Guide to the Data Deposit of

the Welfare State Futures – Our Children's Future research project

The Welfare State Futures – Our Children's Future research project (WelfSOC) was conducted in five countries – in Denmark, Germany, Norway, Slovenia and the United Kingdom – representing various welfare regimes in Europe. The project was funded by Norface and run as one of the international research of the Welfare State Futures research programme between 2015 and 2018. WelfSOC was devoted to explore the aspirations, assumptions and priorities that govern the ideas of ordinary people about the future development of welfare in Europe. For this purpose, democratic forums were conducted in five countries in the Fall of 2015. This was the first international research project, which used this deliberative method aimed to analyse welfare attitudes as they develop through extended discussions and interactions between research participants. In addition to the democratic forums, focus groups were conducted in the Fall of 2016 using the vignette method. The focus groups were specifically focused on exploring people's considerations and attitudes regarding deservingness of particular groups of potential welfare beneficiaries.

This guide is aimed to provide useful information on the research approach and enhance orientation in the archived democratic forum and focus group data collected within WelfSOC.

Data documentation of democratic forums includes

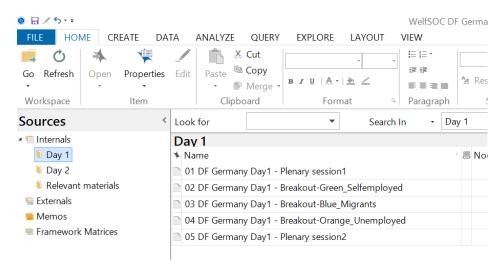
- <u>Information on the methodology</u> see file 'WelfSOC Deliberative-Forums-discussion-paper'
 - The discussion paper is intended to introduce deliberative methods used in attitude research and details the specific approach taken in WelfSOC.
- <u>Specification and centrally agreed structure of democratic forums</u> see file 'WelfSOC DF Structure'
 - The document provided key guidelines to conduct democratic forums in all five countries.
- Before- and After-Surveys participants of democratic forums were asked to fill out a survey before starting the democratic forum discussions as well as after the democratic forum discussion. The questions of the survey were compiled using the standardised questions of ESS and ISSP public opinion surveys see the list of questions 'WelfSOC DF before and after survey questions code'
- <u>Country reports</u> including the details of the fieldwork and brief summaries of the democratic forums – see the files (and related appendices) in the country-specific folders of Democratic Forum data:
 - 'WelfSOC DF Denmark report'
 - 'WelfSOC DF Germany_report'
 - 'WelfSOC DF Norway report'
 - 'WelfSOC DF Slovenia_report'
 - 'WelfSOC DF UK_report'
- Coding scheme and coding instructions see file 'WelfSOC DF coding scheme'

Structure of Democratic forum Nvivo files:

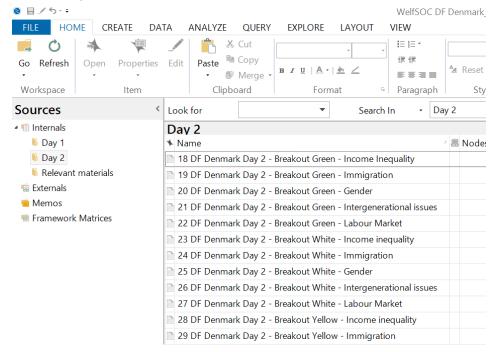
The democratic forum data are stored in separate files per country. The archived data is coded.

Sources/Internals:

- Transcripts of all democratic forums discussions are grouped by days (Day 1 and Day
 2)
- The naming of the transcripts follows the structure of democratic forums starting with a plenary session, followed by breakout group discussions of five-five topics and ending with a plenary session



- In Germany, Norway and Slovenia all discussions of one breakout group are included in one transcript
 - the naming of the transcripts include information on the specific Breakout group – be it the group where Self-employed, Migrants or Unemployed were overrepresented.



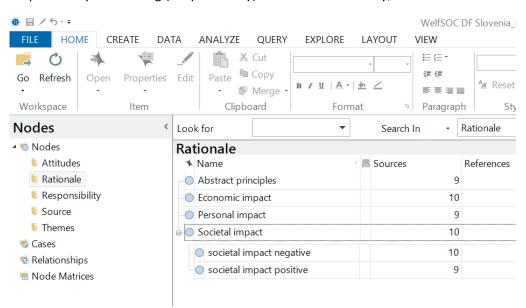
 In Denmark and the UK transcripts are provided for all specific discussions per breakout group – naming of transcripts refer to the specific breakout group as well as the topic of the discussion

- Sources/Internals/Relevant materials

- This folder includes
 - The report with the details of fieldwork, details of democratic forum breakout groups and participants
 - In case of Germany the appendices of the final report are included as well
 - The information package democratic forum participants received before the second day
 - The list of before and after survey questions (the results of surveys are stored under 'Case Classifications')

Nodes/Nodes

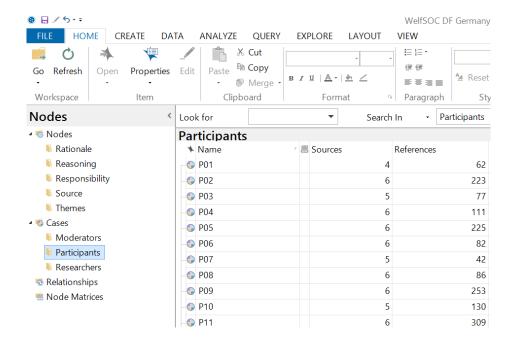
 There are four categories of nodes (codes) used in WelfSOC – these include three layers of coding (Rationale, Source and Themes) used by all countries and a fourth optional layer of coding (Responsibility) was used in Germany, Slovenia and the UK.



