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In the mid2030s, the health of the baby boomers will have deteriorated and many in these large cohorts will be in need of formal and/or informal long-term care.

This “**care wave**” will transform two generations: the baby boomers in need of care and their children who may supply care. It will have significant implications for labour supply, especially for women, saving behaviour, and therefore for productivity, economic growth and its inclusiveness.

The overarching objective of BB-Future is to understand the size and the implications of the care wave on economic and social outcomes, to appreciate the quality of this second ageing-related transformation and to develop policy recommendations for advance planning on the EU and Memberstate levels.

This deliverable is a report on the dissemination, exploitation and communication activities that have been organized until Month 36 of the project. It is structured by the eight activities: 1: Website; 2: Social media; 3: Policy brief; 4: Consortium meetings; 5: Conferences; 6: Meetings with policy makers; 7: Scientific publications; 8: Scientific presentations.

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Midterm report on dissemination, exploitation and communication activities

The **objectives** of the D-E-C activities according to the Grant Agreement and WP 8 are as follows:

- To ensure efficient communication between project consortium, Scientific Monitoring Board, European Commission, member states, and external stakeholders.
- To design dissemination and exploitation programmes for scientific users, policy makers in various domains (healthcare, social care, pension provision), including European Commission Services (DG Employment, DG SANTE), the media and the general public.
- To execute the Dissemination and Communication Plan.

The **general strategy**, as discussed in the last review meeting in March 2025, is to focus D-E-C activities on our scientific progress during the first three years of the project and switch to the dissemination, exploitation and communication of our results, especially policy relevant findings and policy recommendations, in the fourth year of the project.

Summary of progress

1. Website

In May 2024, the access to the Internet platform has been changed to an independent website (www.bb-future.eu). In line with the planned change in coordination, access via MPG has been reduced to a simple link. The actual host is MEA. The content of the website has been thoroughly revised and now includes a project summary, a description of the partners and researchers involved, all deliverables and working papers with a description of the main scientific outcomes and activities. In August 2025, also the design of the website has been renewed with the involvement of a professional web designer.

2. Social Media

The project has established social media accounts on LinkedIn and X (previously Twitter) and reported on its recent activities. Starting in Spring of 2026, a professional organization will be hired to use these channels for the dissemination and exploitation of the project's results.

3. Policy brief

We produced a first policy brief that explains the aims and the methodology of the BB-Future project in a language accessible to a non-specialized audience. It is accessible on the BB-Future website under https://www.mea-share.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/BB-Future_Policy_Brief.pdf.

4. Consortium meetings

We have so far organized six consortium meetings:

- the Kick-off Meeting in Munich on 17 February 2023
- the first project conference in Paris on 31 August 2023
- the 3rd project conference in Brussels (11-13 March 2024)
- the 4th project conference in Madrid (11-12 September 2024)
- the 5th project conference in Paris (12-13 March 2025)

- the 6th project conference in Brussels (24-25 November 2025)

The 3rd and the 5th project conferences were combined with the first and second review meetings.

5. Conferences

The first policy roundtable conference took place after the 3rd project conference in Brussels in March 2024. The first policy roundtable was important in order to generate first feedback for the project and to initiate the “policy feedback loop” described in the project proposal. This policy feedback loop approach consists of multiple series of exchanges at different levels, where the results achieved in one step serve to enrich the next step’s results. Specifically, the roundtable discussion provided additional insights for improving the variables that are used in our models in order to generate comprehensive policy recommendations. It also sparked several informal outreach meetings with different stakeholders and experts (about 30 external attendants from the EU-Commission, international organizations and interest groups).

We organized a large-scale conference (about 80 attendants) on “Long-term care using SHARE data” in Paris on 14 March 2025 with invited speakers from Europe and the US, papers that were selected by a review committee, and a panel discussion on “Long-term care challenges”.

The second policy roundtable conference took place after the 6th project conference in Brussels in November 2025. The team presented key results from our model work with policy relevant findings, and discussed the project’s progress in general.

