

PREFACE

The *Generations and Gender Survey (GGS)* is the main element of the *Generations and Gender Programme (GGP)*. The other element of the *GGP* is the *Contextual Data Base*. The *GGP* has been initiated and coordinated by the *Population Activities Unit of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN ECE PAU)*. At present the *GGP* is underway in more than twenty countries.

The main goal of the *GGP* is to improve the understanding of demographic and social developments, the interaction of those developments, and the factors that influenced those developments, with particular attention to an evaluation of the relationships between children and parents (generations) and relationships between partners (gender). The programme focuses attention on the changing gender and generation relationships linked to such demographic experiences as leaving the parental home, forming and dissolving partnerships, having children, and retirement (Vikat et al, 2007). The *GGS* sets out to explain the economic (economic activity, income, well-being), educational, value, attitudinal, and behavioural aspects of the demographic changes.

In Lithuania, the *GGS* (in Lithuania also known as “*Parents and Children, Men and Women in Family and Society*”) has been conducted by the Demographic Research Centre of the Institute for Social Research. The first wave of the survey was performed in Lithuania in 2006, during which 10,036 respondents were interviewed by the company Baltic Surveys Ltd. The Lithuanian *GGS* has been mainly sponsored by the Lithuanian State Science and Studies Foundation and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania.

The purpose of this edition is the publication of standard tabulations of the *GGS* conducted in Lithuania. The edition includes 12 chapters: 1) Dwelling, 2) Household, 3) Children, 4) Contraception, 5) Partnership, 6) Relations between generations. Parental home, 7) Childhood and parental home. Leaving of parental home, 8) Work and family, 9) Interpersonal support, 10) Health, 11) Values, and 12) Main life events. The edition contains forty groups of the tables. In the tables, the data for different variables are presented according to gender, age, education, economic activity, income, and partnership status.