EuroModule ••• Towards a European Welfare Survey

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Please note:

All marginals in this documentation are calculated from <u>unweighted data</u> and based on <u>original age cuts.</u> Only the Swiss data are weighted by a regional weight, because of the overrepresentation of the Zurich area. Please refer to the study descriptions for further information

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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE EUROMODULE

As Europe is growing together politically and economically, the international perspective is becoming more and more important in social reporting and welfare research. Research teams from 19 nations have set up a research initiative; as a result of this cooperation, the *Euromodule* came into being, a survey instrument for a European welfare comparison. In this overview the development and conception of the *Euromodule* are described.

1. How the *Euromodule* Came into Being

The Euromodule is a research initiative of European researchers engaged in the field of social reporting and quality of life. The aim of this initiative is to strengthen efforts to monitor and systematically analyse the current state and changes in living conditions and quality of life in Europe in a comparative perspective. Due to several developments, these issues gained importance in recent years. First of all, in many European countries, due to the "crisis of the welfare state" we are again in the middle of controversities about the "state of the nation" and citizens' welfare. There is growing public interest in how well people are doing in a period of ongoing modernization and globalization, and how extensive disparities and social exclusion can be avoided. This renewed public interest is also stimulated on the European level. As a result of European integration, comparable information about living conditions in single member states is of great interest. In the Maastricht treaty, several objectives related to individual welfare, quality of social relations, the combat against poverty and exclusion as well as the convergence of living conditions within Europe is given high priority by the European Union (EU). Another development is the transformation of the formerly socialist countries. For obvious political reasons, monitoring their progress on the road from state socialism to democratic capitalism is an important topic for years to come, especially for those countries heading to access the EU within the next years. These developments highlight the increasing demand for a comparative European welfare research.

In 1996, the Research Unit "Social Structure and Social Reporting" at the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB) and the Social indicators group at the Survey Research Center Mannheim (ZUMA) had started an initiative to develop a European Welfare Survey. In summer 1996, the WZB and ZUMA groups invited a number of colleagues from the social indicators and quality-of-life communities, but also from official social statistics, to discuss the feasibility of such a project. The response was far better than expected. Research teams

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from 19 countries – West European as well as East European countries – participated in three meetings in Berlin.

In 1998, the concept of a European Welfare Survey as one of several projects which were part of a TSER application (,Targeting Socio-Economic Research Programme') titled "Towards a European System of Social Reporting and Welfare Measurement" was submitted. The addressee of this application was the European Commission. The expert advice given by the European Commission about the TSER application was positive in large parts. During further negotiations, however, it became clear that Brussels would recommend to concentrate on those parts of the TSER project which aimed at taking stock of already existing statistics from state institutions or other sources - official and nonofficial. Thus, money was raised to carry out three subprojects under the title "EuReporting. Towards a European System of Social Reporting and Welfare Measurement": (1) European System of Social Indicators (EUSI), (2) Access to Comparative Official Microdata, and (3) Stocktaking of Comparative Databases in Survey Research. The project is coordinated by the Social Indicators Department at ZUMA, Mannheim, and carried through in collaboration with researchers from several European countries.¹

Under these circumstances, the initiative quickly agreed not to follow the most ambitious idea of establishing full-fledged welfare surveys in many countries, which would have demanded a huge amount of central funding. Instead, at another meeting in 1998 they agreed to follow a stepwise, bottom-up strategy by establishing a smaller version of the originally planned European Welfare Survey. The revised idea was to develop a set of basic questions which could be implemented in different types of ongoing surveys in the participating countries. This set of basic questions - called Euromodule - was composed in intensive discussions considering a variety of interests. In its prototype version it consists of core questions plus core standard demography consuming approximately 25 minutes of interviewing time; and of optional questions of approximately 20 minutes. The idea was to run the Euromodule in as many countries as possible. So far, it has been carried out in six countries: in Sweden, Slovenia, Germany, Hungary, Switzerland, and Spain. The decentralized way the initiative is organized is very similar to the way the International Social Survey Programme or other international co-operations are organized. The initiative is coordinated by the Research Unit "Social Structure and Social Reporting" at the WZB under the heads of Wolfgang Zapf and Roland Habich. But there is no central funding - each country team which is interested in running the *Euromodule* has to raise funding by themselves.

