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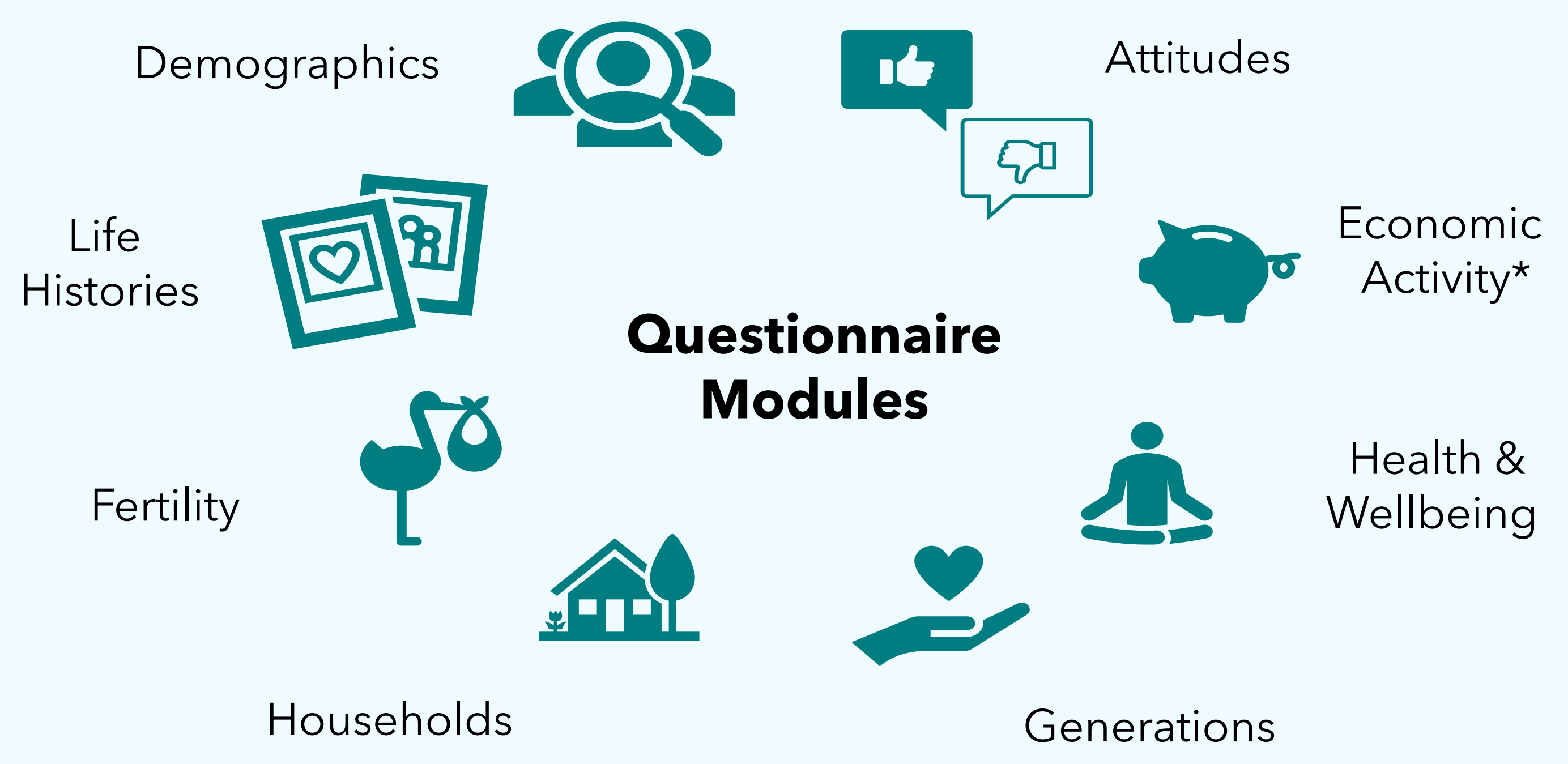


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## The Generations and Gender Survey (GGS)

The GGS is a cross-national panel survey on life-course and family dynamics of individuals aged 18-79 years.

