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Overview of qualitative data collection

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Country	Year of wave 1	Year of wave 2	Number of interviews
Czech Republic	2012	2013 (planned)	n.n.
Germany	2005	2006	28
Italy	2010	2011	40
the Netherlands	2002 - 2004	2006 - 2007	31
Poland	2011/2012	2012	40
Spain	2010	2011	63
Sweden	2009	2010	40

Sampling strategy and interview guidelines:

The foundation for the national comparison was laid in Germany where the fieldwork was conducted in 2005 by Daniela Grunow and her colleagues in the INAP project¹. The researchers in all other countries (the Netherlands excluded)² applied the same sampling strategy and developed interview guidelines based on the ones used in the INAP project. Each team interviewed double earner cohabiting heterosexual couples first during the pregnancy and then one to one and a half year after the child was born. In Spain some of the spouses were not currently employed, but actively looking for a job (this change was made due to the high unemployment in Spain caused by the economic crisis).

¹ For further details see: http://www.ifb.bayern.de/forschung/akt_inap-deu.html

² For the Netherlands, comparable data already existed.

The couples were recruited mainly in prenatal courses, medical centers and by snowball sampling. The interviewees were on average better educated and had higher income than the national average in each country as the goal of the sampling was to recruit couples who due to their education and financial situation might have more freedom in deciding how to divide paid and unpaid work.

All national teams based their interviews on the guidelines written by Daniela Grunow and her colleagues in the INAP project for the German study³ (the only exception is the Dutch study for which the data already existed⁴). The interviews were conducted with both parents separately and each of the interviews lasted about 1 – 2 hours.

³ See guidelines attached to this document.

⁴ For further details see: <http://www.nkps.nl/NKPSen/nkps.html>