The description of the projects and bibliographies are available on the following website: http://www.zuma-mannheim.de/data/social-indicators/eureporting.

2. Goals and Objectives

The common interest of the participants of the Euromodule network is to gain comparative data about welfare and quality of life. The initiative stands in the tradition of the social indicators movement, which enjoyed its take off in the late 1960s and during the 1970s. The most practical and visible output of this movement has been and still is social reporting. "Social reports are social policy analyses with the clear-cut question if objective living conditions and subjective well-being, and beyond individual dimensions if the quality of society has improved" (Zapf 2000: 8). Examples for such comprehensive social reports in Western Europe are Social Trends in Great Britain (since 1970), the French Données sociales (since 1973), the Social and Cultural Reports of the Netherlands (since 1974), and the German Datenreport (since 1983). In Eastern Europe, Hungary recently started its series of Social Reports on Hungary (for an overview of social reporting activities and the social indicator movement in Europe, see Habich/Noll 1994, Berger-Schmitt/Jankowitsch 1999). Many of these social reporting activities have been and still are joint activities from national offices of statistics and social scientists. Another line of activities can be found at the supranational level of international organizations (cf. Vogel 1994, Zapf 2000). The OECD, the United Nations, Eurostat and others gave rise to a multitude of social reports and many continuing periodic publications. Moreover, these organizations themselves produced huge compendia of social indicators for world regions or the world as a whole, mainly consisting of aggregated data at the level of nation states.

During its take off, the social indicators movement had a strong inclination to compare nations. The Social Indicator Development Programme of the OECD, for example, was launched with the objective of generating a comprehensive body of data for social indicators common to all OECD countries (OECD 1982, 1986). The cross-national perspective was also followed by the 1972 pioneering survey directed by Erik Allardt, the Comparative Scandinavian Welfare Survey. This survey described various dimensions of welfare in Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark (see Allard et al. 1972, Allardt 1981). The Euromodule ties on to this cross-national research tradition. The use of social surveys is seen as the preferred method for studying living conditions and subjective well-being. As aggregated figures often used in social reporting (most of all in reports published by supranational organizations) can not be related to individuals, microdata stemming from surveys are the best opportunity to understand the distribution of welfare within a society, the relationship between different life domains, and the way quality of life is connected to sociodemographic characteristics. Survey research offers the possibility to combine individual living conditions and subjective characteristics - and it also proved to be a flexible tool for comparative welfare research across nations.

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The *Euromodule* can fill a gap in European comparative social reporting and social structure analysis. International surveys that already exist are either primarily dedicated to political opinions, or they cover only indicators for few selected life domains, or they are hardly accessible to scientific analysis. Though concepts such as life satisfaction or happiness are included in surveys like the Eurobarometer and the World Value Survey, they appear only as single indicators. With regard to the European Community Household Panel (ECHP), Eurostat has initiated and harmonized national household surveys. The main focus of the ECHP, however, is on the labour market and the financial situation and therefore covers only some areas of life. Moreover, the data are rather expensive for secondary analysis, they are no longer sufficiently up to date for many research questions and limited to the member states of the EU. In the *Euromodule* project also non-EU-countries such as Switzerland, Turkey and a couple of Central and Eastern European countries do participate. Thus a number of additional cross-national comparisons have become possible.

The aims of the *Euromodule* research initiative can be described as follows:

- strengthening efforts to monitor and systematically analyze the current state of and changes in living conditions and quality of life in as many as possible European countries
- providing comparative representative survey data dealing with several aspects of quality of life and individual welfare.
- bringing together different national traditions of welfare research, which we regard as complementary rather than conflicting.
- using the competence and knowledge of the national teams to provide thorough and meaningful interpretation of the data.
- providing accurate assessments of the quality of life for policy makers.
- improving the public's understanding of welfare development.

