

Call for Papers

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

3rd European User Conference

Mannheim, March 21-22, 2013

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

EU-LFS and EU-SILC are the most important official microdata for comparative social research in Europe. An increasing number of researchers use these data for a wide range of economic and social analyses. Topics addressed include e.g. the impact of the crisis on employment and unemployment, quality of work, labour migration, integration of immigrants, monetary poverty, income mobility, income inequality, material deprivation, working poor, gender gaps on the labour market, child poverty. In the context of the rapidly growing use of EU-LFS and EU-SILC data there is a 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 3rd European User Conference for EU-LFS and EU-SILC, organized¹ by the German Microdata Lab, GESIS, in cooperation with Eurostat, will provide researchers 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. Eurostat will inform about the ongoing work for improving EU social statistics, in particular EU-LFS and EU-SILC.

Researchers of all disciplines (e.g. economics, demography, geography, political science, public health, and sociology) who use either EU-LFS or EU-SILC microdata are encouraged to participate and to submit an abstract. Substantive topics may include, among others, all aspects of the European labour market, living conditions, migration, income inequalities, poverty and social exclusion. Methodological topics may include e.g. questions of data quality, cross-national and inter-temporal comparability, and statistical modeling. All presentations must be comparative and include data from at least two countries.

SUBMISSIONS:

The deadline for submissions of abstracts is **October 31, 2012**. Proposals should be submitted online via the [presentation submission form](#) at the conference webpage.²

Abstracts should not be longer than 1000 words. The abstract should be informative, clearly state the research question, indicate the dataset(s) used and the countries analyzed. The submitters will be notified by January 15, 2013, whether their paper was accepted for presentation or not.

For any further questions please contact the local organizers Christof Wolf (Christof.wolf@gesis.org) and Heike Wirth (heike.wirth@gesis.org) and visit the conference webpage at <http://www.gesis.org/en/events/conferences/european-user-conference-3/>

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² <http://www.gesis.org/en/events/conferences/european-user-conference-3/submission-form/>