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Introduction

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INTRODUCTION

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The country survey reports constitute Deliverable # 7 (Work Package # 4) of the project *Households, Work and Flexibility* funded by the European Commission under the Fifth Framework Programme contract no. HPSE-1999-00030. The project extends from April 2000 to April 2003. We are grateful to the Commission for their support of this work. Further information can be found on the homepage of the project¹. Many documents can be downloaded at that address; the full collection HWF research reports² (five issues) can be purchased from the library of the coordinating institution IHS-Vienna³.

The given book includes the reports of the national surveys carried out during the first half of 2001 in the following countries: the UK, Sweden, the Netherlands, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria.

The project is designed to look at the relationship between households and the kinds of work undertaken by households, including all the family members and using a broad definition of work to include both paid and unpaid labour. The project considers the role of flexibility in this context and for this purpose we have defined flexibility as that of time, place and conditions. That is, we are con-

sidering flexible hours of work, flexible place of work and various contractual conditions.

The countries chosen were intended to be illustrative of different policy approaches to flexibilisation and the work-family balance. However, we have also endeavoured to compare Western European EU countries with a range of Eastern European candidate countries in this analysis to understand the effect of such trends across Europe generally. Consequently, the countries chosen were Sweden, the UK, the Netherlands, Slovenia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria. The research team represent a cross-disciplinary group of sociologists, economists, educationalists and social policy specialists.

The main research instruments are a quantitative representative sample survey in each country and an analysis of policies and labour market trends. The survey was carried out in the first half of 2001 and involved a representative sample of at least 1000 respondents in each country aged 18 to 65 who were also asked about other household members. The policy and labour market analysis are the subjects of other reports in the HWF Series of research Reports⁴.

The project is intended to look not just at the behaviour of people in the labour market (taking into account both domestic, informal and formal employment) but also their attitudes and values in respect to it. Thus we wanted to explore ways in which people feel that family and work should be combined and whether their work impinges on family life. We also wanted to explore the conflicts and tensions that this might generate within the household. We also wanted to explore the extent to which actors in the labour market are able to control their conditions of work and how they view them.

The Country Survey Reports covered the same set of topics:

- Patterns of flexibility, including those of time, place, conditions and careers along with perceptions of flexibility
- Patterns of work
- Household organisation
- Work-household relations

In addition, each report contains further information and analysis, which was developed according to the interests of the researcher. The reports are therefore only semi-standardised.

Technical information about each survey, including sampling etc. is included as an appendix to each report.

Summary notes on the organization of the HWF Survey (2001) in every country are provided in the general Annex One to this book.

Note from the technical editor

As mentioned, the country survey reports included in this book are semi-standardized. This means that the structures of individual reports may vary, although the core themes and topics are covered in every chapter.

Furthermore, the shapes of analytical tables and charts could be hardly harmonized among the chapters authored by individual contributors from eight countries. The technical editorship and the layout efforts allowed only partial standardization of the submitted forms (of both tables and figures); any attempt at further harmonization would lead to a considerable delay in publication and increase of production costs. That is why the survey tables might be organized differently in different parts of the book.

A highly standardized and comprehensive compendium of HWF Survey cross-country reference tables shall be published in the next issue of the HWF Research Reports Series⁵.

Alexander Chvorostov

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1. The official web-site of the HWF project is available here: <http://www.hwf.at>
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Annex

▶▶ HWF SURVEY: SHORT DESCRIPTION

the United Kingdom

<i>General sample size</i>	945
<i>Conventional sample (*)</i>	941
<i>Method of interview</i>	Personal face-to-face interviews with trained interviewers.
<i>Field agency</i>	NFO World Group (formally System Three Social Research) Wembley Point, Harrow Road, Wembley Middlesex HA9 6DE, UK
<i>Date of the survey</i>	February 19, 2001 – May 8, 2001

