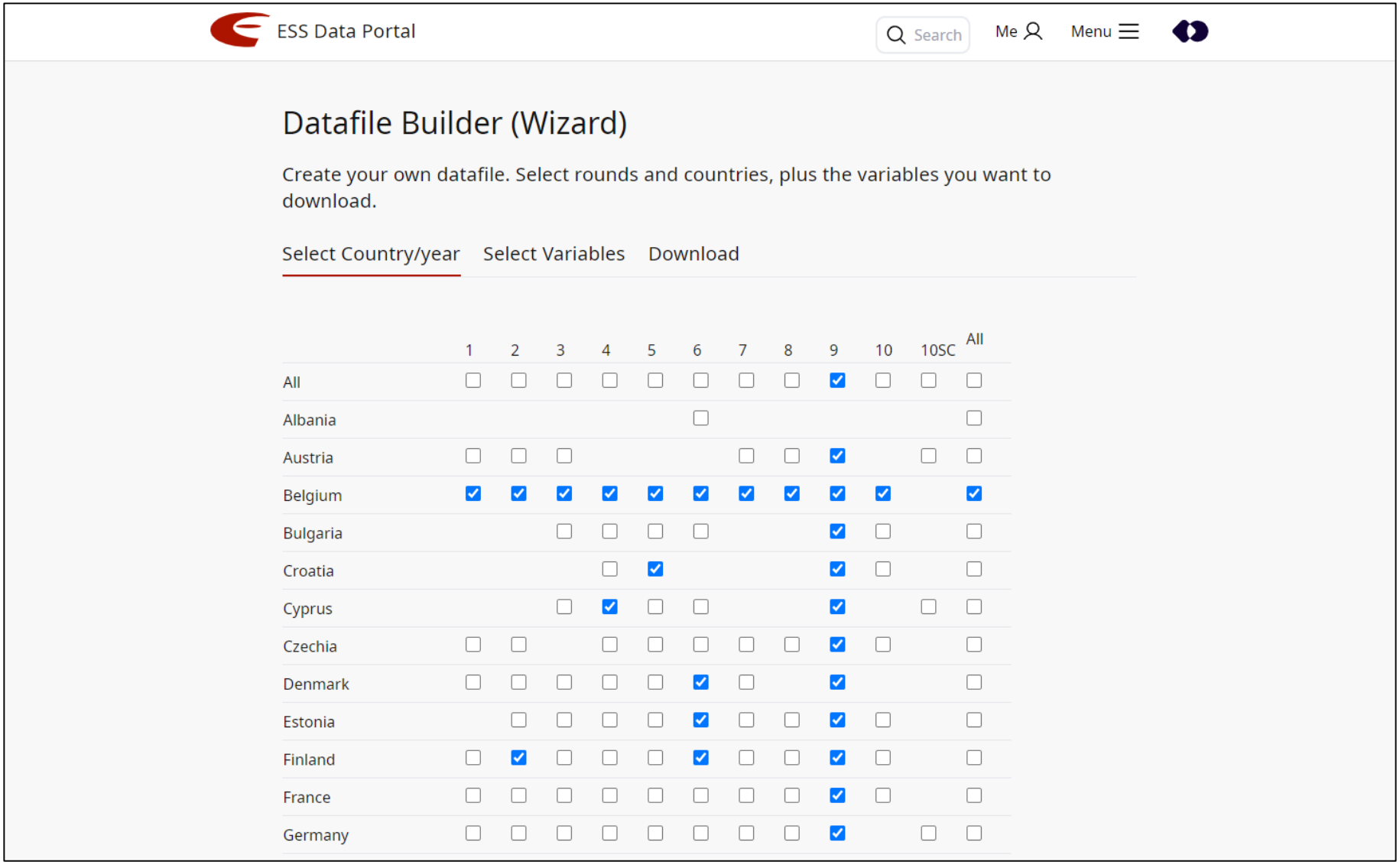
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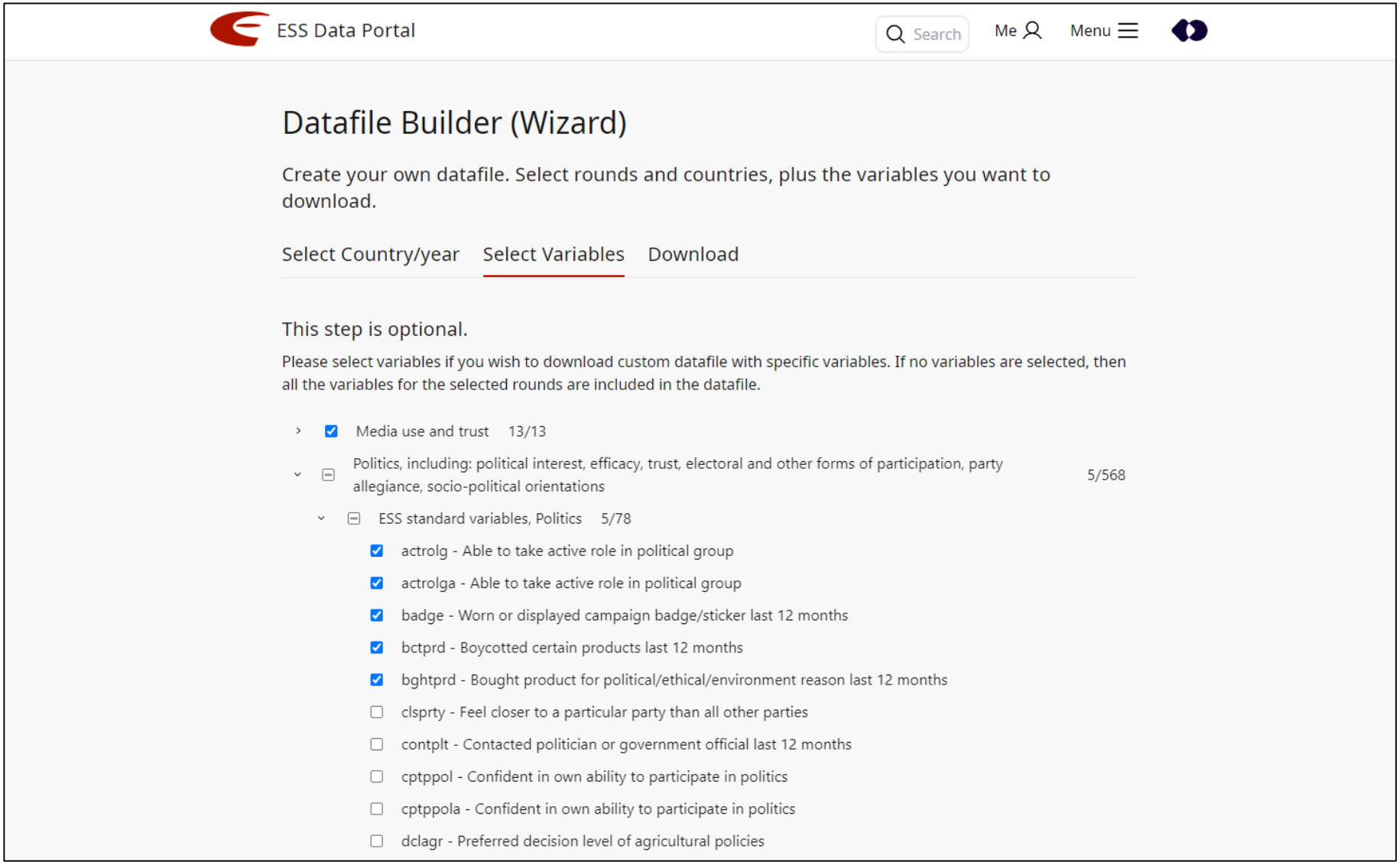
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Politics, including: political interest, efficacy, trust, electoral and other forms of participation, party allegiance, socio-political orientations 5/568
ESS standard variables, Politics 5/78
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badge - Worn or displayed campaign badge/sticker last 12 months
bctprd - Boycotted certain products last 12 months
bghtprd - Bought product for political/ethical/environment reason last 12 months
clsprty - Feel closer to a particular party than all other parties
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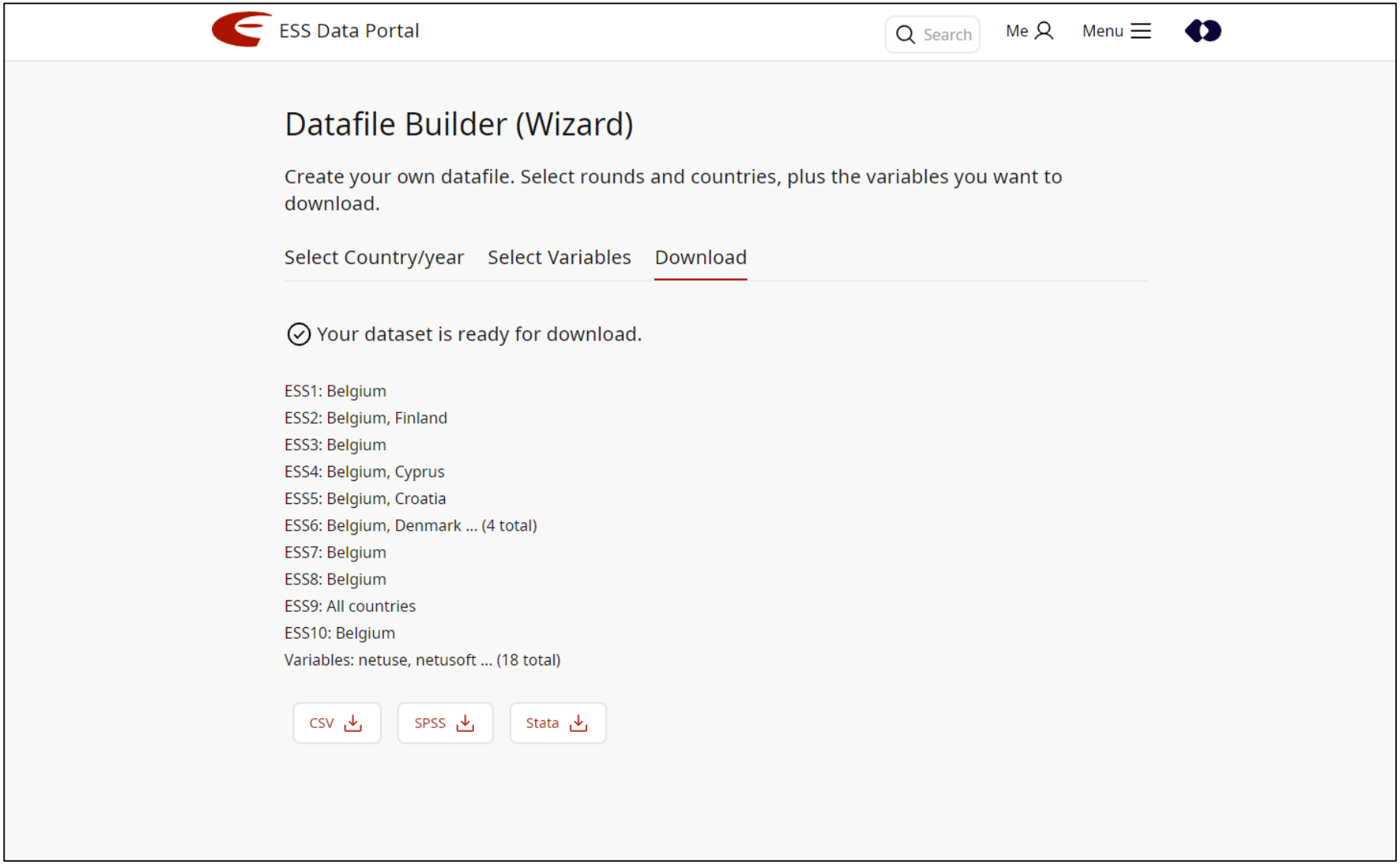
dclagr - Preferred decision level of agricultural policies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ESS3: Belgium
