Supplemental materials of the paper: Towards a multidimensional measure of well-being:

Cross-cultural support through the Italian validation of the Well-being Profile

The most popular measures of well-being

There is an increasing interest in measuring well-being, not only by an individual perspective, but also by a collective one: in fact, measuring well-being helps to monitor a nation's "happiness" and the efficacy of policy decisions taken to improve the well-being of a nation. For example, the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) publishes annually the World Happiness Report that ranks countries by how "happy" they are (Helliwell et al., 2020). Moreover, the WHOQOL-100 (Skevington, 1999) and WHOQOL-BREF (WHO, 1996) have been published by the World Health Organization (WHO) as measures of quality of life and well-being. Therefore, a single, standardized definition of well-being cannot be assumed in the literature (Ong et al., 2021). Nevertheless, it is important to consider how well-being is conceptualized in research, as from its conceptualization derives the construction of measuring instruments. Some instruments investigating well-being are unidimensional and focus on some narrow aspect of well-being or move from a quite specific definition of well-being, other instruments derive from a more complex vision of well-being, thus including several domains or components, nonetheless quite often they provide a single total score thus losing relevant and useful information (see Marsh et al. 2020, for a more detailed discussion on this topic).

The Personal Well-being Index (PWI; Cummins et al., 2003) is a generic measure of SWB; it uses an 11-point, end-defined Likert scale (ranging from 0, extremely dissatisfied, to 10, extremely satisfied with and a mid-point labelled 'neither satisfied nor dissatisfied'). The PWI asks how satisfied people are with seven life domains: standard of living, personal health, achievement in life, personal relationships, personal safety, community-connectedness, and future security (Lau, Cummins, & McPherson., 2005). Several studies have demonstrated its use as a cross-cultural

measure of subjective well-being, in Hong Kong and Australia (Lau et al., 2005), across Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, and Serbia (Jovanović, Cummins, Weinberg, Kaliterna, & Prizmic-Larsen, 2019). Moreover, the PWI has been validated on Chilean adults (Gallardo-Peralta et al., 2019), and Indian adults (McIntyre, Saliba, & McKenzie, 2020), confirming the good psychometric properties.

The Satisfaction with Life Scale (SWLS; Diener, Emmons, Larsen, & Griffin, 1985; Pavot & Diener, 2009) was developed to assess global life satisfaction. Life satisfaction refers to a judgmental process, in which individuals assess the quality of their lives basing of their own unique set of criteria (Shin & Johnson, 1978). As reported by Pavot & Diener (2009), the SWLS shows good convergent validity with other scales and with other types of assessments of subjective wellbeing. The SWLS scores for life satisfaction show a good temporal stability, so that the SWLS could be considered as sufficiently sensitive to detect changes in life satisfaction during clinical intervention. Moreover, the scale can discriminate life satisfaction from emotional well-being. It is the most widely used scale, as it has shown excellent psychometric properties despite its shortness (5 items with a 7-point Likert scale) and it has been adapted in most cultural context all over the word: in Europe – i.e., Germany (Glaesmer, Grande, Braehler, & Roth, 2011), Sweden (Hultell & Gustavsson, 2008), Norway (Clench-Aas, Nes, Dalgard, & Aarø, 2011), Spain (Vàzquez, Duque, & Hervas, 2013), Italy (Di Fabio, & Gori, 2016; Di Fabio, & Gori, 2020); in South America – i.e., Brazil (Gouveia, Milfont, Da Fonseca, & de Miranda Coelho, 2009), Chile (Vera-Villarroel, Urzúa, Celis-Atenas, & Silva, 2012); in Asia - i.e., Palestina (Abdallah, 1998), Iran (Bayani, Koocheky, & Goodarzi, 2007), Malaysia (Swami & Chamorro-Premuzic, 2009), Hong Kong (Sachs, 2003).

The PANAS is a 20-item scale that express emotions: 10 evaluate negative affect (NA), the other 10 evaluate positive affect (PA). The PANAS focuses on the affective dimension of subjective well-being; it has been developed in the USA context (Watson et al., 1988); the respondents are asked to indicate the extent to which they experienced each of 20 emotions, reflecting PA and the remaining 10 reflecting NA. The literature review provides several adaptations in diverse cultural

and linguistic contexts: Spanish (Sandín et al., 1999), adults' UK population (Crawford & Henry, 2004), Estonian (Allik & Realo, 1997), German (Krohne, Egloff, Kohlmann, & Tausch 1996), Russian (Balatsky & Diener, 1993), Swedish (Hilleras et al., 1998), Turkish (Gencoz, 2000), Italian (Terracciano, McCrae, & Costa Jr., 2003), and Mexican (Robles & Páez, 2003). All the cited studies show good psychometric properties of the scale across the different samples.

The WHO-5 is the 5-item World Health Organization Well-Being Index, a short and generic global rating scale measuring subjective well-being; it is a frequently used brief standard measure in large-scale cross-cultural clinical studies. The WHO-5 has been used extensively worldwide: Topp and colleagues (2015), in their systematic review of the literature on the WHO-5, have recognized the different regions that have applied the scale: Africa (Algeria, South Africa), Asia (Bangladesh, China, India, Japan, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand), Europe (Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western and Central Europe), the Americas (Canada, the US, Brazil, Mexico), the Middle East (Israel, Iran, Lebanon) and Oceania (Australia, New Zealand).

The second group of instruments is composed of scales that measure eudaimonic well-being: the PERMA-profiler (Butler, & Kern, 2016), the Psychological Well-being Scale (PWBS; Ryff & Keyes, 1995), the Flourishing Scale (FS; Diener, Wirtz, Tov, Kim-Prieto, Choi, Oishi, & Biswas-Diener, 2010), and the Basic Psychological Need Satisfaction and Frustration Scale (BPNSFS; Chen, Vansteenkiste, Beyers, Boone, Deci, et al., 2015) The PERMA-profiler is a 23-items scale based on the PERMA model (Seligman, 2011), evaluated on a 10-point Likert scale. It is composed of five dimensions (positive emotions, engagement, relationship, meaning, and accomplishment), with three items each, and eight additional items assessing: overall wellbeing (one item); sadness, anger, and anxiety (three items); loneliness (one item); and self-perceived physical health (three items) (Butler & Kern, 2016). It has been validated in Greece (Pezirkianidis, Stalikas, Lakioti, & Yotsidi, 2021), Japan (Watanabe, Kawakami, Shiotani, Adachi, Matsumoto, et al., 2018), Italy (Giangrasso, 2021), Australia (Ryan, Curtis, Olds, Edney, Vandelanotte et al., 2019), Germany (Wammerl, Jaunig, Mairunteregger, & Streit, 2019).