6. Meetings with policy makers

Members of the team attended conferences and meetings organized by the EU-Commission and other international organizations:

- Meeting with international policy makers and authorities (OECD). David Pinkus (Bruegel) met with Health Policy Analyst from OECD to discuss BB-Future policy scenarios (25.10.2023).
- Meeting with EU institutions (DG EMPL). David Pinkus (Bruegel) met with members of the LTC team within DG EMPL to discuss BB-Future policy scenarios (24.10.2023).
- Conference with participants from Industry, National Policy Makers, General public, and Scientists: Svend E. H. Jensen (Bruegel) delivered presentation at event in Denmark organised by Forum for Fremtidens Ældrevelværd. Presentation talked about project and its result. 120 participants (05.10.2023).
- Conference with participants from Industry, National Policy Makers, National or local civil society, Scientist. Svend E. H. Jensen (Bruegel) delivered presentation at closed-door event organised by Rockwool Foundation. Presentation talked about project and its results (05.10.2023).
- Meeting with EU institutions (DG FISMA). Svend E. H. Jensen (Bruegel) met with person from DG FISMA to discuss BB-Future project and its policy relevance (14.02.2023).
- Pension workshops at DG FISMA (30.4.2024, 22.5.2024 and 19.6.2024).
- Conference on “Navigating the Future: Challenges and Opportunities of Longevity in Europe”, organised by DG ECFIN/EMPL, Brussels (27.6.2024).
- Conference on “Affordable high-quality long-term care” as part of a catalysing dialogue and action under the European Care Strategy, organized by DG EMPL, Brussels (12.11.2024).

At this stage of the project, dissemination is still focused on our scientific achievements. This includes publications first as discussion papers and then submitted and published in scientific journals as listed in Section 7. We also gave a large number of presentations at academic and policy conferences and seminars in Europe, the US, Canada, Japan, Taiwan and Australia as listed in Section 8.

7. Scientific publications

Börsch-Supan, Axel, Klaus Härtl, Duarte N. Leite and Alexander Ludwig: **Preventing Reforming Unequally**. Journal of Population Economics. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00148-023-00976-8>, September 2023.

Johannes Rausch: **“The Social Insurance Model”**, MEA Discussion Paper 01-2023, December 2023.

Svend E. Hougaard Jensen and David Pinkus: **Beyond retirement: a closer look at the very old**, Bruegel working paper, April 2024.

Axel Börsch-Supan, Johannes Rausch and Luca Salerno: **“Pension Reforms and Inequality in Germany: Micro-Modelling”**, MEA Discussion Paper 01-2024, April 2024, also National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Working Paper 32796, will appear as contribution to University of Chicago Press Book edited by Axel Börsch-Supan and Courtney Coile.

Svend E. Hougaard Jensen and David Pinkus: **Bruegel Memo to the commissioner responsible for employment and social rights**, Bruegel working paper, September 2024

Axel Börsch-Supan and Johannes Rausch: **“Estimating the Size of the Care Gap in Selected European Countries: An Employment Balance”**, MEA Discussion Paper 03-2025, Dezember 2024.

Svend E. Hougaard Jensen, David Pinkus and Nina Ruer: **Long-term care policies in practice: a European perspective**, Bruegel working paper, December 2024

Axel Börsch-Supan, Salima Douhou and Beatrice Baaba Tawiah: **“Cognitive Impairment and the Long Arm of Childhood Education: Evidence from Europe”**, MEA Discussion Paper 01-2025, January 2025, also: The Lancet Neurology, PrePrint Edition.

Svend E. Hougaard Jensen, David Pinkus and Nina Ruer: **Prepare now: Europe must get ready for the coming long-term care surge**, Bruegel working paper, January 2025

Donghoon Koo: **“Estate Taxation, Inherited Wealth, and Rising Wealth Inequality”**, MEA Discussion Paper 05-2025, February 2025.

Axel Börsch-Supan, Salima Douhou, Marcela C. Otero, Beatrice Baaba Tawiah: **“Harmonized Prevalence Estimates of Dementia in Europe Vary Strongly with Childhood Education”**, Nature Scientific Reports 15, 1, 14024, April 2025.

Matthias Kredler, Daniel Barczyk and S. Fahl: **„Family Transfers and Consumption Insurance: A Lifecycle Model”** submitted to Journal of Political Economy – Macroeconomics, September 2025.