3. Welfare Concepts and Conceptualizations

The *Euromodule* initiative considers the development of welfare to be part of the processes of social change which are judged according to socially highly valued aims. The underlying premise is that welfare is a concept which applies not only to the rich West European countries, but also to less modernized countries. Although there are different opinions of what the right notion and conceptualization of welfare is – even within Western Europe – *quality of*

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life is "the most widely recognised and the most frequently used framework for analysing the welfare development of a society" (Berger-Schmitt/Noll 2000: 8). It is a multidimensional concept which encompasses both material and immaterial, objective and subjective, individual and collective aspects of welfare. In principle, the *Euromodule* combines three kinds of welfare concepts: objective living conditions, subjective well-being, and (perceived) quality of society.

During the 1970s and 1980s, the understanding of welfare was an "individualistic" one. Quality of life was conceptualized mainly as individual welfare or welfare of households (cf. Noll 2000). Components of this individual welfare are not only good objective living conditions, but also subjective well-being. Objective living conditions have been and still are prominent in the Scandinavian approach as well as in the above-mentioned Social Indicator Development Programme of the OECD (under the term "social concerns"). In the tradition of level-of-living research, welfare is defined as "the individual's command over resources through which the individual can control and consciously direct his living conditions" (Erikson 1993: 72/73). Living conditions are measured in a variety of life domains: income, housing, education, family, work, and so on, some of them representing resources or capabilities, some of them representing outcomes or ends, and some of them both (e.g. income). The theoretical assumption of this objectivist approach is that there are so-called basic needs and that satisfying these basic needs determines people's well-being (see Zapf et al. 1987). This approach was very influential for comparative social reporting, especially the Social Indicator Programme of the OECD, started in 1970 and closed in 1986 (cf. OECD 1973, 1977, 1982).

Subjective well-being emphasizes another perspective, closely related to the sociopsychological approach. It is often associated with the Anglo-Saxon – mainly American – research tradition of mental health. Although American researchers also use objective indicators when assessing quality of life, there is a long-standing tradition to analyse subjective well-being, which "is concerned with individual's subjective experience of their lives. The underlying assumption is that well-being can be defined by people's conscious experiences – in terms of hedonic feelings or cognitive satisfactions" (Diener/Suh 1997). Or, as Campbell (1972: 422) had stated it: "Quality of life must be in the eye of the beholder". Life satisfaction, pleasant affect and unpleasant affect are interrelated, but separable components of subjective well-being. That is, it includes not only positive feelings and experiences, but also negative affective experiences like anxieties and worries.

During the 1970s there was an intensive discussion within the scientific community which concept is more appropriate. Nowadays, there is a mainstream concensus that objective living

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conditions and subjective evaluations are actually just two sides of one coin. Subjective evaluations of personal life circumstances can relate to life as a whole as well as to different life domains, like work or income. This underlines the complementary nature of the two approaches, objective welfare measurement, and subjective well-being. In the *Euromodule* survey, both approaches have "equal rights". The main idea is to collect both objective and subjective indicators in order to focus on the constellation of these two. This combined approach is used in several survey projects, e.g. in the above-mentioned Scandinavian Welfare Survey, or the German welfare research. The German Welfare Survey, which was initiated in 1978 and has been replicated several times since then (recently in 1998), is one of the central surveys for continuous observation of the German society (Habich 1996, Habich/Noll/Zapf 1999). This branch of welfare research combines the Swedish approach with its socio-political focus and the socio-psychological approach of the American tradition. Welfare and quality of life are thus influenced by the constellation of objective living conditions and subjective well-being. "By quality of life we mean ... good living conditions that go along with positive subjective well-being" (Zapf 1984: 23, own translation).