- In the UK and Slovenia an additional layer of coding was used 'Attitudes' which aimed to track articulations of positive, negative, neutral and mixed attitudes
- In Germany and Norway an additional layer of coding was used 'Reasoning' which aimed to identify specific framing of references, contributions to the discussion

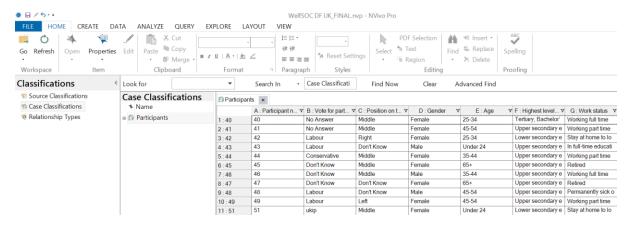
Nodes/Cases

 Under Cases primarily Participants are entered. However, some of the research teams included also Moderators and Researchers (observing the discussions) separately.



Classifications/Case Classification

 Under Case Classification the demographic characteristics as well as survey responses of democratic forums participants are available



Data documentation of focus groups includes

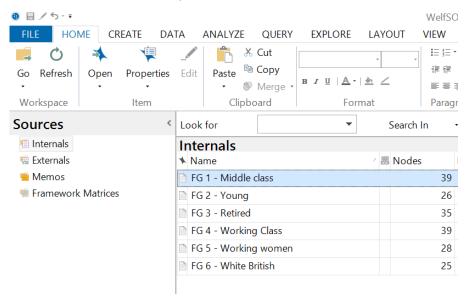
- Specification and centrally agreed structure of focus groups including instructions regarding the use of vignettes – see file 'WelfSOC FG specification'
 - a. The document provided key guidelines to conduct focus groups in all five countries.
- 2. <u>Country reports</u> including the details of the fieldwork and brief summaries of the focus group discussions see files (and related appendices) in the country-specific folders of Focus Group data:
 - a. 'WelfSOC FG Denmark_report'
 - b. 'WelfSOC FG Germany_report'
 - c. 'WelfSOC FG Norway_report'
 - d. 'WelfSOC FG Slovenia_report'
 - e. 'WelfSOC FG UK_report'
- 3. <u>Coding scheme and coding instructions</u> see file 'WelfSOC FG coding scheme'

Structure of Focus Group Nvivo files:

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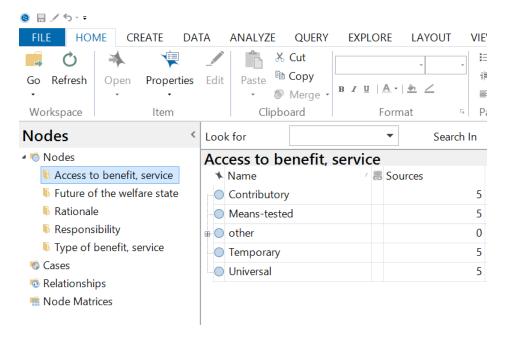
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- In general, five focus groups were conducted inviting five specific social groups to
 discuss solidarity, responsibility and deservingness in welfare states who should get
 what from what source and why? The naming of the transcripts indicate the specific
 groups Middle Class, Working Class, Young people (under 35 years), Women
 (working and with care responsibilities) and Elderly people.
- In the UK an additional focus group was conducted with the participation people with "White British" ethnicity.



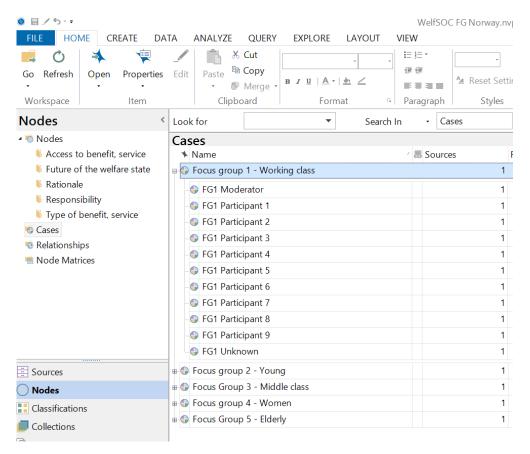
Nodes/Nodes

- There are five categories of nodes (codes) used in WelfSOC focus groups these
 include four layers of coding (Access to benefit, service, Rationale, Responsibility and
 Type of benefit, service) used by all countries and a fifth optional layer of coding
 (Future of the welfare state) was used in Denmark, Norway and Slovenia.
- o In Germany two additional nodes were used to code specific groups and vignettes



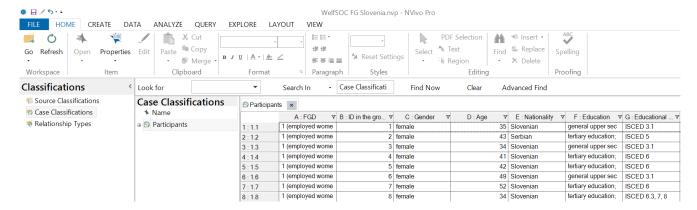
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WelfSOC Publications

As part of the Data documentation a list of publications is enclosed (see file 'WelfSOC Publications_082018'). During the course of the project two books, a journal special issue and several journal articles and conference papers were published. Further information on the research project can be found on its official website https://blogs.kent.ac.uk/welfsoc/