



# FReDA – The German Family Demography Panel Study

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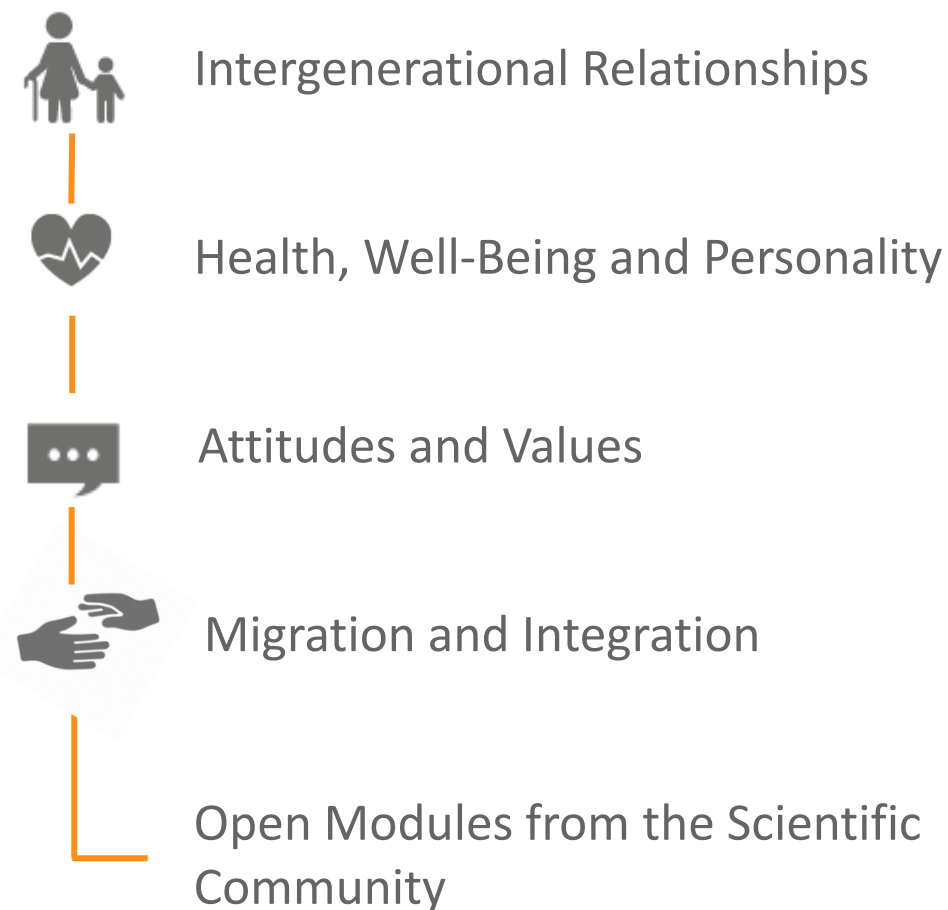
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# FAMILY RESEARCH AND DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

- » **FReDA-Core:** Probability based sample of 18- to 54-year-olds (25,000 active panelists)
- » **FReDA-pairfam:** Continuation of the pairfam study (4,500 panelists)
- » **Multi-actor-design:** about 8,000 partner interviews realized per sub-wave
- » **Bi-annual repeated surveys** since 2021
- » **Generations and Gender Program:** Cross-nationally comparable with 20+ countries
- » **FReDA-Ukraine:** Continuation of “Ukrainian refugees in Germany” (6,000 active panelists)
- » **Interdisciplinary access:** Sociology, Social psychology, Demography, Economics, Political science, Migration Research
- » **Project Partners:**