The PWBS (Ryff & Keyes, 1995) in its original form consisted of 20 items per scale and includes a total of 120 items. Shortened versions of the PWBS containing 84 items (14 items per scale), 54 items (9 per items per scale), 42 items (7 items per scale) and 18 items (3 items per scale) have also been used in research (Abbott et al., 2006). Van Dierendonck (2004) developed an alternative short version of the PWBS consisting of 39 items (Henn, Hill, & Jorgensen, 2016). Various versions of the Ryff's scales were culturally adapted and tested in some European cultures, such as Serbia (Nišević & Cigić, 2013), Spain (Freire, Ferradas, Núñez, & Valle, 2017), Romania (Costea-Bărluțiu, Bălaș-Baconschi, & Hathazi, 2018), and Italy (Sirigatti, Penzo, Iani, Mazzeschi, Hatalskaja, et al., 2013), as well as some Asian cultures, as Korea (Choi & Choi, 2016), China and Taiwan (Li, et al., 2014), and some English-speaking cultures, such as the U.S.A (Hsu, Hsu, Lee, & Wolf, 2017) and Australia (Burns & Machin, 2009).

The BPNSFS is grounded in Basic Psychological Needs Theory (BPNT; Deci & Ryan, 2000; Ryan & Deci, 2000); it is a 24-item scale that consists of six 4-item subscales assessing Autonomy satisfaction, Competence satisfaction, Relatedness satisfaction, Autonomy frustration, Competence frustration, and Relatedness frustration. In addition to the original study conducted by Chen et al. (2015), that have validated the scale across four different cultural contexts (Belgium, China, USA, and Peru), the BPNSFS has been validated in Japanese (Nishimura & Suzuki, 2016), Polish (Kuźma, Szulawski Vansteenkiste, & Cantarero, 2020), German (Heissel, Pietrek, Flunger, Fydrich, Rapp, et al., 2019), and Italian (Costa, Ingoglia, Inguglia, Liga, Lo Coco, & Larcan, 2018; Liga, Ingoglia, Cuzzocrea, Inguglia, Costa, et al., 2018).

The FS (Diener et al., 2010) is an 8-item scale designed to measure social–psychological prosperity; it includes items on social relationships, on having a purposeful and meaningful life, on being engaged and interested in one's activities, on self-respect and optimism, and, finally, on feeling competent and capable in the activities that are important to the respondent. Thus, the brief scale assesses major aspects of social–psychological functioning from the respondent's own point of view. Although multidimensional in nature, this scale is used as a unidimensional one providing

a single total score in which relevant information is lost. The FS is largely used because of its shortness and has been adapted in many diverse cultural contexts, as New Zealand (Hone, Jarden, & Schofield, 2014), Portugal (Silva & Caetano, 2013), Japan (Sumi, 2014), India (Singh, Junnarkar, & Jaswal, 2016), China (Tang, Duan, Wang, & Liu, 2016), France (Villieux, Sovet, Jung, & Guilbert, 2016), and Italy (Giuntoli, Ceccarini, Sica, & Caudek, 2017).

The traditional distinction between hedonic and eudaimonic perspectives of well-being is represented in some multidimensional instruments incorporating both perspectives. For example, the Hedonic and Eudaimonic Motives for Activities scale (Huta and Ryan, 2010) provides two factors: hedonia and eudaimonia. However, as noted by the authors, their scale evaluates the motives that lead people to follow activities rooted in hedonia or eudaimonia. Thus, hedonia and eudaimonia refer to motives for acting and represent independent variables that function as predictors of well-being, not two forms of well-being. Another instrument that includes both hedonic and eudaimonic aspects is the Euthymia scale (Fava, Bech, 2016). However, this 10-item instrument, partially derived from the WHO-5, is based on a true-false answer format. It forces respondents to choose between only two options, thus reducing variability in answers and determining potential biases. For this reason, Carrozzino et al. (2021) developed a 6-point Likert scale. However, the Euthymia scale provides only a single total indicator, thus losing valuable information.

The limitation also applies to the Warwick Edinburgh Mental Well-being Scale (WEMWBS; Tennant, Hiller, Fishwick, Platt, Joseph, et al., 2007). The WEMWBS is a 14-items self-reported scale covering both hedonic and eudaimonic aspects of mental health including positive affect (feelings of optimism, cheerfulness, relaxation), satisfying interpersonal relationships and positive functioning (energy, clear thinking, self-acceptance, personal development, competence, and autonomy) (Tennant et al., 2007). As it was for the FS, also the WEMWBS can be considered multidimensional in nature, but is treated as a unidimensional scale and provides only a total score of well-being. It has been developed and validated in the UK context; subsequently it has

been adapted in very different linguistic and cultural contexts: Indonesian (Wicaksono, Roebianto, & Sumintono, 2018), Spanish (Lopez, Gabilondo, Codony, Garcia-Forero, Vilagut, et al., 2013), Chile (Carvajal, Aboaja, & Alvarado, 2015), Mexican (Hoffman, Rueda, & Lambert, 2019), Polish (Konaszewski, Niesiobędzka, & Surzykiewicz., 2021), Iranian (Mavali, Mahmoodi, Sarbakhsh, & Shaghaghi, 2020), showing good psychometric properties in all the studies.