ESS4: Belgium, Cyprus
ESS5: Belgium, Croatia
ESS6: Belgium, Denmark ... (4 total)
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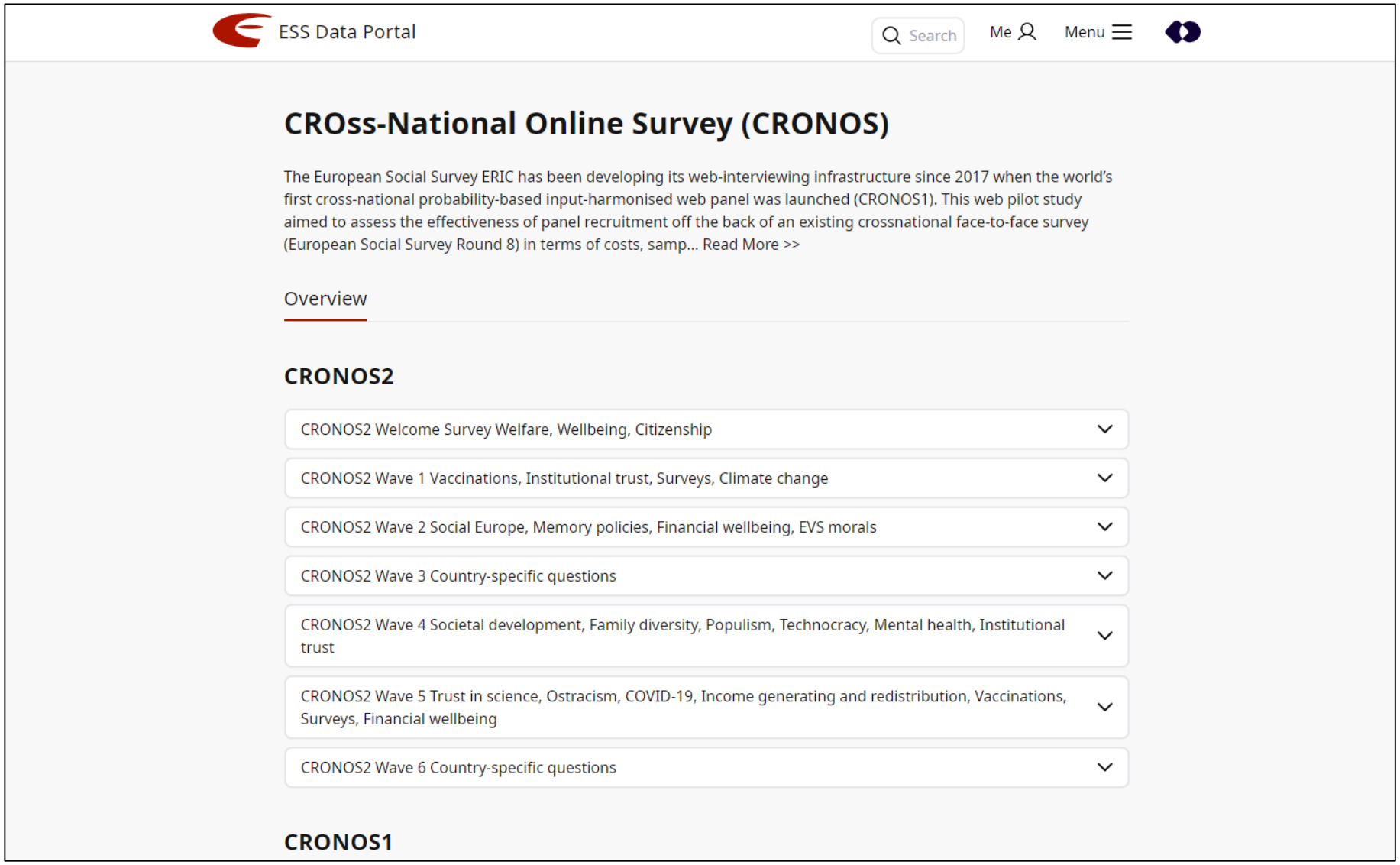
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CROss-National Online Survey (CRONOS)
The European Social Survey ERIC has been developing its web-interviewing infrastructure since 2017 when the world's first cross-national probability-based input-harmonised web panel was launched (CRONOS1). This web pilot study aimed to assess the effectiveness of panel recruitment off the back of an existing crossnational face-to-face survey (European Social Survey Round 8) in terms of costs, samp... Read More >>
Overview
CRONOS2
CRONOS2 Welcome Survey Welfare, Wellbeing, Citizenship
CRONOS2 Wave 1 Vaccinations, Institutional trust, Surveys, Climate change