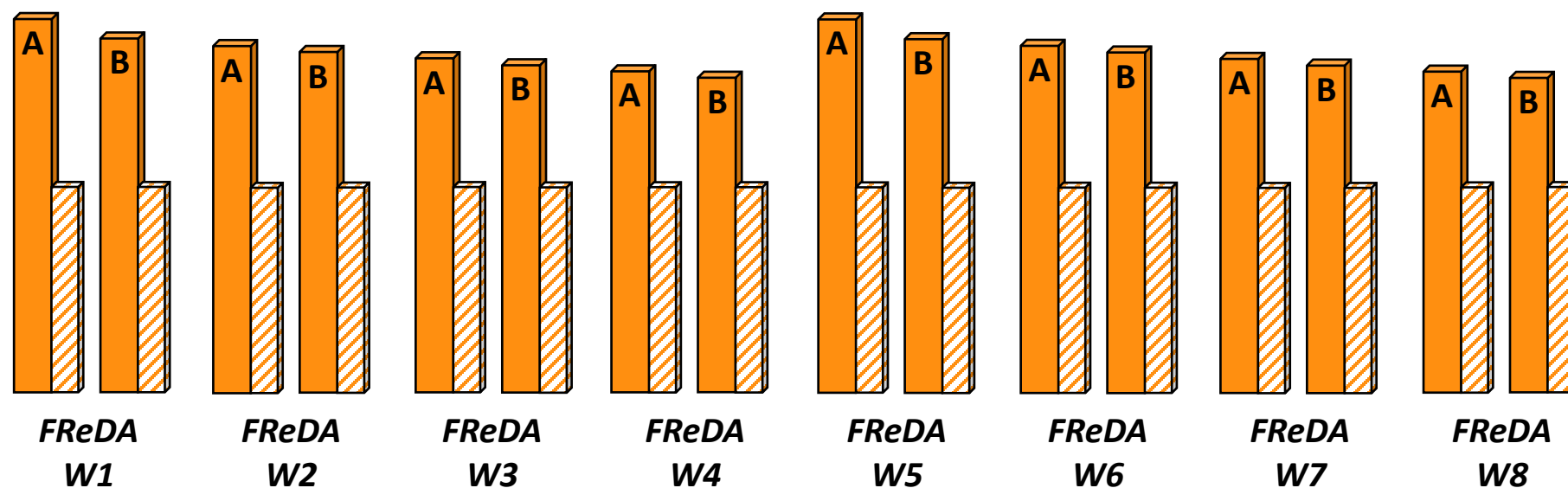


# Contents of the FReDA surveys



# FReDA's survey design

- » FReDA has bi-annual (sub)waves
- » Sub-waves ("A" and "B") complement each other
- » There are anchor and partner interviews



2020

2021

2022

2023

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2025

2026

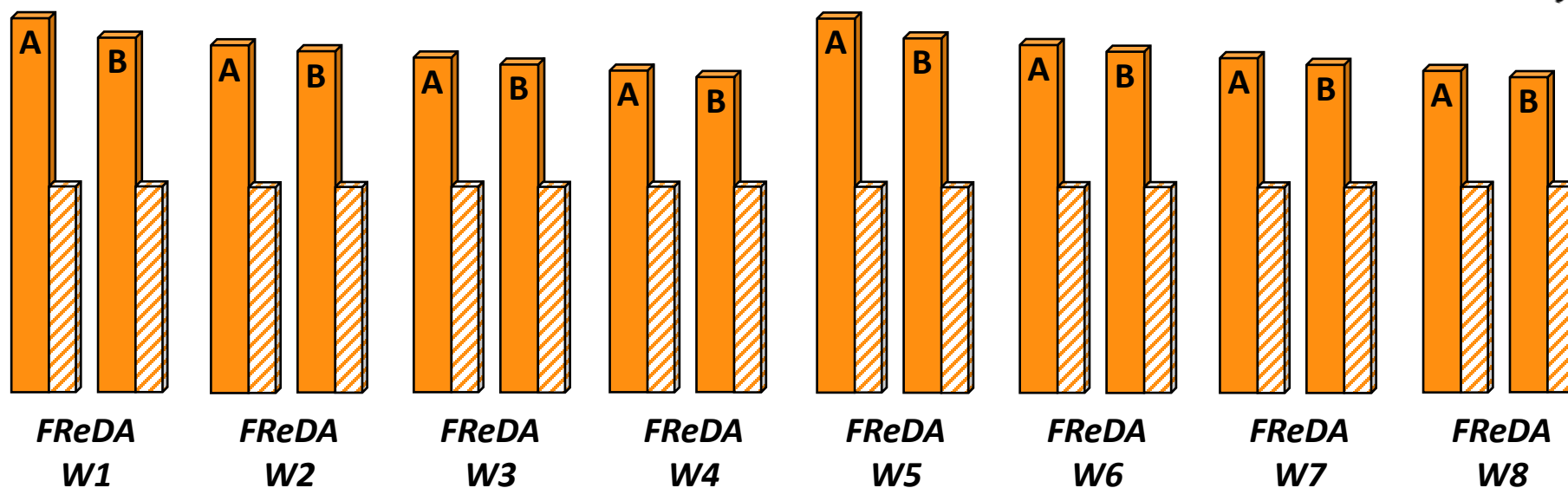
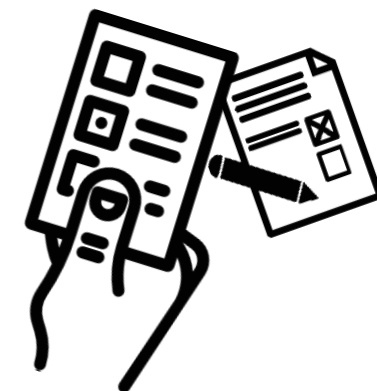
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# Contact design and survey modes