Finally, the Mental Health Continuum—Short Form (MHC-SF) (Keyes, 2002) measures the three dimensions of hedonic well-being (positive affect and life satisfaction), social well-being (social acceptance, social actualization, social contribution, social coherence and social integration) and psychological well-being (autonomy, environmental mastery, personal growth, positive relations with others, purpose in life and self-acceptance). It has been validated in many different cultural contexts, such as Holland (Lamers, Westerhof, Bohlmeijer, ten Klooster, & Keyes, 2011), Italy (Petrillo, Capone, Caso, & Keyes, 2015), Poland ((Karaś, Cieciuch, & Keyes, 2014), Spain (Echeverría Errázuriz, Torres Sahli, Pedrals Gibbons, Padilla Pérez, Rigotti Rivera, & Britan Carreño, 2017), and in several cross-cultural studies (Joshanloo, Wissing, Khumalo, & Lamers, 2013; Żemojtel-Piotrowska, Piotrowski, Osin, Cieciuch, Adams, et al., 2018; Rahkman Ardi, 2018), providing evidence of good psychometric properties.

Description of the dimensions measured with the Wb-Profile

In the following description of the literature review on the 15 dimensions of the WB-Profile, the studies have been grouped even though researchers have often adopted different perspectives to study well-being. For example, a specific dimension, depending on the perspective adopted by researchers, can be considered a predictor or correlate of well-being in one study, whereas it can be considered as a constituent element of well-being in other studies.

Competence

In literature there are many definitions of competence based on the perspective with which we look at human being and his/her interaction with the environment. Most of the definitions seem

to imply that competence could be defined as the ability to do something effectively responding to individual and or contextual demands. From the perspective of well-being, the need for competence appears as one of the three basic psychological needs (Ryan & Deci, 2001) and it has been studied in valued contexts (for example in work and educational context) as a dimension related to wellbeing. For example, a study in this framework has highlighted that satisfaction of the needs for competence is related to higher levels of job satisfaction (Hofer & Busch, 2011). As Marsh and colleagues (2020) reported, a high sense of general competence is related to higher self-esteem (Thøgersen-Ntoumani & Ntoumanis, 2007) and satisfaction with life (Meyer, Enstrom, Harstveit, Bowles, & Beevers, 2007), instead a lack of general competence is related to anxiety and depression (Ryan & Deci, 2017; Wei, Shaffer, Young, Zakalik & Hansen, 2005). In a socio-cognitive perspective, feeling competent at the tasks is essential for successful performance (Bandura 1997), anticipates the receiving of favourable outcomes (Carver & Scheier 2002) and improves domain specific satisfaction in different educational levels (Lodi et al., 2019; Magnano et al., 2020). Other types of competencies that do not strictly concern the performance of an educational or work task, such as for example psychological, personal and social competences affect PWB and are related to less distress perception (Fotiadis, Abdulrahman, & Spyridou, 2019; Holopainen, Lappalainen, Junttila, & Savolainen, 2012; Griffin, Botvin, Scheier, Epstein, & Doyle

Clear thinking

2002).

Clear thinking is a construct associated to competence and concerns the ability to think, concentrate, and make decisions (Marsh et al., 2020). Several studies have demonstrated that there is a positive relation between higher problem-solving and decision-making skills and well-being (Cenkseven-Ouml, 2013; Chang et al., 2009). Conversely, many research studies conclude that deficiencies in problem solving and decision-making skills are related with suicidal ideation (Siu and Shek, 2010), anxiety (Belzer et al., 2002; Nezu et al., 2004) and depressive symptoms (Nezu et

al., 2004; Siu and Shek, 2010), which all indicate weakness in the individual's well-being (Chang et al., 2009).

Emotional stability

Emotional stability has often been studied as a personality trait in relation to perceived levels of well-being and refers to predictability and consistency in emotional reactions with an absence of rapid mood changes. It is related to SWB (positive and negative affect, life satisfaction) in various age groups, often playing a role of a strong predictor on wellbeing indexes (Brajša-Žganec, Ivanović, & Lipovčan, 2011; Suar, Jha, Das, & Alat, 2019; Butkovic, 2012; Morris, Burns, Periard, & Shoda, 2015). In a recent study, emotional stability was found as a predictor, among other personality traits, of life satisfaction and positive affect, and the only variable that negatively predicted the levels of negative affect (Kobylińska, Zajenkowski, Lewczuk, Jankowski, & Marchlewska, 2020). In a cross-cultural study, emotional stability was an important predictor of SWB in Mozambican, USA, and Portuguese sample (Galinha, Oishi, Pereira, Wirtz, & Esteves, 2013). Finally, a recent meta-analysis (Houben, Van Den Noortgate, & Kuppens, 2015) showed that positive emotional functioning, also referred to as stability of emotions, is also related to PWB and flourishing.

Engagement

According to Seligman (2011), engagement refers to the optimal experience, the flow, what gives rise to a "life full of involvement". It presupposes the use of the greatest strengths and talents that lead to the loss of self-awareness and sense of time. Some studies have focused on the role of engagement in places that are highly meaningful to people (such as at school and at university) with PWB and SWB levels, underlining the relationship between educational engagement, educational achievement, and well-being (Heffner & Antaramian, 2016; Antaramian, 2015; Orkibi & Tuaf, 2017; Gutiérrez & Tomás, 2019). Findings from several studies suggest a bidirectional relationship between school engagement and some indices of well-being such as life satisfaction (Lewis & Huebner, 2011), even though Datu & King (2018), through a longitudinal study, highlighted the

predictive role of life satisfaction on school engagement. In a recent study, Luruli and colleagues (2020), for example, have found that engagement mediated the relation between study demands, study resources and well-being. The same line of research was used in the workplace, looking for the links between work engagement, work performance and perceived well-being. Literature showed that living higher level of work engagement is related with work performance, greater levels of life satisfaction, job satisfaction and health well-being (Junça-Silva, Caetano, & Lopes, 2017; Ahmed, Rehman, Ali, Ali, & Anwar, 2018; Yan, Su, Wen, & Luo, 2019; Bal, 2020; Lizano 2021). Finally, well-being is for example a crucial outcome of engagement in entrepreneurship (Nikolaev, Boudreaux, & Wood, 2017). The studies on engagement and well-being have not only concerned the "productive" contexts: important contributions are provided by the contexts of people's free time, their hobbies, and their interests outside of educational or work contexts. For example, a study has shown that engagement in leisure time has shown strong associations with SWB levels (Schulz, Schulte, Raube, Disouky, & Kandler, 2018).

