

CHECKLIST TO BE EXPLORED

B2-Inf seeks to answer **two questions**:

- (1) How do young people perceive and think about Assisted Reproduction Technology (ART)?
- (2) How can ART clinics better align their research, services, and information with the views, concerns and expectations of citizens?

In the **first stage** of B2-Inf is planned to **collect data about perceptions and awareness of ART in young populations and about the information offered by clinics** to their clients. In the **second stage**, this data will be **analysed from sociocultural, legal and gender perspectives** in order to detect misalignments and other weak points and to determine ways of improving the information offered by clinics.

Aiming to collect the best information related to B2-Inf objectives, and to the consequent's analysis, B2-Inf team agreed **the themes and issues to be explored** in the qualitative interviews and in the clinic's webpage exploration.

This document summarizes the result of the group work done before, during and after the Work Shop 1 of the B2-Inf project designing the checklist of the **themes, issues and characteristics** to be explored.



SOCIODEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS TO BE COLLECTED

- Age (Years)
- Gender (Male, Female; Transgender male to female; Transgender female to male; Transsexual male to female; Transsexual female to male; Other)
- Occupation (Student; Self-employed; Employed for wages; Homemaker; Unemployed; Retired; Unable to work)
- Education level (Highest degree completed: No schooling completed; School; High school; Bachelor degree; Doctorate degree)
- Residence (Urban area; Semi-urban area; Rural area)
- Relationship (Yes; No -- if yes, the sex of the partner)
- Legal marital status (Single; Married or domestic partnership; Widow; Divorced; Separated)
- Religious beliefs (Christian, Muslim; Jewish; Orthodox; Other; None)

THEMES TO BE EXPLORED IN THE INTERVIEWS

THEMES	SUBTHEMES	DEFINITION	QUESTIONS SUGGESTED
Parenthood	Parenthood	Perceptions about parenthood (importance to be a parent or not) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevance of parenthood • Differences for different people • Differences between gender • Relevance of cultural and religious beliefs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What do you think about parenthood? - Do you think that parenthood has the same implications for different people? - How relevant do you think parenthood is in your context? Why?
	Childness	Perceptions about of childlessness (importance to have children or not) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevance of having descendants • Differences between gender • Distinction between voluntary and involuntary childness • Relevance of cultural and religious beliefs • Alternatives to childness: adoption, remain childless, change partner, ART... • Childness acceptance • Childness stigmatization • Child free option 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What do you think about people who remain childless? - How relevant do you think childness is in your context? Why? - Do you think that childness has the same implications for different genders? - Has the same implications if childness is voluntary or involuntary? Why? - Do you think there are alternatives to childness? Which?
(In)fertility	Fertility	Knowledge and perceptions regarding fertility (ability to have children) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social, sexual and health behaviours linked to fertility • Differences between genders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What comes to your mind if someone ask you about your opinions about fertility? - How relevant do you think fertility is in your context? Why?

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevance of cultural and religious beliefs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do you think that fertility has the same implications for different genders? Why?
	Infertility	<p>Knowledge and perceptions regarding infertility (difficulties to conceive a child)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sociodemographic characteristics of infertile people: age? sex? life choices? • Social, sexual and health behaviours linked to infertility • Differences between genders • Relevance of cultural and religious beliefs • Taboos linked to (in)fertility • Private / social dimension of (in)fertility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How relevant do you think infertility is in your context? Why? - Do you think this is an important topic nowadays? - Who do you think face difficulties to have a child? - Do you think that fertility has the same implications for different genders? - Are there taboos linked to (in)fertility in your context? - Is (in)fertility approached in public/social spaces (popular media, social media, friends, colleagues, etc)? Or is this a topic reserved to the private sphere?
Treatments	Techniques and care	<p>Knowledge and information regarding medical treatments to help people having a child</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services offered by the clinics • Existing techniques (In vitro fertilization, gamete donation, surrogacy) in the society • Existing possibilities for different genders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do you know what services are offered by the clinics of reproductive assistance? - What do you know about medical treatments available in your context for people who want to have a child? - Are those treatments for different genders? - Should different genders receive different care (e.g. psychological assistance; for all genders, as a couple, primarily for the person undergoing the procedure, same for lifestyle advice etc)?
	Expectations	<p>Personal expectation regarding ART</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trust in medical techniques for helping people to have a child as medical care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What do you think about the techniques available in your context?

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative to childness and/or infertility • Concerns related to ART • Women alone who want to have children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would you personally use medical treatments? And if you face difficulties to have a child? - What do you know about success rates of these techniques? - What are your concerns regarding ART? How would you handle them in case you have any? - Do you identify some ethical problems related to ART?
	Availability and access	<p>Knowledge and perceptions regarding ART availability, possibilities, and access in your society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Places where ART is offered • Terms of people allowed to use ART (more/less restrictive), economic costs, geographical aspects, ... • Conditions to get access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do you know how to get access to these techniques? - What do you think about the access to these techniques (easy/difficult/conditioned)? Why? - What kind of families or individuals do you think can get access to these techniques in your context? Is this different from other countries in Europe? Why is this? - What do you know about access of transgender and intersex people to ART? What do you think about this issue?
	Legal	<p>Legal knowledge, perception and information regarding ART possibilities and availability in your society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation on ART in the context • Perceptions about the legal requirements on ART 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do you know if there is a law that frame these treatments? What do you think about it? - How do you think the law that frame these treatments should be?
Public(ity)	Channel information	<p>Knowledge and perceptions regarding channel information about medical treatments for people who want to have a child</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Where/how did you get information on medical treatments for people who want to have a child? - If you would be interested on information about these medical treatments, how would you like to get it?

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal (publicity, scientific societies, internet, clinics, ...) • Informal (relatives, friends, colleagues,...) • Media (newspapers, magazines, etc.) • Social media (FB, Instagram, etc.) • Differences between gender • Needs of information 	<p>- Is there something that you will want to know? Some information that you don't have?</p>
	Trust	<p>Perceptions regarding the trust of the information available about ART in your society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trust • Adjusted to the law • Ethical implications 	<p>- What do you think about the publicity/information about this medical treatment available in your context?</p> <p>- Do you think this is trustworthy?</p> <p>- What short of information would you like to receive?</p> <p>- Who do you think should provide this information?</p> <p>- Do you think this is adjusted to the law?</p>
	Target population	<p>Perceptions regarding the target population of the clinic advices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profiles • Differences between genders 	<p>- Who do you think should be the target population of publicity/information about these medical treatments and clinics?</p> <p>- Do you think different genders should receive different advices (regarding: burden of procedure -time off from work-, lifestyle advices -which advice-, age to reproduce, etc.)</p>