The Netherlands

<i>General sample size</i>	1007
<i>Conventional sample (*)</i>	1007
<i>Method of interview</i>	Telephone interviews with trained interviewers.
<i>Field agency</i>	Desan market research Stoas PO box 78, 6700 AB Wageningen, The Netherlands
<i>Date of the survey</i>	March 12, 2001 – April 9, 2001

Sweden

<i>General sample size</i>	2292
<i>Conventional sample (**)</i>	1284
<i>Method of interview</i>	Survey was conducted by using postal method.
<i>Field agency</i>	Statistics Sweden SCB S-701 89 ÖREBRO, Sweden
<i>Date of the survey</i>	February 19, 2001 – May 8, 2001

Slovenia

<i>General sample size</i>	1008
<i>Conventional sample (*)</i>	839
<i>Method of interview</i>	Personal face-to-face interviews with trained interviewers.
<i>Field agency</i>	Public Opinion and Mass Communication Research Center (CJMMK) , Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, Kardeljeva ploscad 5, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia
<i>Date of the survey</i>	April 20, 2001 – June 12, 2001

* Conventional sample includes only persons aged between 18 and 65.

** For Sweden, the Conventional sample does not include IT workers.

Czech Republic

<i>General sample size</i>	1556
<i>Conventional sample*(*)</i>	1556
<i>Method of interview</i>	Personal face-to-face interviews with trained interviewers.
<i>Field agency</i>	STEM - Centre for empirical research Jilska 1, 110 00, Praha 1
<i>Date of the survey</i>	January 03, 2001 - June 10, 2001

Hungary

<i>General sample size</i>	1116
<i>Conventional sample (*)</i>	1116
<i>Method of interview</i>	Personal face-to-face interviews with trained interviewers.
<i>Field agency</i>	THE TÁRKI GROUP TARKI, Budaörsi út 45, 1112 Budapest, Hungary
<i>Date of the survey</i>	January 31, 2001 - February 07, 2001

Bulgaria

<i>General sample size</i>	1864
<i>Conventional sample (*)</i>	1806
<i>Method of interview</i>	Personal face-to-face interviews with trained interviewers.
<i>Field agency</i>	Fact Sociological Agency, Sofia 1000, 6 th of September Street, No. 6B, Bulgaria
<i>Date of the survey</i>	February 1, 2001 - March 5, 2001

Romania

<i>General sample size</i>	1864
<i>Conventional sample (*)</i>	1524
<i>Method of interview</i>	Personal face-to-face interviews with trained interviewers.
<i>Field agency</i>	The Institute for the Study of the Quality of Life, Bucharest, Sector 5, Calea 13 Septembrie, No. 13, Romania
<i>Date of the survey</i>	February 1, 2001 - March 5, 2001

* Conventional sample includes only persons aged between 18 and 65.

► HWF SURVEY: TECHNICAL NOTES BY COUNTRIES

The United Kingdom

Study title:	HWF Survey. As an individual survey (i.e., the HWF questionnaire constituted the whole survey)
Fieldwork dates:	February 19, 2001 – May 8, 2001
Contractor:	Hatfield Campus University of Hertfordshire College Lane Hatfield Herts. AL10 9AB UK
Principal investigator:	Dr Christine Cousins (c.r.cousins@herts.ac.uk)
Sample type:	Postcode Address File (PAF). Small Users, PAF provides a sample of addresses. Each address has an equal chance of selection, regardless of the number of people living at that address. The probability of selection of individuals at a selected address is inversely proportional to the number of eligible people at the address. Since this bias is known about in advance, it is easy to correct for it by collecting the number of eligible adults at the address as part of the questionnaire data, and using this as a weighting variable. Finally, Kish grid method was used to identify a respondent.
Fieldwork method:	Personal face-to-face interviews with trained interviewers.
Fieldwork institute:	NFO World Group (formally System Three Social Research) Wembley Point Harrow Road, Wembley Middlesex HA9 6DE UK
Context of the questionnaire:	There are several country specific questions. Not all original questions are included into the UK questionnaire
Sample size:	945
Response rate:	48.56%
Language:	English
Weighted:	See above related different probabilities of the selection. Weights are calculated to correct for this (to be applied for individual level data); for age within sex (for the individual respondent) as well as region (at household and individual level) to correct for disparity of responses. Finally, the dataset included household and individual weights, as follows: Household weight: A regional weight was included to take into account discrepancies between the regional profile of the survey sample and of the population of households in the UK containing adults aged 18-65. Individual weight: An individual level weight was calculated to correct firstly for the fact that, because the sample design was based on households rather than individuals, respondents in larger households had a lower chance of being selected for interview than those in smaller households. The weight applied was equal to the number of eligible adults in the household. In addition a weight by age within sex was applied, to correct for discrepancies between the profile of the survey sample and of the survey population.