CRONOS2 Wave 2 Social Europe, Memory policies, Financial wellbeing, EVS morals
CRONOS2 Wave 3 Country-specific questions
CRONOS2 Wave 4 Societal development, Family diversity, Populism, Technocracy, Mental health, Institutional trust
CRONOS2 Wave 5 Trust in science, Ostracism, COVID-19, Income generating and redistribution, Vaccinations, Surveys, Financial wellbeing
CRONOS2 Wave 6 Country-specific questions
CRONOS1

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Multilevel data

ESS data merged with the entire set of contextual variables. All levels are included in these files: For each respondent, we have added information (when possible) on countries, on ESS regions, on NUTS 1 regions, on NUTS 2 regions and on NUTS 3 regions.

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Round 5	ESS5	ESS5	ESS5
Round 6	ESS6	ESS6	ESS6
Round 7	ESS7	ESS7	ESS7
Round 8	ESS8	ESS8	ESS8
Round 9	ESS9	ESS9	ESS9

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Infra4NextGen

Horizon Europe: Infra4NextGen

- new €9.75m, 4-year project from March 2024
- ESS ERIC coordinator; 5 other affiliated entities and 24 beneficiaries
- Support the five themes of the NextGenerationEU programme
  - Make it Green | Make it Digital | Make it Healthy | Make it Strong | Make it Equal
- In each of the five themes, provide an inventory of relevant data already collected by cross-national surveys
- A panel of experts for each theme will analyse data for policy audiences
- Existing data will be supplemented with new web panel data
- Old and new data made available via online analysis tool
- An educational tool will allow for simple data analysis
- Hold deliberative workshops with young people (18-34) in 4 countries
- Comprehensive training materials will be generated

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