Meaning

The dimension of meaning is one of the five components of Seligman's Perma model: according to the author, a meaningful life is characterized by having beliefs in something greater, that transcend our individual life and subjective states, and are related to higher purposes: for example, religion, politics, ecology, family, associations, values, feeling to belong to a community, feeling a mission in life. According to this perspective, human beings are looking for a meaning or a purpose in life, for everything that makes "a life full of meaning" and this increases people wellbeing. In this field, studying the role of pleasure, engagement and meaning in a very large sample, Vella-Brodrick, Park and Peterson (2009) found that meaning and engagement were the most important predictors of subjective well-being (satisfaction with life, positive affect and negative affect), also taking into account personality traits and sociodemographic variables.

Moreover, having goals or purposes is also part of the constitutive dimension of well-being in both the socio-cognitive theory of well-being and Ryff's PWB model. The presence of meaning in life is

related to life satisfaction, subjective happiness and PWB (Grozdanovska, 2016; Damásio & Koller, 2015; Kállay, 2015; Krok & Telka, 2019). A meta-analysis conducted by Roepke, Jayawickreme and Riffle 2014) demonstrated that levels of meaning are associated with physical health and with factors that promote positive health outcomes. Several studies have studied the role of meaning in life as mediator: Aglozo and colleagues (2021) highlighted that spirituality affected indirectly SWB through optimism and meaning in life and Stănculescu (2016) showed that self-esteem and optimism can contribute to the presence of meaning in life which in turn facilitates the perception of SWB.

Optimism

Optimism can be defined as the propensity to learn from experience and build positive future scenarios (Seligman et al., 2005). Optimism or pessimism refers to the way in which the causes and implications of events are explained in terms of internality. Optimism is linked to having a better level of physical health, quality of life, psychological well-being, hope, resilience, self-esteem, social skills, positive perceptions about the present and the future; optimistic individuals have better social relationships, are generally perceived more positively by others, and are more capable of reacting to stressful events; moreover, optimism is related to lower levels of anxiety, depression, maladaptive behaviours, victimization and social exclusion (Alloy et al., 2006; Ben-Zur, 2003; Deptula et al., 2006; Lemola et al., 2011; Reivich et al., 2013). Many studies founded optimism related to SWB and PWB in various age group (Duy & Yıldız. 2019; Krok & Telka, 2019; He, Cao, Feng, Guan, & Peng, 2013; Stănculescu, 2016; Goodarzi, et al., 2015; Heinitz, Lorenz, Schulze, & Schorlemmer, 2018) and in particular Ferguson and Goodwin (2010) stated that optimism was a strong predictor of both subjective and psychological well-being; on the contrary, pessimism was related to depressive symptoms, negative affect and stress (Landa et al., 2011).

Positive emotions

Positive emotion is another dimension of PERMA model (Seligman, 2011). Positive and negative emotions affect SWB through the frequency of positive and negative emotional states. If

the events that happen in our various life contexts are experienced as positive, then they will produce positive emotions (joy, happiness, etc.). Conversely, if they are perceived as negative and stressful, then they will produce negative emotions (pain, anger, etc.) that will tend to prevail in our emotional experience (Zambianchi, 2015). Positive affectivity is related to other positive psychology construct such as hope, instead negative affectivity could be an obstacle to live positive experiences (Ng, 2017). The quality, intensity, and frequency of perception of positive and negative emotions is strongly affected by dispositional factors as the personality traits (Ng, 2015), especially neuroticism (Ng, Russell Kua, & Kang, 2019). Díaz and Arroyo (2013) showed that extroversion and neuroticism affected directly and significantly on positive and negative affect and indirectly on satisfaction with life. Finally, a longitudinal study (Li et al., 2014) has demonstrated that positive and negative emotions are two dimensions more stable than life satisfaction.

Positive relations

Positive relations characterize individuals who have warm, satisfying, trusting relationships with others (Ryff & Keyes, 1995); in other words, this dimension is referred to the depth of connection individuals have in ties with significant others (Ryff, 2013). A literature review, analysing over 18,000 articles, has highlighted the strong connection between social relationships and health (Tay, Tan, Diener, & Gonzalez, 2012). The relational dimension has a well-established place in most of the major existing wellbeing surveys used internationally (Butler & Kern, 2016). The literature review conducted by Pezirkianidis and colleagues (2021), indicates that high levels of the main function of positive relationships correlates to high levels of wellbeing and life satisfaction (Chandoevwit & Thampanishvong 2016); significant relationships are associated to the experience of positive emotions, give meaning in individuals' lives, and promote psychological and physical health (Bryant & Veroff, 2007; Chandoevwit & Thampanishvong, 2016; Chopik, 2017). Positive relationships not only boost the positive elements of one's life but also reduce negative components as well, e.g., stress, distress, loneliness, and depression (Caron & Liu 2011; Carmichael et al. 2015).

Resilience

Resilience can be defined as the ability to engage and persist even in the presence of failures and particularly negative events (Roberts, Brown, Johnson, & Reinke, 2002). It may consist of a response to psychological tension related to undesirable experiences (Tugade & Fredrickson, 2004) and a protective factor to cope with risks (Di Maggio et al., 2016). Seligman (2011) reports the distinction between recovery (the return to pre-traumatic levels of functioning after manifesting significant symptoms) and resilience (the ability to maintain a stable balance in the face of adverse events), defining resilience as an underestimated phenomenon, more common than recovery. Therefore, for the author, resilience is what allows human beings more probably to grow through adversity rather than succumb to it. The literature showed that resilience is linked to having a better level of self-efficacy, optimism, courage, self-esteem, problem solving and decision-making skills. People with high levels of resilience show greater propensity to think and plan their future, cope better with negative emotions, adapt better to their own contexts, and show greater ability to request support from others (Fredrickson, 2001; Lundman et al., 2007; Masten, Tellegen, 2012; Reivich et al., 2013). Finally, resilience is related with SWB in different sample: university students, workers, vulnerable persons (Zubair, Kamal, & Artemeva, 2018; Rani, 2019; Nartova-Bochaver, Donat, & Rüprich, 2019; Burns, Anstey, & Windsor 2011; Khan, 2013; Bajaj & Pande, 2016; Lau, Chiesi, & Saklofske, 2019; Nalin & de Freitas Pinho França, 2015; He et al., 2013; Bhattarai, Jin, Smedema, Cadel, & Baniya, 2021; Satici, 2016).