The Netherlands

Study title:	HWF Survey. As an individual survey (i.e., the HWF questionnaire was the whole survey)
Fieldwork dates:	March 12, 2001 – April 9, 2001
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Sample type:	Stratified/quota sample
Fieldwork method:	Telephone interviews with trained interviewers.
Fieldwork institute:	Desan market research STOAS PO box 78 6700 AB Wageningen The Netherlands
Context of the questionnaire:	There are plenty of country specific questions. Not all original questions are included into the Dutch questionnaire
Sample size:	1007
Response rate:	15%
Language:	Dutch
Weighted:	Yes Weighing factor is created on basis of information on population composition with regarding to gender and age.

Sweden

Study title:	HWF Survey. As an individual survey (i.e., the HWF questionnaire was the whole survey)
Fieldwork dates:	February 19, 2001 – May 8, 2001
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Sample type:	Random sample of population 18-65 drawn from the national Swedish register of residents.
Fieldwork method:	Survey was conducted by using postal method.
Fieldwork institute:	Statistics Sweden SCB S-701 89 ÖREBRO Sweden
Context of the questionnaire:	There are plenty of country specific questions. Not all original questions are included into the Swedish questionnaire
Sample size:	1892
Response rate:	68%.
Language:	Swedish
Weighted:	No

Slovenia

Study title:	The HWF was a part of a larger 'Omnibus Survey'.
Fieldwork dates:	April 20, 2001 – June 12, 2001
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Sample type:	Systematic multi-stage sample method with random start of adults aged 18 or older at non-institutional addresses in Slovenia is based on the Central Register of the population. Final clusters with known – and equal – probability was formed at the first stage. Named individual are selected at the second stage. Institutional population was excluded.
Fieldwork method:	Personal face-to-face interviews with trained interviewers.
Fieldwork institute:	Public Opinion and Mass Communication Research Center (CJMMK), Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana Kardeljeva ploscad 5, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia
Context of the questionnaire:	There are some country specific questions. Not all original questions are included into the Slovenia questionnaire
Sample size:	1008
Response rate:	Not lower than 65%
Language:	Slovenian
Weighted:	No

Czech Republic

Study title:	HWF Survey. As an individual survey (i.e., the HWF questionnaire was the whole survey)
Fieldwork dates:	January 03, 2001 – June 10, 2001
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Fieldwork method:	Personal face-to-face interviews with trained interviewers.
Fieldwork institute:	STEM - Centre for empirical research Jilská 1, 110 00 Praha 1
Context of the questionnaire:	There are some country specific questions. Not all optional questions are included into the Czech questionnaire
Sample size:	1556
Response rate:	45.92%
Language:	Czech
Weighted:	No

Hungary

Study title:	HWF Survey is a part of a larger survey 'OMNIBUS 2001/2'
Fieldwork dates:	January 31, 2001 – February 07, 2001
Contractor:	THE TÁRKI GROUP TARKI Budaörsi út. 45 1112 Budapest Hungary
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Sample type:	Hungarian population census Age 18-65, Yes-known-and equal probability. The sample was created in two steps. First they have stratified the localities according to the number of adults living in each of them. From these nine strata of the localities are chosen by random sampling method. In the second step they have chosen individuals from the set of those 93 settlements.
Fieldwork method:	Personal face-to-face interviews with trained interviewers.
Fieldwork institute:	THE TÁRKI GROUP TARKI Budaörsi út 45. 1112 Budapest Hungary
Context of the questionnaire:	Some optional questions were not been asked on the Hungarian questionnaire.
Sample size:	1116
Response rate:	65%
Language:	Hungarian
Weighted:	Yes. Weighing factor is created on basis of information on population composition with regarding to gender, age, education, and location. Weight is based on the data for 18-65 in Micro-Census 1996. Weight is necessary because women and older people are much likely to answer the questionnaire than men and younger people.