Matthias Kredler, Daniel Barczyk and S. Fahl: **„Preference Heterogeneity versus Economic Incentives: What Determines the Choice to Give Care to the Elderly?”** October 2025

Salima Douhou, Michael Bergmann, Yuri Pettinicchi, Marcela C. Otero, Arne Bethmann, Giuseppe De Luca, Axel Börsch-Supan: **“Cognition and Aging in The Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe: Harmonised Cognitive Assessment Protocol”**, MEA Discussion Paper 06-2025, November 2025, submitted to International Journal of Epidemiology

Axel Börsch-Supan, Nis Borbye-Lorenzen, Yacila Deza-Lougovski, Salima Douhou, Thorsten Kneip, Marcela C. Otero, Yuri Pettinicchi, and Martina Börsch-Supan: **“DBS-based Biomarkers of Neurodegeneration predict Cognitive Decline and Dementia Seven Years Ahead in a Large Population-Based Sample”**, submitted to Alzheimer’s and Dementia, December 2025

8. Scientific presentations

Axel Börsch-Supan, 12 March 2024: Brüssel, Bruegel Conference, „The babyboomers, their children and the care wave“

Daniel Barczyk, 20. May 2024: North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, Nashville, USA, "Family Transfers and Consumption Insurance: A Lifecycle Model"

Matthias Kredler, 24 May 2024: Economics Seminar at Universitat de les Illes Balears, Palma de Mallorca, "Preference Heterogeneity versus Economic Incentives: What Determines the Choice to Give Care?"

Axel Börsch-Supan, 21 May 2024: Dubrovnik, Croatia Health Economics Workshop, „BB-Future“

Svend Hougard Jensen, 19 June 2024: Closed-door workshop on supplementary pensions at DG FISMA, "The case of missing markets"

Daniel Barczyk, 20. August 2024: Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, Ho Chih Minh City, Vietnam, "Family Transfers and Consumption Insurance: A Lifecycle Model"

Axel Börsch-Supan, 12 September 2024: Madrid, BB-Future Meeting, Coordination, „State of Project“

Daniel Barczyk, 20 September 2024: National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, Taiwan, "Preference Heterogeneity versus Economic Incentives: What Determines the Choice to Give Care?"

Axel Börsch-Supan, 08 October 2024: Rom, Workshop Aging @ Italy, „Long-term care in Germany: Anticipating the care wave“

Matthias Kredler, 11 October 2024: VI Workshop of the Spanish Macroeconomics Network at Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Madrid, "Preference Heterogeneity versus Economic Incentives: What Determines the Choice to Give Care?"

David Pinkus, 28 October 2024: Bruegel Research Seminar, „Long-term Care Policies in Practice: A European Perspective“

Elsa Perdrix, 07 November 2024: Share-gateway User conference, Berlin, Germany, "Can Maternity Leave Explain Distance between Parents and Child Later in Life?"

Elsa Perdrix, 14 November 2024: Work in Progress Seminar, Paris-Sciences et Lettres, "Can Maternity Leave Explain Distance between Parents and Child Later in Life?"

Daniel Barczyk, 15 November 2024: 26th Macroeconomics Conference, Keio University, Tokyo, Japan, "Preference Heterogeneity versus Economic Incentives: What Determines the Choice to Give Care?"

Axel Börsch-Supan, 17 November 2024: Seattle (USA), Aging Societies Network / GSA, „Long-term care and dementia in Europe“

Daniel Barczyk, 01 December 2024: Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, "Family Transfers and Consumption Insurance: A Lifecycle Model"

Axel Börsch-Supan, 03 December 2024: Tokyo (Japan), Deutsches Institut für Japan Studien, „Long-term Care and Dementia in Europe“

Daniel Barczyk, 04 December 2024: Australasia Meeting of the Econometric Society, Melbourne, Australia, "Preference Heterogeneity versus Economic Incentives: What Determines the Choice to Give Care?"

Elsa Perdrix, 05 December 2024: French Health Economics Association Conference, Rennes, France, "Can Maternity Leave Explain Distance between Parents and Child Later in Life?"

Matthias Kredler, 16 December 2024: Conference (Simposio) of the Spanish Economic Association, Palma de Mallorca, "Preference Heterogeneity versus Economic Incentives: What Determines the Choice to Give Care?"

Axel Börsch-Supan, 30 January 2025: “Challenges of Social Insurance in Germany”, Institut für Versicherungswirtschaft, University of Mannheim, Germany.

Axel Börsch-Supan, 14 February 2025: “Dementia prevalence in Europe”, German Economic Association, Vienna, Austria.