Another aspect of welfare which is included in the *Euromodule* is "quality of society". As human beings, our personal development and opportunities depend to a large extent on the "liveability" (Veenhoven 1996, 1997) of the society we live in. In recent years, new concepts of welfare emerged, highlighting specific aspects of the *societal* components of welfare, namely social cohesion, social exclusion, and social capital (cf. Noll 2000, Berger-Schmitt/Noll 2000). These concepts refer to the quality of a given society, i.e. the quality of relations among members of the society and the binding effects of these relations, the rupture of the relationship between the individual and the society due to new forms of poverty, and the mutual feelings of commitment and trust created by common values and norms. The *Euromodule* also included some of these concepts in its programme, although it was not possible to cover all these dimensions with a broad range of questions. Those characteristics of society and its central institutions which may have a positive or negative influence on individual welfare are subsumed under the term of "quality of society". When these characteristics are evaluated by the population, we speak of *perceived* quality of society. The different aspects of welfare, which form the basis of the *Euromodule*, are illustrated in table 1.

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Table 1: Taxonomy of welfare concepts

| | Objective | Subjective |
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| Individual level | Objective living conditions (e.g. income) | Subjective well-being (e.g. income satisfaction) |
| Societal level | Quality of society (e.g. income distribution) | Perceived quality of society (e.g. perceived strength of conflicts between rich and poor) |

4. The *Euromodule* questionnaire

In June 1998 and January 1999 two meetings were arranged at the WZB, where the participants agreed on a common core questionnaire ("Master Questionnaire") and methodological standards for carrying out the project. The result of this international cooperation is the "Euromodule". Its conceptualization is closely related to the German Welfare Survey. Beyond the "classic" concept of welfare research, more recent concepts regarding the societal quality have influenced the choice of indicators.

The questionnaire consists of a core part and an optional part. The core part, which is obligatory for all participating countries, focuses on central life domains and their subjective evaluation: housing, composition of the household, social relations, participation, standard of living, income, health, work, education, personal environment and safety. Both, private and public social concerns are thus covered. Moreover, well-established global measures of subjective well-being (life satisfaction, happiness, anomia, anxiety) as well as some aspects of the quality of society are included. A set of socio-demographic background variables is obligatory for all countries and should be asked in a uniform fashion, as far as possible. In the optional part, more detailed questions are available, which can be additionally asked if sufficient financial resources are at hand. This optional part offers supplementary questions, in particular regarding the quality of society, for instance the subject of social integration. But there are also additional questions regarding the individual level, e.g. the importance of various life domains for well-being or the evaluation of personal living conditions. The main indicators are listed in table 2.

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Table 2: Indicators used in the Euromodule

Objective living conditions

- housing
- household composition
- social relations (also *)
- participation
- standard of living
- income
- health
- education and work
- personal environment and safety

Subjective well-being

- domain satisfactions (see left column)
- general life satisfaction
- happiness
- anxieties and anomia
- subjective class position
- importance of various life domains*
- optimism/pessimism for various social concerns*
- evaluation of the own living conditions*

(Perceived) quality of society

- social conflicts
- trust in other people
- degree of achievement of public goods (freedom, security, social justice)*
- living conditions in various European countries in comparison to the own country*
- preconditions for social integration*

Background variables (so far as not included in objective living conditions)

- age
- gender
- type of community
- marital status
- employment status
- occupation (current / former)

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^{* =} optional part

As the *Euromodule* is planned as a "small" survey ready to be attached to an omnibus survey, each life domain could be covered only by a few indicators. The intention was to cover many social concerns, rather than ascertain in-depth data for few concerns. With regard to the measurement of the standard of living, however, a more detailed and time-consuming unit was developed. Following earlier British and German studies (Townsend 1979, Gordon/Pantazis 1997, Andress 1999), a list of 19 commodities and activities was drawn up, which serve as indicators for the achieved living standard of the respondents. Additionally, information is gathered about the respondents' notion of a decent standard of living. This gives the researcher the opportunity to explore not only cross-national differences in material well-being, but also differences in the definitions of "acceptable" and "unacceptable" living conditions. Emphasizing material living conditions is justified by the wide range of economic power the participating countries command, from "rich" Switzerland to "poor" Turkey, and by the vital political and public interest in processes of social exclusion and poverty.