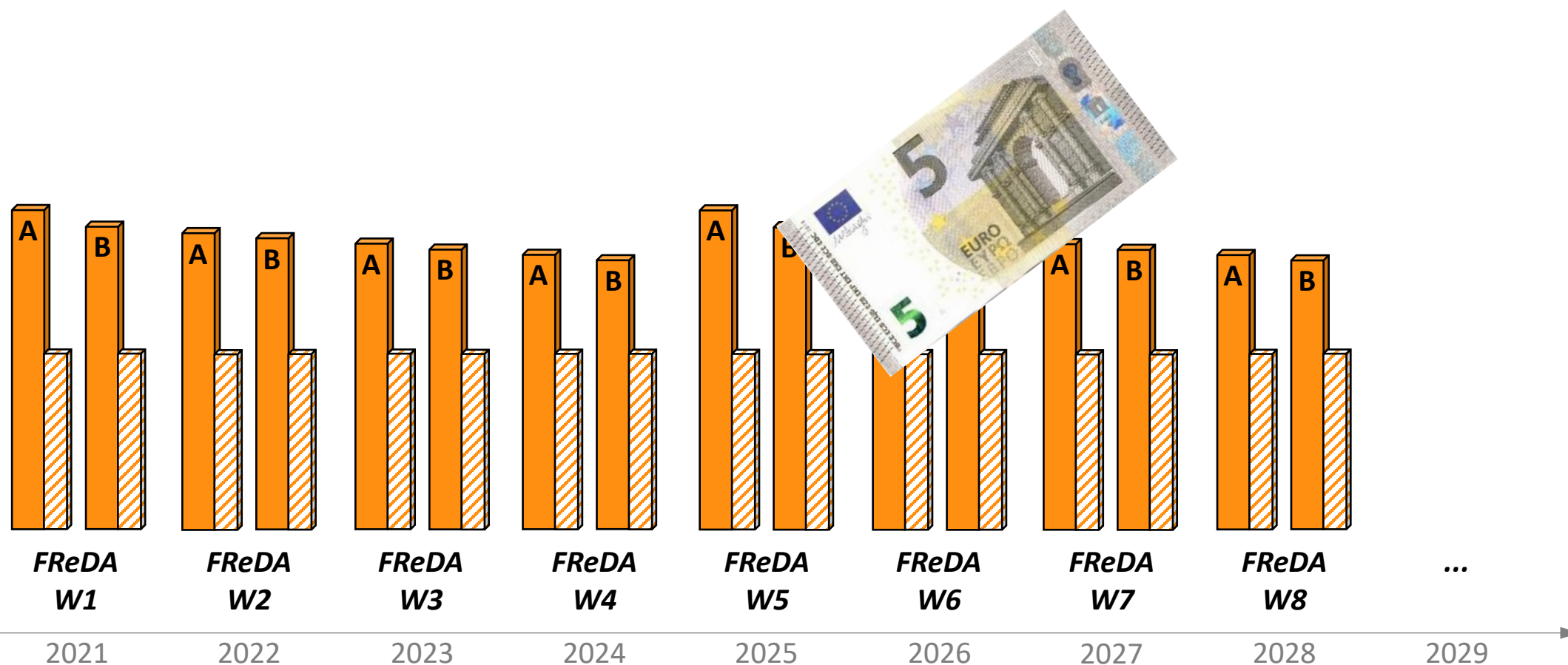
- » FReDA is a self-administered mixed-mode panel
- » Main interview mode is CAWI (96%), paper/mail is a back-up (4%)
- » Postal invitation and reminder letters, complemented by E-mail notifications (55% with valid E-mail addresses)