Self-esteem and Self-acceptance

Self-acceptance indicates a positive attitude toward the self, acknowledging and accepting both good and bad qualities and feeling positive about past life (Ryff & Keyes, 1995); it is also defined as the knowledge and acceptance people have of themselves, including awareness of personal limitations (Ryff, 2013). MacInnes (2006) found that an increase in levels of self-esteem and self-acceptance would be associated with a positive effect on the psychological well-being; according to his results, very strong appears the relationship between the increase in unconditional self-acceptance and well-being. Other studies, then, highlighted that self-acceptance is strongly

inversely related to anxiety symptoms, whilst it is significantly positively correlated with happiness and satisfaction with life (Chamberlain & Haaga, 2001). Paradise and Kernis (2002) in their study, provided evidence that high and stable self-esteem is associated with several important components of positive psychological functioning, including self-acceptance.

Vitality

The term vitality is based on self-determination theory (Deci & Ryan, 2000) and is defined as the state of feeling alive and alert (Ryan & Deci, 2001) or having physical and mental energy (Ryan et al., 2010). In other words, Ryan e Frederick (1997) reported that psychological energy – defined as vitality – reflects well-being and supports the healthy lifestyle, increasing the sense of control. Govindji and Linley (2007) showed that vitality was significantly and strongly correlated with subjective well-being. Individuals with higher vitality tend to have autonomous initiatives and to rely on their own motivations to act; subsequently, these individuals are happier and satisfied of their lives, as they perceive higher levels of initiative and autonomy (Rodriguez-Carvajal, Moreno-Jiménez, & van Dierendonck, 2010)

Autonomy

The construct of autonomy is one of the dimensions that appears in the Ryff's model of PWB. Autonomy can be defined as the capacity of people to make independent voluntary decision, to operate autonomously of external influences by using their judgement. Autonomy can support individuals' success in many domains, it is a strong predictor of life satisfaction and happiness (SWB) practically in every age group and roles (e.g., students, workers, etc.) (Sheldon, Kasser, Houser-Marko, Jones, & Turban, 2005; O'Donnell, Chang, Miller, & Ma, 2013; Ng, 2015; Fotiadis, et al. 2019; Ng et al. 2019); conversely, a reduction of personal autonomy can have a detrimental effect on PWB (Kachanoff, 2019). In a study on a large sample, Olesen, Thomsen and O'Toole (2015) showed that a higher level of autonomy orientation predicted increased SWB above the personality traits of neuroticism and extraversion. A recent metanalysis (Shi Yu, Levesque-Bristol, & Maeda, 2018) highlighted that the satisfaction of basic need for autonomy is related to well-

being, in particular to SWB, and no differences were founded in non-Western cultures compared with Western cultures about the hypothesis of a lower valuation of the individual autonomy in the collectivistic cultures.

Empathy

Empathy is broadly defined as "a set of constructs that connects the responses of one individual to the experiences of another. These constructs specifically include both the processes taking place within the observer and the affective and non-affective outcomes that result from those processes" (Davis, 2006, p. 443). Empathy is essential to positive social functioning (Batson, 1991; Eisenberg et al., 2007), and many research studies have found that empathy and well-being are related (Bourgault, Lavoie, Paul-Savoie, Grégoire, Michaud, et al., 2015; Cho & Jeon, 2019), as empathy is a predictor of subjective well-being in students (Cañero Pérez, Mónaco Gerónimo, & Montoya Castilla, 2019) and adults (Bourgault et al., 2015).

Prosocial behaviour

Prosocial behaviour is defined as "voluntary behaviour intended to benefit another" (Eisenberg et al., 2007, p. 646). It is an umbrella term encompassing actions to benefit others (Dovidio, Piliavin, Schroeder, & Penner, 2006). Prosocial behaviour is related to empathy but conceptually distinct from it, as prosocial behaviour describes observable behaviour, whereas empathy is referred to an internal state (Marsh et al., 2020). The relationship between prosocial behaviour and well-being has deeply explored through empirical studies (e.g., Aknin et al. 2013; Poulin et al., 2012), both with cross-sectional designs (see, i.e., the review conducted by Piliavin 2003), and with experimental manipulation; the overall results suggest that prosocial behaviour leads to increased well-being (e.g., Weinstein & Ryan, 2010; Williamson & Clark, 1989).

Moreover, in a more recent works, Martela and Ryan (2016) and Nelson et al. (2015), provided causal evidence that benevolent acts lead to increased positive affect and meaningfulness of the experience.

Additional results for convergent and divergent validity

Psychological Need Satisfaction and Frustration Scale (PNSF)

The PNSF instrument examines three basic psychological needs (autonomy, relatedness, competence), which have a corresponding factor within the WB-Pro (autonomy, positive relations, competence), specifically in relation to each basic need the instrument evaluates a satisfaction level and a frustration level. As expected, the WB-Pro factors were more strongly and positively related to the corresponding need satisfaction dimensions (.60, .78, .44) and less strongly and negatively related to the corresponding need frustration dimensions (-.41, -.56, -.32). Additional positive associations were found with non-corresponding (but somehow conceptually related) factors (e.g., relatedness with empathy =.49; competence satisfaction with engage =.72). Nonetheless, also unexpected results were found, for example the competence satisfaction scale was more associated with other conceptually related factors (e.g., clear thinking .67) than with the corresponding competence factor (.44), the autonomy satisfaction was more positively associated with the engage factor (.72) than the autonomy factor (.60). These results suggest that at least for the Italian versions of the instruments, the content of the two scales do not overlap completely, and the PNSF factors tend to be wider in content and less specific in comparison to the WB-Profile scales.