The *Euromodule* may be carried out as a stand-alone survey as well as part of a multi-purpose survey. Till now it has been carried out in six countries: in Germany, Hungary, Slovenia (all in 1999), Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland (all in 2000). In 2001 Italy and Turkey will follow. A section of the *Euromodule* has been carried out in Poland in 2000.

Other countries participating in the research network are Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain, the Netherlands, Norway, Austria and the Czech Republic; at least some of them are still looking for an opportunity to run the Euromodule. Although the initiative is a European enterprise, the idea of comparative welfare research has also attracted interest from outside Europe: in 2000, South Korea has joined the network and will probably carry out the survey in 2001. The South Asian "tiger state" will be an interesting extra-European case of comparison. In addition, the Euromodule project cooperates with the NORBALT project, a "level of living" survey in the Baltic countries directed by the Norwegian FaFo Institute. Another interesting opportunity for comparative research could turn out from the project "Living conditions, lifestyles and health" in eight former Soviet countries, coordinated at the Institute for Advanced Studies, Austria. This survey dealing with the changing (and often declining) quality of life in the successor states of the Soviet Union has adapted some parts of the Euromodule questionnaire. Thus, the data of the Euromodule facilitates international comparisons as to the level of welfare, the relationship between different dimensions of welfare and the social situation of certain groups of people in various European societies, which are characterized by a wide range of economic power and different types of welfare states and political traditions.

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5. Outlook

In April 2000, another conference took place where the first comparative results were presented. The participants agreed that for the time being the documentation of the data as well as their harmonization and management should be coordinated and carried out by the Social Structure and Social Reporting Department at the WZB. The harmonization of the data and the integration into a common database is an important step to enable comparative research. Part of this package is the *Euromodule* codebook. This technical documentation gives an overview on the wording of the questions and the coding of the answers and offers unweighted marginals and means for all variables, broken down by countries. Furthermore, the national studies are described by giving information on fieldwork dates, the principal investigator, sample type, fieldwork method and institute, the context of the *Euromodule* questionnaire, sample size, response rates, weighting and national population characteristics. The participants of the network have agreed to exchange the *Euromodule* data within the network for the next two years. From 2003 on, the data base will be shared with the broader scientific community.

With data from eight countries by mid 2001, the *Euromodule* project will effectively be started. With this enterprise, the research initiative hopes to contribute to social reporting in Europe and to a deeper understanding of the state of the nations and the mood of their populations. However, some larger European countries are still missing, namely France and Great Britain. We cordially invite our European colleagues to join the project and fill the white spots on the *Euromodule* map. Besides a broader geographical coverage, another vision is to repeat the surveys within the next years. This might add another perspective, the perspective of comparisons over time. And it might provide a good opportunity for newcomers to join. A repetition would be another milestone for establishing the *Euromodule* as a continuous enterprise in the long run.

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DESCRIPTION OF COMMON DATA FILE

In order to ensure data quality and to facilitate comparative research a common Euromodule data file was made containing all national data sets available by now. In the following you will find details on data processing and on characteristic features of the new common data file.

1. Recoding of Variables

Although the Euromodule national questionnaires had been identical when running the field work, most of them have been part of other national surveys. Therefore the information on the respondents' socio-demographic facts were coded in a national specific form, which you neither can compare nor join together.

At the WZB the socio-demographic variables had to be recoded and adapted to the original common guidelines. This has not always been possible as it is described later. At the end, some new common socio-demographic variables were created for the common data file. The original variables of each country have been kept in the common data file. They were marked with a country specific suffix, whereas the new common variable received the original name. The suffixes are:

D for Germany,

SLO for Slovenia,

H for Hungary

E for Spain and

CH for Switzerland and

S for Sweden.