2020      2021      2022      2023      2024      2025      2026      2027      2028      2029

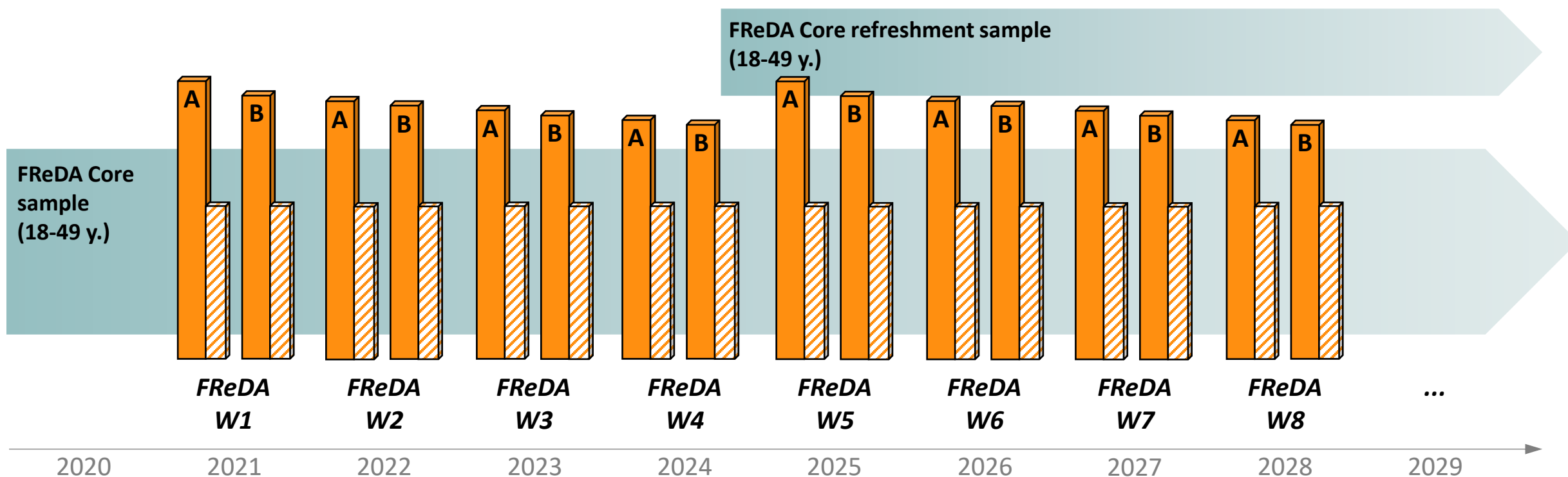
# Incentives & duration

- » In each subwave, we send 5 Euro as a pre-paid incentive with the invitation letter
- » Average duration of the surveys about 20 minutes



