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Well-being is a resource for daily life and is determined by social, economic and environmental conditions. It encompasses quality of life and the ability of people and societies to contribute to the world with a sense of meaning and purpose (World Health Organization, 2021).



Well-being is a shared European value, as recognised by Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union. [...] Promoting fundamental rights and increasing opportunities for all constitute the heart of an economy of well-being (The Economy of Well-Being, Remarks by Angel Gurría, OECD Secretary-General, Brussels, Belgium - 8 July 2019).

<https://www.oecd.org/social/economy-of-well-being-brussels-july-2019.htm/1000>

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

SAGES is grounded in a novel conceptual and operational framework that goes "beyond-GDP" to encompass well-being approaches, which include economic growth, inclusiveness, and sustainability, analysed from a place-based perspective.

Period of implementation: 27th of March 2024 - 30th of June 2026.

The project will be implemented by an interdisciplinary team, coordinated by the internationally renowned Professor Peter Nijkamp, who will bring a significant contribution to the research in the area of sustainable well-being.



The overall objective of the project is to develop an innovative conceptual framework on well-being as an integrative development paradigm (including growth, inclusion and sustainability).

It will enable the identification, modeling and assessment of key quantitative and qualitative place-based factors needed to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of public policies to improve citizens' well-being.

Key aspects

- Provide an in-depth, evidence-based, and conceptual understanding of sustainable well-being determinants and patterns.
- Addressing environmental and societal constraints, and introduce a new interconnected "place-based" framework, culminating with the Smiley Index.
- Create a novel multi-layered analysis framework and methods for well-being assessment, focusing on the identification and evaluation of place-based inequalities within the paradigm of sustainable and inclusive well-being.

ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED

• EVENTS

KICK OFF Activity

24 May 2024

The session included presentation of the project, activities, milestones, indicators and information on the project topics.

organised within



at Centre for European Studies,
“Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iasi

SAGES Special Session

14 June 2024

The session included specialty presentations on the well-being concept, subjectivity and objectivity perspectives in measuring well-being, cultural and social factors of well-being.

organised within the

International Conference Economics, International Business and Cross-Cultural Communication – EIBC 2024 at Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iasi.

• RESEARCH

Research design framework that provides a structured approach on exploring the well-being concept research steps, based on the literature review and data collection methodology.

• MANAGEMENT

Communication and Dissemination tools to ensure the frame of the project external and internal communication, visibility and impact maximization.

NEXT STEPS

- Data collection and Integration providing new quantitative and qualitative methods and tools of well-being research;
- Well-being modelling (SMILEY Index) based on an interconnected “place-based” framework;
- Experimental stages of adapting the SMILEY index to the local level;
- Policy recommendations on “beyond-GDP” well-being approaches.

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ABOUT WELL-BEING

- Care for human well-being is appreciated by European citizens as being among the most positive EU results according to the standard Eurobarometer from spring 2024 (European Commission, 2024, <https://europa.eu/eurobarometer/surveys/detail/3216>).
- People are happier living in countries where the equality of happiness is greater according to World Happiness Report (Helliwell et al., 2024, <https://worldhappiness.report/ed/2024/>).
- Increased life satisfaction has been associated with improved national economic performance.
- Sustainable and inclusive economic growth and resilience function as enablers for the wellbeing of people, societies and the planet (Council of the European Union, 2019, <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-13432-2019-INIT/en/pdf>).
- Well-being is perceived from the hedonistic perspective, which involves seeking happiness and positive experiences, and the eudaimonic perspective, which focuses on psychological well-being and personal fulfilment (Ruggeri et al., 2020, <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12955-020-01423-y>).
- A person's happiness should not be viewed as a static condition at a particular moment, but rather as a continuous stream of life satisfaction experienced over time.

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