Big Five Inventory (BFI)

In relation to overall measures of well-being, it has been noted that correlations with the Big Five factors should be only modest in size. For example, in relation to an overall measure of eudaimonic well-being, Waterman and colleagues (2010) noted that "those high on extraversion may be more likely to pursue potentials involving social activities whereas those low on this personality factor would be more likely to develop potentials in other domains. However, whether or not the person chooses to pursue eudaimonic potentials in some domain should be largely independent of their standing on any particular trait" (p. 47). Things are slightly different for a multidimensional instrument such as the WB-Pro under examination here, therefore it is expected that some of the 15 WB-pro factors might be more associated with some dimensions of personality

(e.g., positive relations with extraversion or agreeableness) but not others (positive relations with conscientiousness). Marsh et al. (2020), using the NEO-Five-Factor Inventory (Costa & McCrea, 1992b; Marsh et al., 2010), found that openness was most strongly associated with prosocial behavior and engagement, conscientiousness resulted most highly related to competence and clear thinking; extraversion was most highly associated with positive emotions and engagement; agreeableness was most highly correlated with prosocial behavior and empathy; and neuroticism was most highly correlated (negatively) with emotional stability, as well as with resilience, positive emotions, and self-acceptance.

As it was in Marsh et al.'s study, most Big Five factors showed from modest to moderate correlations with the WB-Pro factors confirming the discriminant validity of WB-Pro with BFI. Consciousness and Extraversion resulted the factors most associated with the WB-Pro factors (mean correlation for both factors .44, s.d. = 0.03), with the highest association with clear thinking for Consciousness (.62) and with vitality (.81) for Extraversion, which can be considered a component of Extraversion from a theoretical point of view. Neuroticism was moderately and negatively correlated with WB-Pro factors (mean correlation .41, s.d. = 0.04), with a high negative association with the emotional stability scale of the WB-Pro (-.86), which was theoretically expected. Openness showed moderate correlations with WB-Pro (mean correlation .32, s.d. = 0.04), with the highest associations with engage (.41). Agreeableness resulted moderately associated to WB-Pro factors (mean correlation .30, s.d. = 0.03), with the highest associations with empathy (.65) and prosocial behavior (.70), which are theoretically connected constructs.

Single items

The WB-Pro factors showed significant and positive associations with Life satisfaction item, even though the correlations were mostly modest, with the highest association with Positive emotions (.47) and Optimism (.41). The associations with Happiness item were not all statistically significant and mostly weak in strength, with the highest correlations again with Positive emotions (.23) and Optimism (.23). The correlation with General health item were overall small and some

were non-significant at all; the highest correlations were with Positive emotions (.21) and Vitality (.19). No substantial association was found between sleep items or physical activity item and WB-Pro factors, with the only exception of a modest association between physical activity and Vitality. Therefore, overall, the patters of associations were close to those found by Marsh et al.'s study (2020) but the strength of the correlations was weaker.

Background variables

As it has been done in Marsh et al.' study (2020), a set of background variables was regressed on the 15 WB-Pro factors. For many of the background variables, particularly gender and age, we found some positive and other negative relations with the WB-Pro factors, thus supporting the importance of having multidimensional instruments, since with univariate instruments these differences would have been levelled off. As in Marsh et al.'s 2020, males reported higher scores in Emotional stability, Self-acceptance, Vitality, and females reported higher scores in Empathy. In our sample males had higher scores on Optimism, and females on Positive emotions and Meaning, whereas no difference was found on the remaining scales. Several WB-Pro factors increased with age (Empathy, Meaning, Self-acceptance, Resilience and to a lesser extent Emotional stability and Clear thinking), other factors decreased with age (Prosocial behavior, Positive emotions, Optimism but also Autonomy). To better understand age effects, we also examined quadratic effects. An inverted U-shape effect was found in relation to autonomy, competence, optimism, positive relations and prosocial behaviour, with an initial increment in young adults, then a plateau and finally a decrement in older age. Positive quadratic effects (U-shape) were found for emotional stability, empathy, meaning, resilience, and self-acceptance, with an initial decrement in young adults, then a plateau and finally an increment in older age. In relation to education, individuals with higher educational levels showed higher scores on Emotional stability, Meaning and Vitality, and lower scores on Optimism and Autonomy. Also being married resulted positively associated with some WB-Pro scales (e.g. with Empathy r = .285), but negatively associated with other scales (e.g. with Autonomy = -.205). Finally, also some interaction effects were found, for example the

gender differences favouring males in Self-acceptance and females in Meaning tend to decline with age, also it seems that youngster females experience more Positive emotions, whereas in older age are males to experience more Positive emotions.

Links with other measures of well-being

To better examine the interrelation between the WB-Pro and the other two instruments used in this study to evaluate well-being, following Marsh et al.'s (2020) procedure we examined the relations between Individual items from the WEMWBS and The Flourishing, and the 15 WB-Pro Factors. Based on the a-priori classification described by Marsh and colleagues, in which each one of the 8 Flourishing items and each one of the 14 WEMWBS were associated to one or more of the WB-Pro factors, we contrasted the unidimensional models of WEMWBS and The Flourishing and the overall multidimensional model in which the items of WEMWBS and Flourishing scales were absorbed into WB-Pro factors. It should be noted that the Italian version of the WEMWBS does not include items 4 and 12; nonetheless, to allow comparability with the original scale we maintained the original numbering of the items, this is why items 4 and 12 cannot be found in Table S3 (Supplemental materials). Fit indices of the model including the WB-Pro plus a general Flourishing factor and a general WEMWBS ($\chi^2 = 6827.92$, d.f. = 1609, scf = 1.26, CFI = .901, TLI = .859, RMSEA = .047) factor were poorer than those of a model in which items of the WEMWBS and the Flourishing were absorbed in the 15 WB-Pro factors ($\chi^2 = 3556.49$, d.f. = 1361, scf = 1.21, CFI = .958, TLI = .930, RMSEA = .033), thus supporting the latter model. Moreover, the majority of the WEMWBS and Flourishing items properly loaded on some of the WB-Pro factors, confirming that even though WEMWBS and Flourishing are often used as unidimensional scales, they can be considered indeed multidimensional in nature (see Table S3). Also, as already noted by Marsh and colleagues (2020, it is interesting that WEMWBS and Flourishing items do not cover exactly the same dimensions of well-being. For example, in our study, Competence is an area covered by the Flourishing scale but not the WEMWBS, whereas Empathy is covered by the WEMWBS and not

by the Flourishing scale. Also, some dimensions measured by the WB-Pro are not properly covered by WEMWBS and Flourishing (e.g., Self-acceptance).