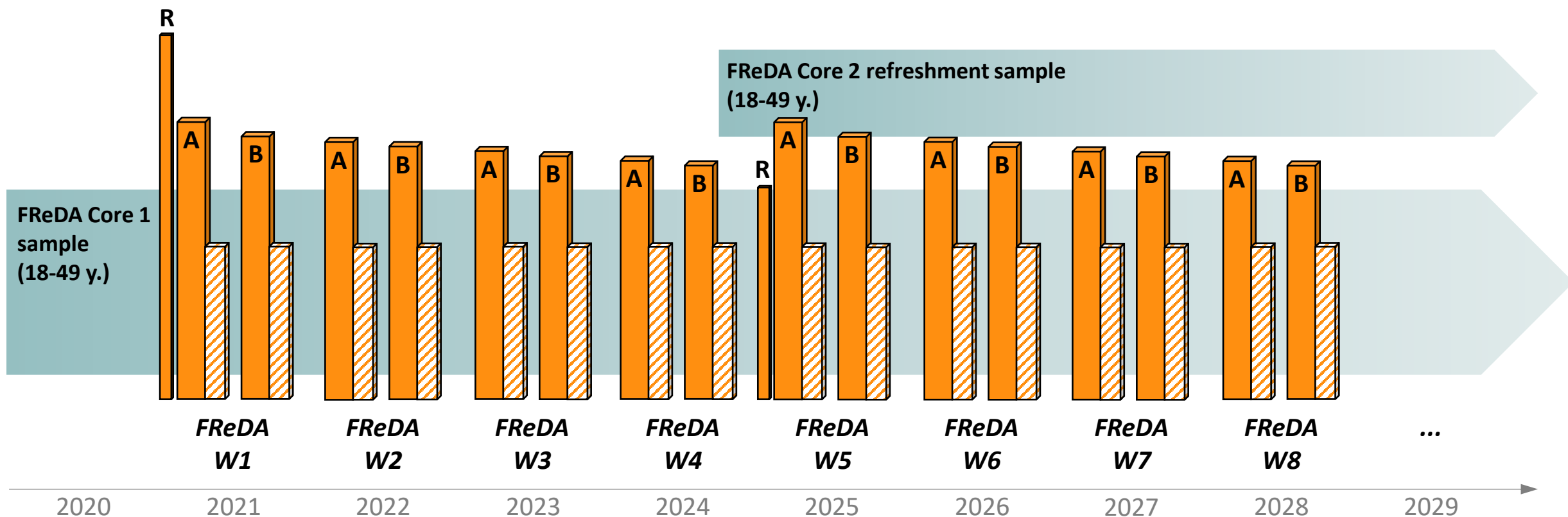
# FReDA core samples

- » FReDA has drawn a first prob.-based sample in 2020 and a first refreshment in 2024
- » Each of them represents the residents of Germany, aged 18 to 49



# Recruitment interviews

- » We first conduct a short (ca. 10 min.) and pleasant recruitment interview
- » After this, we ask for the panel consent

