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MEASURING YOUTH WELL-BEING — OPTIONS APPRAISAL FOR A PAN-EUROPEAN LONGITUDINAL SURVEY

Abstract:

MYWeB project takes a balanced approach to assessing the feasibility of a European Longitudinal Study for Children and Young People (ELSCYP) through prioritising both scientific and policy imperatives. A Delphi study was carried out to help refine the list of options and criteria against which a development of a longitudinal survey was appraised. The focus of research was on finding a mutually beneficial meeting point between policy and research across Europe. Between October 2014 and February 2015, three questionnaires were issued to 334 panellist identified as experts in the fields of survey methodology, children and youth, well-being, and policy. Experts involved in the Delphi agreed that the role of evidence is important in social policy, particularly in order to have a better understanding of policy impact (65.6%), review the design of social policies (63.2%), monitor progress (60%) and measure the distribution of policy outcomes across different target groups (56.4%). There was a strong consensus amongst panel members that the evaluation of children and youth policies supports policy makers in improving policies (84.7%).

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