Table S1. Factor Loadings for the ESEM model of the WB-Profile

				emotional					positive	positive	prosocial		self-		
item	autonomy	think clear	competence	stability	empathy	engage	meaning	optimism	emotions	relations	behavior	resilience	acceptance	self-esteem	vitality
WB7	.74	.03	01	03	.01	.02	02	02	.02	01	04	.11	.03	.05	.03
WB12	.89	.06	.00	.01	01	.02	.00	.07	03	.06	.02	06	.00	03	.01
WB23	.70	.04	04	01	01	.08	.00	03	.08	.03	.04	03	.09	.01	02
WB29	.11	.15	.17	.11	09	.11	.08	09	03	.12	.09	.03	.18	.07	.03
WB46	.01	.86	.12	.05	.03	05	06	.06	.07	.02	03	.00	03	.02	.00
WB36	.01	.73	.12	01	.06	.07	.04	04	.03	.00	.00	.01	.05	07	.03
WB5	01	.22	.45	08	05	.04	.07	.09	13	.07	.05	.03	.08	.23	.05
WB18	.00	.10	.34	.06	06	.39	.00	.00	04	05	.07	.01	.01	.29	.05
WB17	.02	.13	.37	.04	01	.28	.01	.02	01	05	.01	.03	01	.35	.04
WB44	05	.01	06	.88	.09	.02	03	.00	.03	02	09	07	.01	.01	.00
WB10	01	.00	.06	.74	.05	.07	06	.02	02	.05	.00	02	.04	08	02
WB39	.00	.10	04	.50	15	12	.18	07	.04	.02	.06	.12	.14	.09	.03
WB43	03	01	10	.10	.54	.01	.01	04	16	11	.03	.02	.04	.12	02
WB41	01	.00	02	.04	.49	05	03	01	03	.02	.26	.01	01	.17	07
WB4	04	04	06	12	.75	.01	.09	04	01	.00	06	02	03	05	.00
WB24	.01	05	09	07	.84	.03	07	03	.02	01	13	01	01	05	.01
WB35	.03	.09	.20	.01	.02	.73	.12	01	.06	02	.04	.05	02	20	03
WB13	.12	.10	.24	.05	.03	.48	.14	03	03	.03	03	.03	.01	20	.12
WB19	02	07	.24	04	.05	.65	01	.08	.14	.03	02	.01	01	.12	.00
WB2	08	06	.23	.06	.00	01	.69	.02	.11	.13	01	.02	06	06	04
WB33	.01	.01	02	01	.03	.24	.57	.11	01	01	01	02	.13	.00	03
WB38	.04	.08	23	.06	.08	.00	.90	.03	06	01	.02	.04	16	.14	.05

WB45	.01	.03	08	04	.03	.07	.05	.73	.06	.00	.02	01	.08	.06	01
WB3	01	03	.15	06	06	06	.14	.80	.05	.05	01	04	.05	01	.01
WB11	.02	08	02	.09	.01	.02	03	.79	03	03	.01	.07	.09	03	.07
WB27	01	03	10	.04	04	.05	.03	02	.65	.11	.05	.07	06	.05	.19
WB48	.04	.07	09	.05	06	.01	.00	.05	.85	05	.06	.04	06	.07	.00
WB42	.05	.01	07	02	.03	.09	.02	.06	.73	.04	.00	.02	.02	.10	07
WB28	.00	.02	.01	.00	04	04	.06	07	.02	.69	.01	03	.06	.11	01
WB26	06	.03	14	04	01	.10	09	.03	05	.98	05	.06	.02	.02	.00
WB1	02	.01	.08	.03	01	03	.03	03	.03	.63	.03	02	06	11	03
WB20	.11	.04	09	.06	.03	06	.07	.05	.03	.56	04	09	.03	.00	.02
WB37	02	.06	.01	02	.07	03	.05	.06	01	01	.79	.00	.01	03	.03
WB40	.05	.00	.00	.07	.09	04	01	06	.09	.02	.74	03	.00	01	02
WB31	01	01	.08	07	.09	.04	03	.02	.03	01	.75	01	.08	08	.02
WB6	02	.02	.01	02	.04	02	.00	.01	.03	.02	04	.85	.06	.02	.00
WB34	02	.03	04	.09	01	.09	03	.07	.09	02	.01	.66	.14	07	04
WB9	.05	02	.06	.00	.02	.00	.06	05	.02	04	.00	.81	.05	.00	.05
WB22	03	.07	06	04	.06	05	02	04	02	02	05	.01	.87	.01	02
WB21	01	.00	.07	.01	.07	.01	14	.04	12	.17	.12	.08	.34	.07	01
WB14	.12	.03	.05	.18	01	05	05	.21	07	04	.01	.19	.30	.02	.02
WB32	01	.04	07	.02	06	.00	.07	03	.06	05	01	09	.87	.00	.02
WB15	.06	10	.33	.00	.05	07	.12	01	.07	.01	02	03	.10	.59	.06
WB16	.06	03	.28	.03	.21	14	03	.03	.13	.02	09	.02	.04	.71	.03
WB47	05	.18	.26	.06	.01	01	.04	.05	.07	.06	.04	.01	.07	.46	03
WB30	03	.03	04	.00	03	.06	.01	.02	.09	.02	.03	.00	.04	.02	.79
WB25	04	.04	.01	.00	.03	.03	03	.07	.02	01	.02	02	.05	04	.86
WB8	.10	02	.12	.04	.01	01	.00	01	.02	.01	01	.04	02	.04	.75