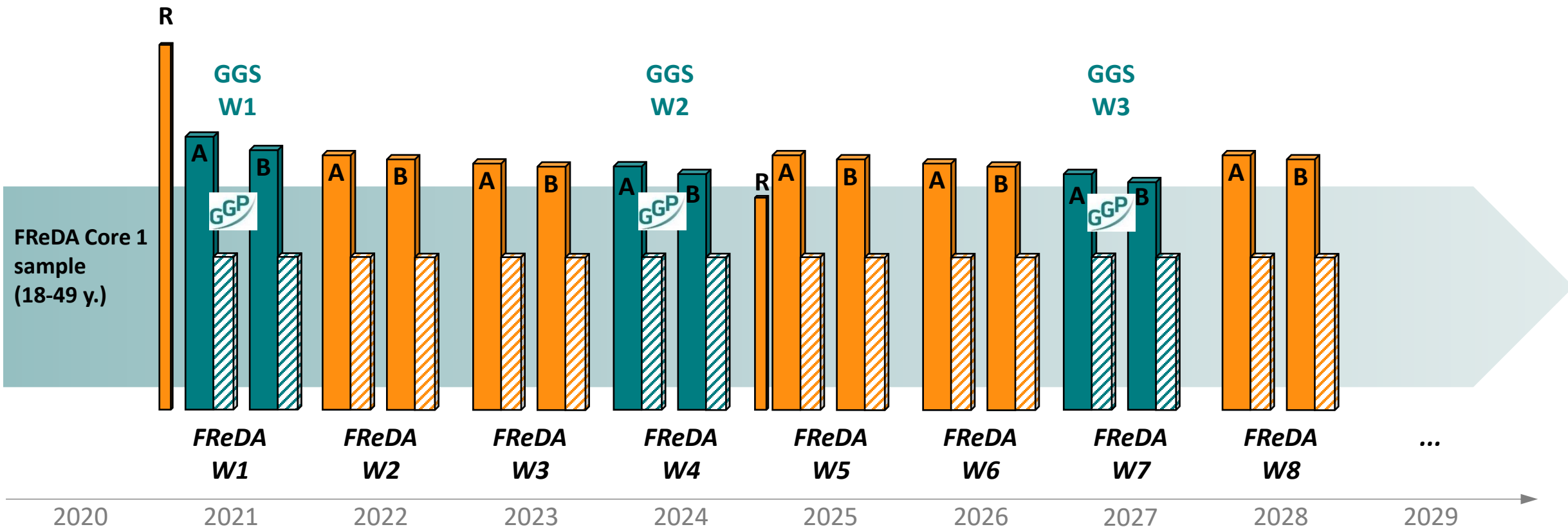




# Integration of the Generations and Gender Survey

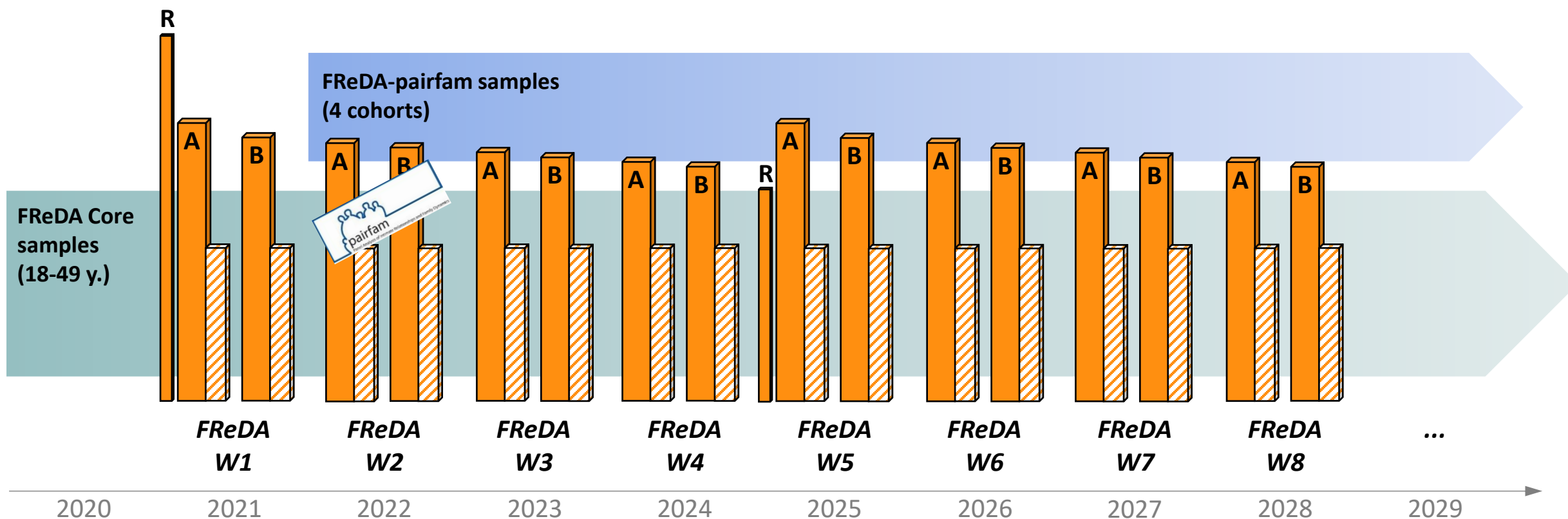


- » Wave 1 (2021), 4 (2024) and 7 (2027) are GGS waves
- » Questionnaires consist of split versions of the GGS questionnaire
- » Data of these waves are internationally comparable with 20+ countries (post-harmonised dataset)