Bulgaria

Study title:	HWF Survey. As an individual survey (i.e., the HWF questionnaire was the whole survey)
Fieldwork dates:	February 20, 2001 – March 06, 2001
Contractor:	The Faculty of Business and Social Sciences Paissii Hilendarski State University Mladezka 20-B 4002 Plovdiv Bulgaria
Principal investigator:	Dr. Siyka Kovatcheva (kovachev@netvisio.net)
Sample type:	Two stage random cluster sample with 200 clusters, each with ten cases. The sample units were named individuals. All members of the population were sample with known probability. Named individual unit emerged from the office sampling
Fieldwork method:	Personal face-to-face interviews with trained interviewers.
Fieldwork institute:	Fact Sociological Agency, Sofia 1000, 6 th of September Street, No. 6B Bulgaria
Context of the questionnaire:	All variables are included
Sample size:	1806
Response rate:	87%
Language:	Bulgarian
Weighted:	No

Romania

Study title:	HWF Survey. As an individual survey (i.e., the HWF questionnaire was the whole survey)
Fieldwork dates:	February 1, 2001 – March 5, 2001
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Sample type:	From the electoral list. From other lists (such as agricultural register). Random route method
Fieldwork method:	Personal face-to-face interviews with trained interviewers.
Fieldwork institute:	The Institute for the Study of the Quality of Life, Bucharest, Sector 5, Calea 13 Septembrie, No. 13.
Context of the questionnaire:	Almost all standard questions are included, there are some country specific variables
Sample size:	1864
Response rate:	85%
Language:	Romania
Weighted:	No

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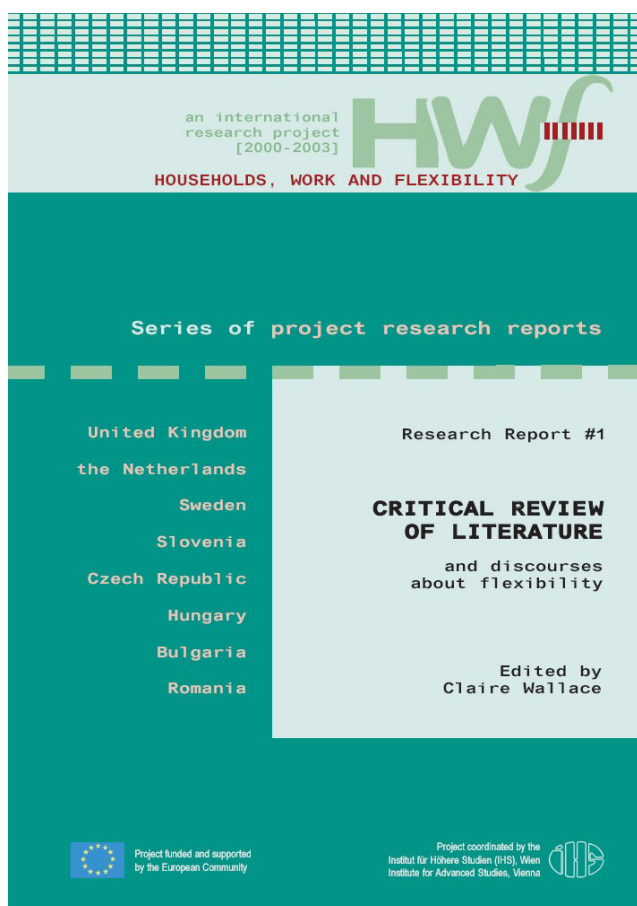
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