Table S2. Latent factor correlations among the 15 WB-Profile factors

	clear			emotional					positive	positive	prosocial		self-	self-	
	autonomy	thinking	competence	stability	empathy	engage	meaning	optimism	emotions	relations	behavior	resiliency	acceptance	esteem	vitality
autonomy	1	.386	.287	.366	.238	.484	.449	.484	.548	.352	.253	.466	.565	.290	.518
think clear		1	.184	.443	.321	.697	.513	.482	.454	.298	.378	.433	.548	.470	.446
competence			1	.192	.309	.134	.404	.282	.420	.357	.182	.233	.290	.018	.265
emotional stabili	ity			1	.218	.468	.363	.557	.487	.193	.209	.546	.549	.359	.414
empathy					1	.360	.404	.312	.385	.451	.597	.184	.373	.197	.302
engage						1	.582	.586	.559	.354	.406	.462	.600	.674	.563
meaning							1	.680	.659	.484	.329	.407	.574	.446	.508
optimism								1	.701	.359	.211	.539	.521	.397	.586
positive emotions	s								1	.558	.301	.525	.647	.407	.701
positive relations	8									1	.445	.247	.438	.261	.335
prosocial behavi	or										1	.134	.360	.324	.235
resiliency												1	.543	.345	.552
self-acceptance													1	.498	.540
self-esteem														1	.350
vitality															1

Table S3. Effects of predictor background variables on the 15 WB factors and on the 5- and 15-item short versions of the WB-Profile

	ageL	ageQ	male	education	married	male x	male x	education	male x	married
						age	education	x age	married	x age
Autonomy	212	117	.004	106	206	.025	.045	019	.010	213
Clear thinking	.112	.082	036	.090	.128	.014	.038	.009	.008	.060
Competence	074	083	046	.036	072	.013	027	.004	.045	034
Emotional	125	105	172	162	010	050	070	022	007	050
stability	.135	.105	.173	.162	.010	059	070	.033	.007	.050
Empathy	.342	.282	249	.059	.285	028	065	.094	.024	.159
Engagment	037	014	.016	104	102	.003	019	113	034	029
Meaning	.207	.221	136	.119	.106	099	039	.013	024	.105
Optimism	186	192	.211	130	.045	.032	.051	038	083	.010
Psotive	114	0.41	107	050	002	162	000	016	072	077
motions	114	041	197	059	.003	.163	.098	.016	.073	077
Positive	104	100	021	022	000	000	022	0.62	010	0.72
realtions	184	199	021	.033	099	.008	.033	063	.010	072
Prosocial	222	1.40	0.67	001	224	0.40	056	014	007	101
behavior	233	140	067	081	224	.040	.056	014	007	101
Resilience	.190	.129	.001	.027	.152	017	028	.015	020	.089
Self-	100			224	4.40		00.5	0.5	0.44	4.50
acceptance	.199	.116	.156	004	.143	111	035	.067	044	.173
Self-esteem	.008	056	.062	.053	037	008	002	.021	.016	099
Vitality	.005	023	.138	.120	039	.017	150	.033	.068	.053
WB-Pro 15	.131	.080	.063	.109	.115	001	064	.016	.000	.080
WB-Pro 5	.135	.071	.085	.155	.095	014	092	.049	.019	.094

Note. ageL = age linear; ageQ = age quadratic. Each of the WB-Pro15 scales entered in the structural equation model was represented by a latent

factor and regressed on the ten predictor variables. All first-order predictor variables in the model were standardized and all interaction terms were the product of standardized predictor variables.

Table S4. Items of WEMWBS and Flourishing scales absorbed into the 15 WB-Profile factors

	WE1	WE2	WE3	WE5	WE6	WE7	WE8	WE9	WE10	WE11	WE13	WE14	FL1	FL2	FL3	FL4	FL5	FL6	FL7	FL8
Autonomy	026	050	.040	054	015	.025	.125	.013	.051	.261	.103	.053	059	102	030	107	069	016	046	055
Think Clear	.012	.089	.008	009	.174	.289	.429	.081	.187	.411	.301	009	048	096	.012	155	.198	029	119	013
Competence	.097	.128	074	116	.084	.137	.071	090	.171	.110	.137	088	.080	025	.251	.104	.659	.358	.175	.198
Emotional																				
Stability	062	052	.228	035	192	.038	.165	070	002	024	075	.025	.024	004	.013	040	100	.039	074	.051
Empathy	.101	.155	031	.372	.081	006	.022	.420	041	063	.123	036	.051	.000	.088	.125	181	109	052	115
Engage	.162	.222	.127	.244	.394	.231	.326	.230	.139	.178	.295	.231	.372	.244	.533	.113	.125	.084	049	.005
Meaning	.118	.106	105	035	060	.029	027	103	002	030	145	090	.561	.072	.333	.104	.140	.158	.283	.101
Optimism	.672	.142	.118	.033	.113	.042	058	.045	.221	.093	.153	.080	.089	060	119	010	.022	044	.764	003
Positive																				
Emotions	.057	.033	.365	.050	.208	047	080	072	024	197	024	.624	.164	.228	.154	.138	021	.146	019	039
Positive																				
Relations	.054	.053	.042	.235	075	.037	.076	.315	036	.045	.029	.114	.113	.674	.279	.183	.046	.238	.008	.329
Prosocial																				
Behavior	054	034	065	.135	.016	.034	032	.277	102	.036	.105	001	031	.045	.012	.484	.178	.153	.030	.075
Resiliency	008	.063	.001	.007	.121	.355	.109	.017	.056	.036	042	.035	035	060	025	002	.001	021	019	.084
Self-																				
Acceptance	047	019	.027	123	062	003	056	076	.192	094	198	177	027	.136	.109	.054	.152	.071	.076	.169
Self-Esteem	.064	.239	.089	.007	.106	.177	.124	025	.436	.249	.019	.140	.058	.018	017	.110	.398	.343	.058	.282
Vitality	062	.032	044	032	.317	080	052	074	.031	.041	.181	.041	.015	024	.069	.020	003	059	002	017

Note. Factor loadings higher than .30 are in bold

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