



## B2-InF Handbooks for Data Collection

The aim of [STAGE 1](#) of B2-inF is to collect data from the general young population (18-30-year-old) about social perceptions on ART, and the information provided by ART clinics for the society in 8 countries: Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Macedonia, Albania, Slovenia and Kosovo. This information will allow, in [STAGE 2](#), to compare views of the citizenship with the information provided by the clinics and to carry out an in-depth study of the gender, socio-cultural and legal implications.

In total, it is planned to conduct around **120 semi-structured interviews** (15 per country) and to explore **40 ART clinics websites** (5 per country). This massive data collection, involving different [B2-inF partners](#) ([APLICA](#), [HealthGrouper](#), [Medistella](#)) working in 8 different countries with several field work groups, requires a well-coordinated way of working to ensure an appropriate quality level. That is why one of the first steps of the B2-inf project was to develop **two handbooks**:

### 1) Interview handbook



The objective of this handbook is to harmonize and to standardize the fieldwork and the data collection through the 120 semi structured interviews planned.

The handbook includes information about who is expected to be interviewed, how to deal with the recruitment process and with the interviews itself, themes to be explored and question examples and templates for all the process (e.g. sociodemographic sheet, transcriptions, etc.).



**B<sup>2</sup>-Inf Interviews - People to be interviewed**

**WHO IS EXPECTED TO BE INTERVIEWED?**

- Men and women
- 18-30 years old
- Childless
- Not ART users

**HOW IS PROPOSED TO RECRUIT YOUNG POPULATION TO BE INTERVIEWED?**

Through an intentional sampling fulfilling the previous criteria



**B<sup>2</sup>-Inf Interviews - Data collection**

- ✓ Whenever possible, the interviews will be carried out **face to face**, but because the epidemic situation or specific sociodemographic characteristics, it could be carried out **on-line** through the platform more convenient for interviewer and interviewee (Zoom, Skype...).
- ✓ All the interviews should be **audio-digital recorded with 2 recorders** (regardless the format of the interview).
- ✓ All the interviews should be **verbatim transcribed and translated into English**.

Keep in mind that this transcriptions (in English) are the data to be analysed!

B2-Inf success depends on the quality of the interviews and its transcriptions



## 2) Clinics handbook

**B<sup>2</sup>-Inf**

**Be Better Informed About Fertility**

**Clinics handbook**



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The objective of this handbook is also to harmonize and to standardize the data collection from ART clinics for later analysis.

The handbook includes information about which clinics are expected to be explored and how these should be selected, which type of information should be collected (e.g. leaflet, informed



consent forms, informative text and images from the websites, etc.), the issues of interest aligned with B2-inF objectives and guidelines on how to collect the information (including templates).

**B<sup>2</sup>-inF Clinics – Clinics to be explored**

**Which clinics are expected to be explored? How many?**  
Specialized Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART) clinics  
3-5 per country

**How is proposed to select the clinics to be explored?**  
Through an intentional sampling

Considering the following criteria:

- ✓ Variety of company size
- ✓ Variety of Assisted Reproductive Technologies offered
- ✓ Geographical diversity

Exclusion criteria:

- Companies that work as intermediaries
- Companies that do not provide direct clinical services

**B<sup>2</sup>-inF Clinics – Data collection**

Collecting information from the websites

➤ Clinic characterization

All the information required should be described in the boxes as much detailed as possible

<b>COMMERCIAL INFO</b>	
LEGAL NAME	
COUNTRY	
CITY	
WEBSITE URL	
<b>CONTACT INFORMATION - Email</b>	
CONTACT INFORMATION - Telephone	
<b>LIST OF THE ART TECHNOLOGICAL OFFERS</b>	
PHYSICAL INFORMATION COLLECTED	

These details should be given in the PDF file.  
The name should be used as follows:  
City: name of the country + name of the city - Type of appointment - number connection  
E.g. Barcelona - Catalonia - Spain

The development of these two Handbooks was the “starting line” of the [WPI and WP2](#) and the focus of the first internal workshop milestone of the B2-inF partners. Although this internal workshop was initially planned as a face-to-face meeting, due to the COVID-19 pandemic it had to be done online. Despite the distance, this was a great opportunity to share ideas with partners and work together.





Handbooks are ready! The B2-Inf project is ready for the next steps.

Let's do it!!

[APLICA team](#)