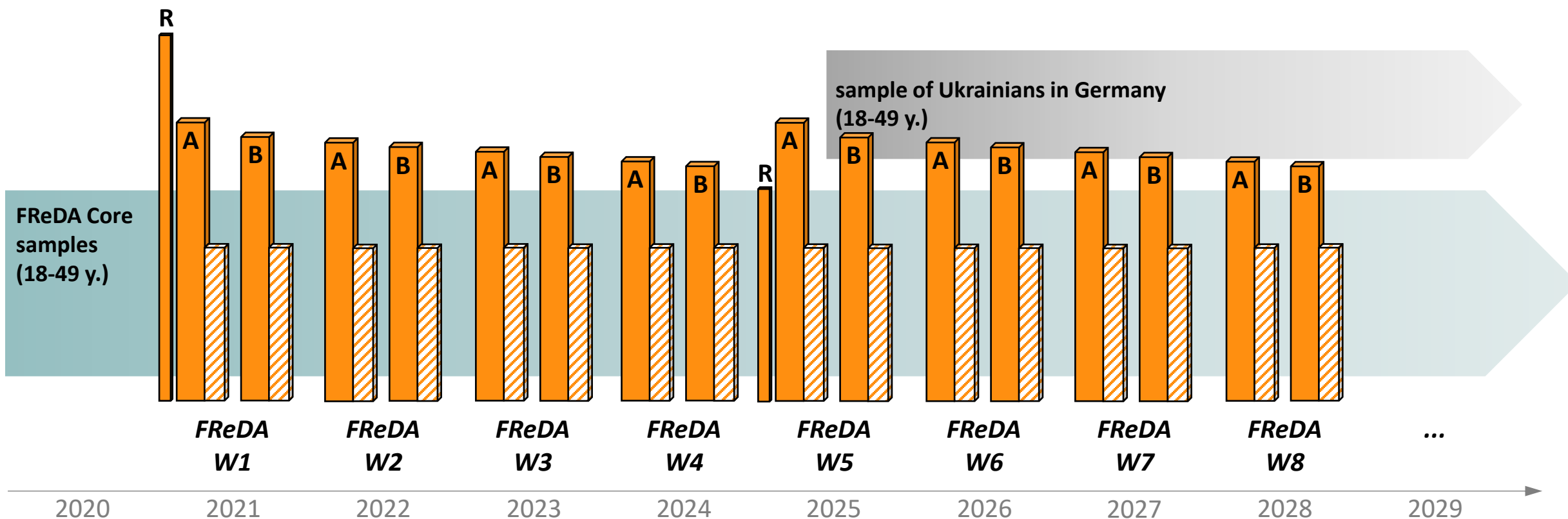
# Integration of pairfam

- » From 2022 on, the pairfam anchors and partners are interviewed with the FReDA questionnaire; pairfam also a major source of the questionnaires
- » FReDA wave 2 corresponds to pairfam wave 15; pairfam waves 1 - 14 included in data releases
- » Adoption of the pairfam variable and value schema for FReDA; provision of pairfam weights

