

# Challenges to monitor family dynamics in Switzerland

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# Changing family practices

- A certain stability in (complex) family structures nowadays
- But on-going large-scale societal evolutions...
  - Progress in gender equality
  - Increasing mobility and use of technology to maintain ties
  - Increasing acceptance of diversity in family life
  - Active ageing
  - Increasing uncertainty, inequality

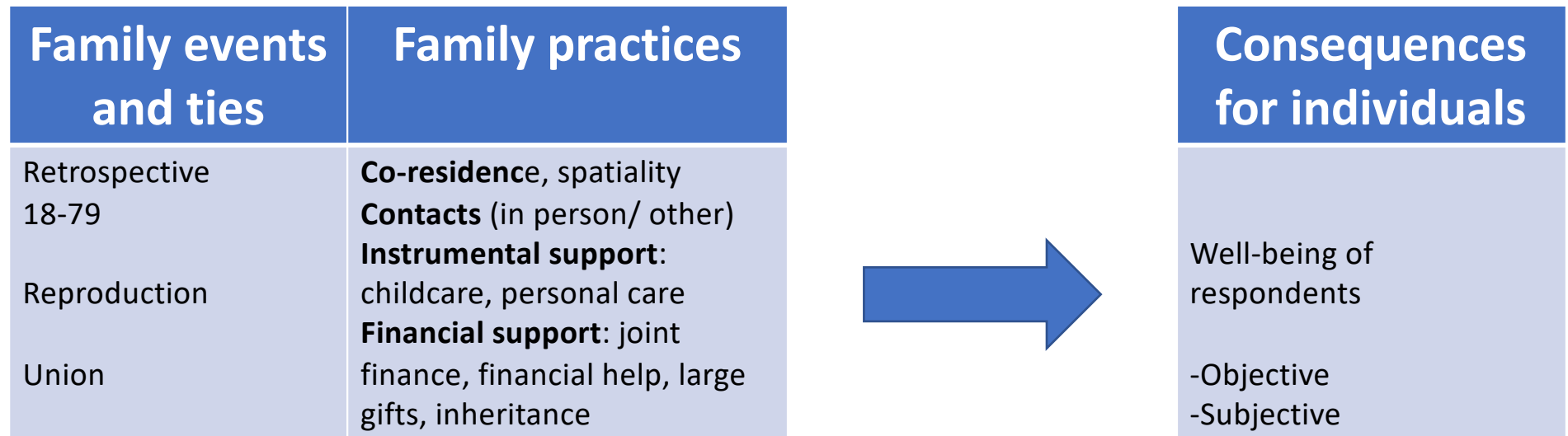
...which are (slowly) changing family practices ("doing family"), i.e. constraints and benefits of family life + consequences of family events

Kessler Dorian " Les conséquences du divorce: inégales pour les mères et les pères mais convergentes entre les cohortes?" Chap in Rossier C., C. Sauvain-Dugerdil, L. Bernardi (eds) (submitted) *Diversité des familles et bien-être en Suisse. Résultats des Enquêtes Familles et Générations 2013 et 2018* Lausanne: Editions Seismo.