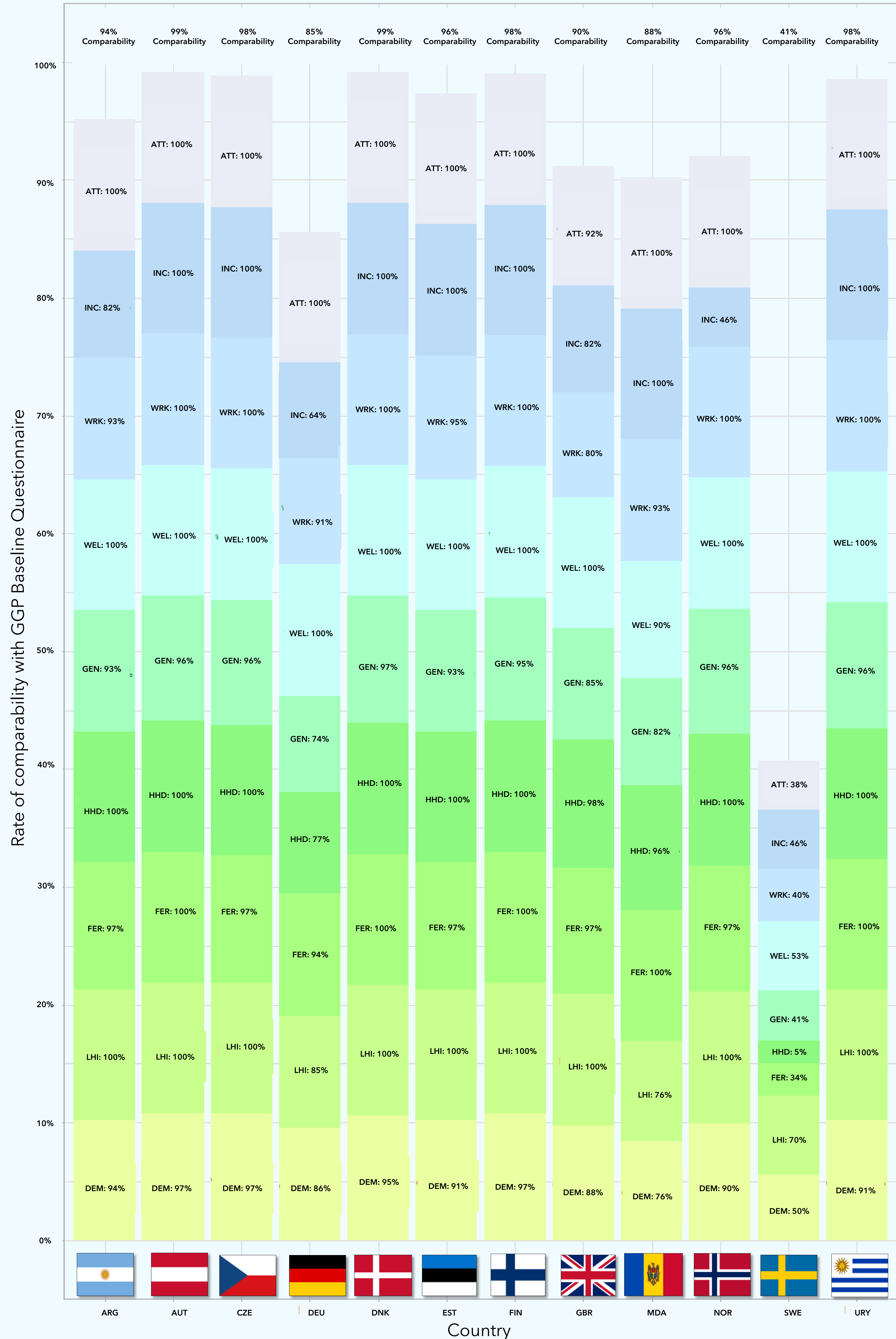


## History of the Baseline Questionnaire

**Phase 1:**  
GGS-I  
Questionnaire  
Developed in 2005  
Fielded in 20 countries

**Phase 2:**  
Development and Testing  
Coding, test pilots and amendments

**Phase 3:**  
GGS-II Baseline Questionnaire  
Country-specific deviations  
Optional questions



## Comparability to GGS-II Baseline Questionnaire

- **12 countries** were assessed on their comparability to the latest version of the GGS-II Baseline Questionnaire.
- **Country-specific and optional questions** were not included in the comparison.

## Methodology

- The comparability rate is calculated as on the number of questions in **country's questionnaire over** to the number of questions in the **core questionnaire**.

## Implications of non-comparable surveys

**Reduced data comparability**  
Sweden 41% comparability vs. Denmark 98%

**Influence on data usage**  
Higher comparability → usage in publications

**Effects on research quality**  
Gaps in data affect the quality and robustness of findings

## Overview of Optional and Country-specific Modules

Module	Key concepts	Country fielded
<b>Reasons for having children</b>	Parental instinct, lifelong joy, demanding for women	ARG, DNK, FIN, AUT, NOR
<b>Theory of Planned Behaviour</b>	Impact of children; Intentions to have children; Opinions on more children	CZE, URY, ARG
<b>Sustainable Development Goals</b>	Sexual autonomy; Contraceptive autonomy; Healthcare autonomy	All countries except NOR and SWE
<b>Global uncertainties</b>	Climate change, military conflicts, global epidemics, economic uncertainty etc.	NOR, GBR, FIN, EST, SW
<b>Functional limitations</b>	Difficulty to see, hear, care for self, communicate, walk, remember.	MLD, URY

**Austria and Denmark** score the highest with **99%** comparability

**Sweden and Germany** score the lowest with **41%** and **85%** comparability

\*Combines both income and work modules

\*Many countries also fielded similar COVID-19 and additional modules