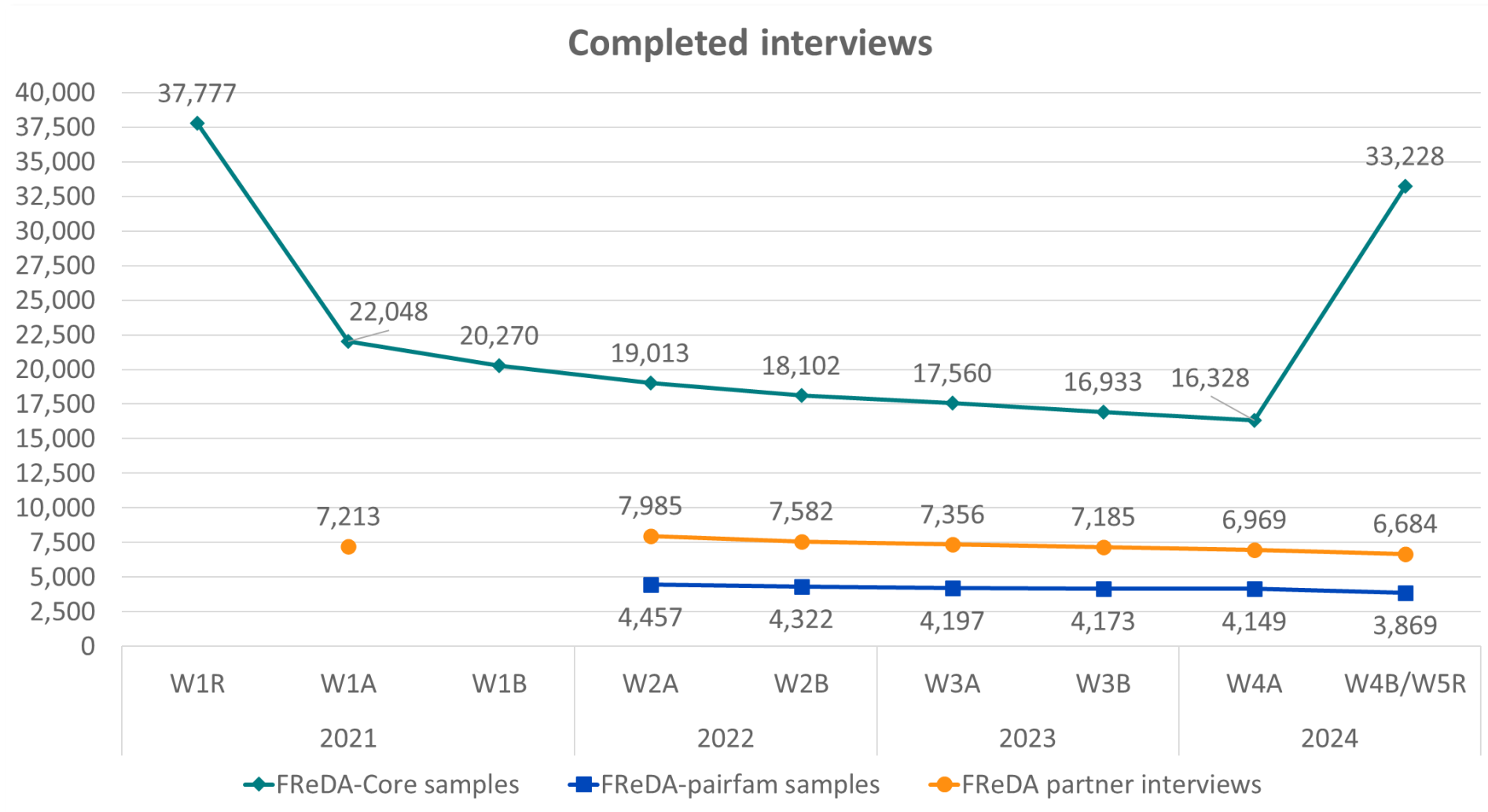


# Refugee sample of Ukrainians

- » From 2025 on, half of the sample of the study “Ukrainian refugees in Germany” will be interviewed as part of FReDA
- » Refreshment sample was drawn together with FReDA Core 2 refreshment sample in 2024
- » About 30% study specific questions, 70% overlap with FReDA questionnaires, multilingual variants (DE, UKR, RU)
- » Web-only with 5€ postpaid, less postal mailings and more E-mail contacts (82% of gross sample)



# Large sample sizes facilitate sub-group analysis



# Data products and data access (all free of charge)



**FReDA Data Portal:** Browse or search all questions, variables, questionnaires, translations, datasets, and aggregated statistics of the SUFs in the FReDA-metadata porta under <https://freda.colectica.org/>



**FReDA Scientific Use File (SUF):** FReDA-Core and FReDA-pairfam anchor and partner data, pairfam waves 1 to 14, latest release v5.0 includes W1-W3, requirement: data use agreement (for research). Available at [https://search.gesis.org/research\\_data/ZA7777](https://search.gesis.org/research_data/ZA7777)



**FReDA Onsite-File:** Includes regional information such as geo coordinates and other sensible data; available on-site at the [Secure Data Center](#) at GESIS (Mannheim, Cologne, Essex), later also at the BiB (Wiesbaden). Requirement: data use agreement (for research).



**FReDA/pairfam Campus Use Files (CUF):** Contains only selected portions of the sample and variables included in the SUFs of the two data projects. Requirement: Not restricted. Available at [https://search.gesis.org/research\\_data/ZA8756](https://search.gesis.org/research_data/ZA8756)



**German Generations and Gender Survey (GGG):** Includes waves W1 (R, A, B) of the FReDA-GGS sample which has been pre- and postharmonized to match GGS-II wave 1, allows comparisons with 20+ countries. Requirement: Data use agreement (for research). Available at <https://ggp-i.org>



Thank you!

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