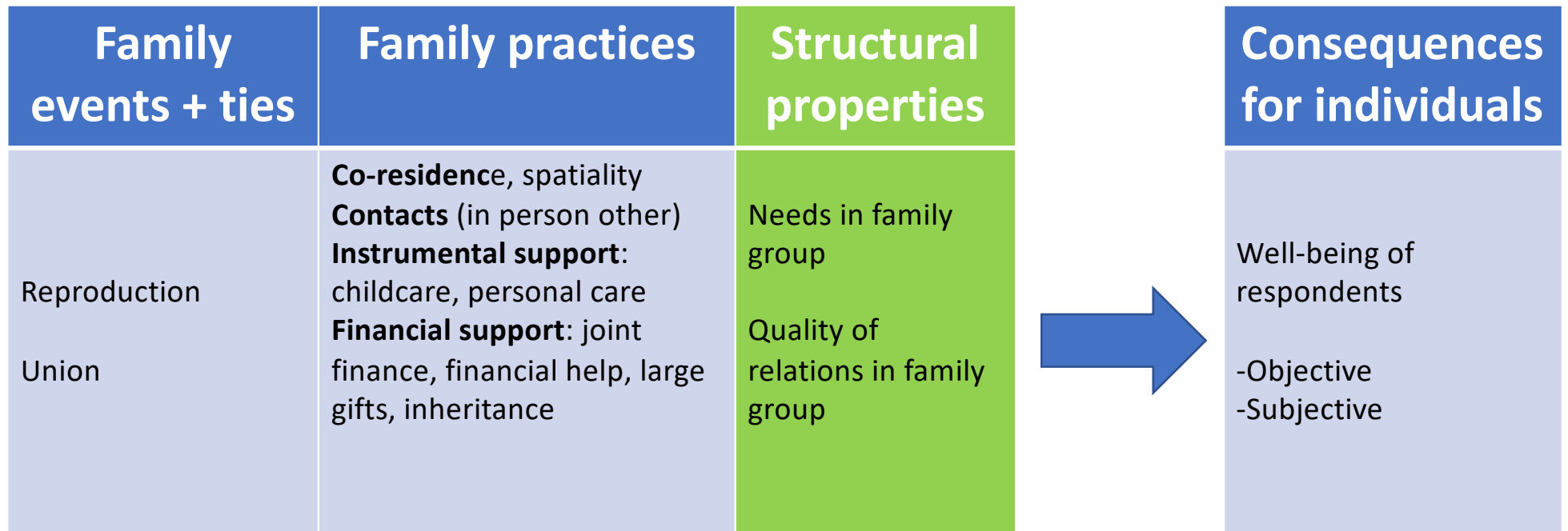
# Differences between EFG 2018 and GGS 3\_0\_7

- In their ability to provide information on changing family practices in Switzerland and the way they shape individual functioning