For example, the "household income" was surveyed in national currencies and stored in the variable v24. We renamed v24 in each national data using the suffixes. In a next step the national currencies were recoded into Euro and into Purchasing Power Parities (PPP), respectively. As a result, you have comparable income variables. Later on you will find more information on income variables.

Unfortunately there were national specific variables, which could not be adapted in a meaningful sense. An example is "size of community" (v11_country). In this case, we added country suffixes to each existing variable without creating a common one. There are other variables each surveyed only in one country. They kept their original names.

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Country names in some variables or value labels were replaced by a common term. Doubled variables were dropped, as well as variables without variation. And, of course, data were corrected for mistakes.

Our main principle when doing the recodes was to change as little as possible. Table 1 gives an overview of the most important changes in the data. Table 2 contains the code for national educational degrees into the ISCED 1997. Table 3 shows the recoding of national occupational status into a common five-categories scheme.

For more details contact the WZB team, they will provide you with the SPSS-syntax-files.

2. Weighting Procedure

You will find two weighting variables in the common data file. The variable weight was created from the individual weighting variables in the national data sets. But the Slovenian and Spanish data sets are lacking weighting variables. Here we have to assume that the selection of respondents was representative. We gave the weighting variable a value of one. Tables 4 and 5 illustrate the representativeness of the Slovenian and Spanish data. Furthermore, we created a new weighting variable to cover disproportions of the number of respondents and the number of each country's inhabitants in the age limits of the respondents. For example, the number of respondents in Germany is about the same as in Spain. But the number of inhabitants is not. Therefore we need a weight to correct this. This second common weight variable is a product of the individual weight and a factor, which contains the number of inhabitants in each country. The Swedish data required special measures due to the structure of the data. There have been two Swedish data sets, surveyed in 1998 and 1999 with different respondents. Due to the fact that either the first or the second Swedish data set is used for comparison with other countries, we weighted the two data sets to have the same number of respondents. Then weight2 is the Swedish proportionality factor of the number of Swedish inhabitants from the age of 18 to 84 years for each of the two data sets. If you wish to analyse both of the Swedish data sets pooled with other countries, it becomes necessary to divide the Swedish weight2 by 2.

3. Merging the national data sets

We have chosen the German data set to be the master data set. Negligible differences between variable labels and value labels of different data sets were eliminated and adapted to the German data set during the SPSS merging procedure.

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Table 1: Overview of important changes in variables

| Variable label | Change | Country specific comments |
|---|--|--|
| and variable | | |
| name | | |
| Case identity number id | The value of variable <i>country</i> * 100000 was added to make <i>id</i> unambiguous in the common data file | Slovenia, Sweden: <i>id</i> created from casenumber |
| Parents' citizenship: v9 | Value labels standardized: country name eliminated | Switzerland: $v9_CH$ means ,respondents citizenship', may not be joined with $v9$ |
| Type of Community: v11_country | Meaningful merging not possible | Germany: V11_D1: Type of community - categories of settlement structure V11_D2: Size of community – political seize of community |
| Contact friends: v15 | Adapting of value labels | Slovenia, Hungary: With process of joining adaptation of value 1 'infrequently' to 1 'less often' – like Germany, Switzerland, Spain |
| Marital status: v18 | Adaptation of German value labels to the commonly used | Germany: original v18 kept in v18_D; category ,married' not separated into ,married and living with spouse' and ,'married but separated from spouse'; German category ,married' kept in category ,married and living with spouse' of v18 |
| Actual: phone v21f | Creation of a new variable in the Switzerland data set | Switzerland: not asked, because data were surveyed by telephone interviews; <i>v21f</i> has value 1 ,I have or do it' for Switzerland |
| Household income in Euro: <i>v24</i> | Conversion of all country specific currencies in Euro, original household income variables kept, but partly renamed in a meaningful sense | Germany: renaming of v25a1 in v25meanD |
| