

Call for Papers

European Labour Force Survey (EU-LFS) and European Union Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC): **European User Conference**

Mannheim, March 5-6, 2009

Organized by
German Microdata Lab, GESIS, in cooperation with Eurostat

EU-LFS and EU-SILC are the most important official micro databases for comparative social research in Europe. With the availability of these surveys as scientific use files more and more researchers use these data for a wide range of economic and social analyses; topics addressed include e.g. intergenerational transmission of economic disadvantages, transition from school to work, gender gaps on the labour market. Against the backdrop of the rapidly growing use of EU-LFS and EU-SILC micro data there is a clear need to share experience between researchers, to provide feedback to producers, but also to learn more about the way these European statistics are developed, compiled and disseminated.

The first European User Conference for EU-LFS and EU-SILC, which is organized by the German Microdata Lab, GESIS, in cooperation with Eurostat, will provide researchers who use these data with the opportunity to present and discuss their work and share their experience. In addition to fostering the discussion within the research community on both substantive and methodological issues, the conference offers researchers the opportunity to give feedback to the European Statistical System. It is important that the potential and limitations of EU-LFS and EU-SILC are understood by researchers and, at the same time, that the needs of researchers become clear.

Researchers of all disciplines (e.g. economics, demography, geography, political science, public health and sociology) who use either EU-LFS or EU-SILC micro data are encouraged to participate and to submit an abstract. Substantive topics may include, among others, all aspects of the European labour market, living conditions, and static or dynamic aspects of income poverty and social exclusion. Methodological topics may include e.g. questions of data quality, cross-national and inter-temporal comparability, and statistical modeling.

SUBMISSIONS:

The deadline for submissions of abstracts is October 31, 2008. Please send your submissions to the local organizers of the conference:

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Abstracts should not be longer than 350 words; the abstract should also indicate the dataset(s) used and the countries analyzed.

The submitters will be notified by December 1, 2008, whether their paper was accepted for presentation or not. For any further questions please contact the local organizers and visit the conference webpage at <http://www.gesis.org/EU-User-Conference/>.