# A large overlap in content

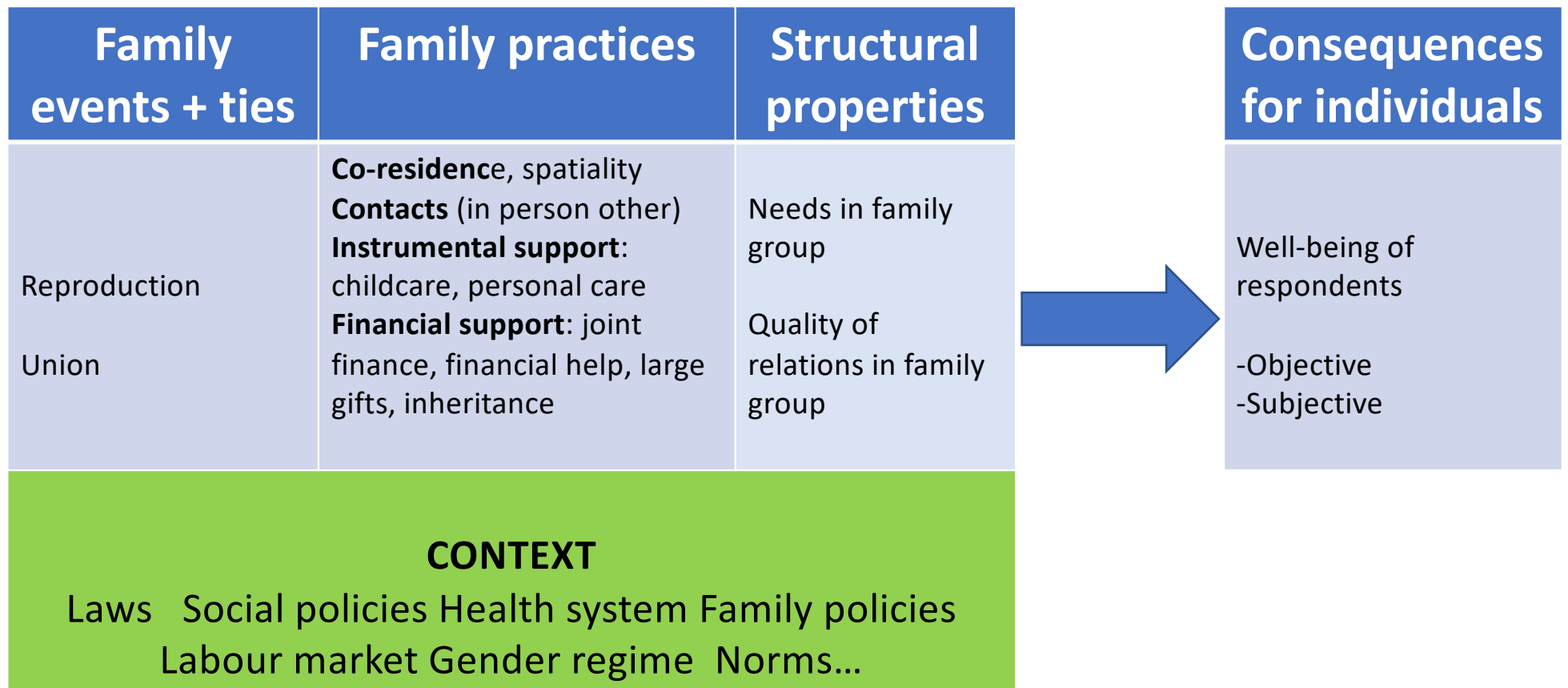


# One gap in EFG 20018



Actually even GGS should go further in that direction by adding a questions about extra-family networks, and more on emotional support/ conflict /ambivalence

# The key role of macro factors



# International comparison is needed

- If most of the questions are similar, they often do not correspond exactly

## **WEL10\_** (Discuss Important Matters)

*Who are the people with whom you typically discuss sonal matters?*

*SET OF Partner*  
*Son*  
*Daughter*  
*Step-Son*  
*Step-Daughter*  
*Mother*  
*Father*  
*Step-Mother*  
*Step-Father*  
*Partner's Mother or Step-Mother*  
*Partner's Father or Step-Father*  
*Grandparents (my own or partner's)*  
*Grandchild*  
*Sister*  
*Brother*  
*Daughter's Partner*  
*Son's Partner*  
*Partner's Siblings*  
*Other Relative*  
*Friend, acquaintance, neighbour, or colleague*  
*Other person*  
*Nobody*

## 9 Q: 180.01

Filtre	Tous
Question	[INSERT: A l'exception de votre partenaire,/A l'exception de votre partenaire,] est-ce qu'il y a parmi les personnes qui sont proches de vous, quelqu'un à qui vous pouvez parler vraiment en tous temps de problèmes personnels ?
Variable(s)	T_NETZ27 - Personne(s) pour parler de problèmes très personnels: oui/non
Codes	CL_JA_NEIN_