Svend Hougaard Jensen, 14 March 2024: “Why doing European surveys, comparing European countries, and thinking at the European level about challenges of LTC”. Roundtable at Long-term Care Conference, Université Paris Dauphine – PSL, Paris, France.
<https://dauphine.psl.eu/en/dauphine/news-events/article/long-term-care-conference>.

Axel Börsch-Supan, 10 April 2025: “Biomarkers of neurodegeneration and their association with dementia”, International Biomarker Conference, Washington, DC, USA.

Elsa Perdrix, April 2025: • “Intergenerational conflict: is co-existence possible?” Podcast du cercle des economists.

Axel Börsch-Supan, 14 April 2025: “Biomarkers of neurodegeneration and their association with dementia”, German Center for neurodegenerative diseases, Bonn, Germany.

Matthias Kredler, Daniel Barczyk and S. Fahle, 30 April 2025: Seminar at Universität Bonn: "Family Transfers and Consumption Insurance: A Lifecycle Model"

Matthias Kredler, Daniel Barczyk and Yu Kyung Koh, 05 May 2025: "Preference Heterogeneity versus Economic Incentives: What Determines the Choice to Give Care?" OECD Online Seminar.

Axel Börsch-Supan, 28 May 2025: “Challenges of Social Insurance in Europe”, Unicredit Forum on the Challenges and Opportunities of Longevity, Milan, Italy.

Daniel Barczyk, May 31st 2025: Canadian Economics Association (CEA) Annual Meeting, Montreal.

Axel Börsch-Supan, 05 June 2025: “Population Ageing in Europe: Lessons from SHARE”, Commencement speech at the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio, Finland.

Elsa Perdrix, June 2025: • “Ageing: Challenges in Europe for healthcare systems” Annual Conference of French hospital association.

Daniel Barczyk, June 28th, 2025: Sixth World Labor Conference hosted by Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), Toronto.

Elsa Perdrix, July 2025: Inequity in Long-term care use in France”, European Health Economics Association Conference, Vienna, Austria.

Svend Hougaard Jensen, 29 August 2024: “Long-term Care Policies in Practice: A European Perspective”. Presentation at workshop in Laugarvatn, Iceland. <https://www.tilmeld.dk/cslc2025/program>.

Svend Hougaard Jensen, 01 September 2024: “Long-term Care Policies in Practice: A European Perspective”, PRICE public lecture, National Museum of Iceland, Reykjavík, Iceland. <https://pension-research.is/en/price-lecture-on-long-term-care-policies>.

Axel Börsch-Supan, 19 September 2025: “Challenges of Social Insurance in Germany”, Convention of the Dentist’s Association in Rhineland-Palatinate, Mainz, Germany.

Daniel Barczyk, October 1st 2025: McGill Population Dynamics Seminar, Montreal.

Elsa Perdrix, October 2025: “How to support elderly loss of independence, at the local level”, round table for the Conference Retirement and Ageing, IPP, Caisse des Depots et Consignation, Paris.

Svend Hougaard Jensen, 23 October 2024: “Public– Private–Social Synergy in Multi-Tiered Pension Security”, Bund Summit Roundtable, Shanghai, China. <http://en.bundsummit.org/site/agenda2025>.

Matthias Kredler, Daniel Barczyk and S. Fahle, 23-24 Oct. 2025: “Family Transfers and Consumption Insurance: A Lifecycle Model”, VIII Workshop of the Spanish Macroeconomics Network CUNEF, Madrid, Spain.

Axel Börsch-Supan, 29 October 2025: "Globally harmonized estimates of health, social and economic life circumstances", Annual Meeting of the HRS-Around the World Surveys, Aguascalientes, Mexico.

Elsa Perdrix, November 2025: • "Ageing: What are the Challenges for our society?" Keynote Speech Forum annuel de l'ISFA, Lyon.

Axel Börsch-Supan, 12 November 2025: "Challenges of Social Insurance in Germany", German Association of Public Insurers, Berlin, Germany.

Matthias Kredler, Daniel Barczyk and Yu Kyung Koh, 17. Dec. 2025: "Preference Heterogeneity versus Economic Incentives: What Determines the Choice to Give Care?". Simposio of the Spanish Economic Association Barcelona, Spain

Elsa Perdrix, December 2025: "Impact of Maternity Leave on Distance between Parent and Child", French health economics association Conference, Rennes, France.

Violette Dollé, December 2025: "Migration Background and informal care", French health economic association.