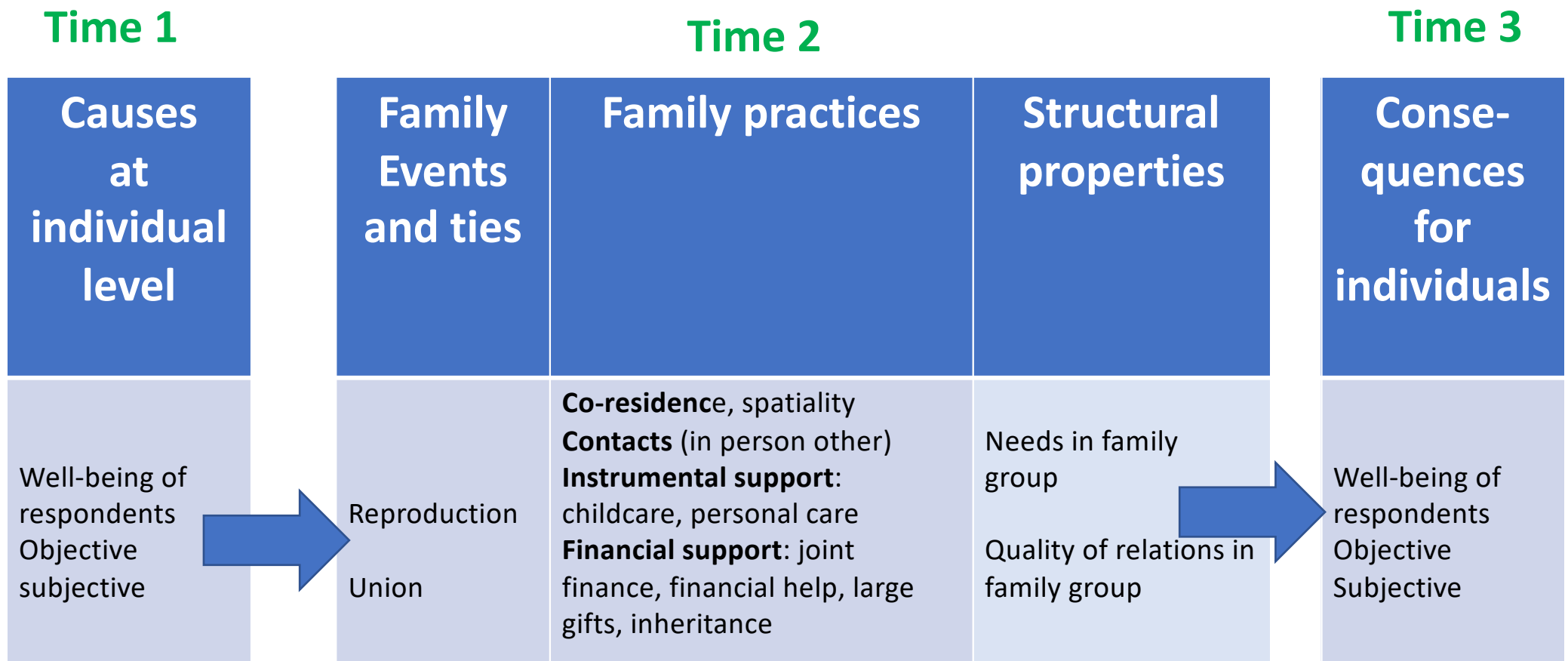
Code	Nom
0	Non
1	Oui

Ne sait pas/pas de réponse

## 9 Q: 180.10

Filtre	Si la personne cible a dit qu'il y avait quelqu'un à qui elle pouvait parler de ses problèmes (question 18001).
Question	Qui sont ces personnes ?
Instructions	Max. 4 réponses possibles. Si la PC mentionne plus de personnes, saisir les 4 plus importantes.
Variable(s)	T_NETZ28a - Personne confidente: mère T_NETZ28b - Personne confidente: père T_NETZ28c - Personne confidente: belle-mère (mère du/de la partenaire) T_NETZ28d - Personne confidente: beau-père (père du/de la partenaire) T_NETZ28e - Personne confidente: fille T_NETZ28f - Personne confidente: fils T_NETZ28g - Personne confidente: belle-fille (partenaire du fils/de la fille) T_NETZ28h - Personne confidente: beau-fils (partenaire de la fille/du fils) T_NETZ28i - Personne confidente: grand-père/grand-mère T_NETZ28j - Personne confidente: petit-fils/petite-fille T_NETZ28k - Personne confidente: frère/soeur T_NETZ28l - Personne confidente: autre personne apparentée T_NETZ28m - Personne confidente: ami-e/connaissance/voisin-e/collègue T_NETZ28n - Personne confidente: autre personne non apparentée
Codes	CL_FPROB

# A longitudinal perspective is needed





# Advantages of EFG 2018

- Detailed questions in EFG 2018
  - maternity leave
  - diminishing /increasing work-time
  - childcare provided by family members and various other actors

⇒issues of interest in the case of Switzerland

⇒important to consider country-specific modules in the GGS

And again, important to move beyond blood /alliance and coresidence to capture "family-like" ties and practices; add extended kin

Seltzer, J.A. 2019. "Family change and changing family demography," *Demography* 56(2): 405–426.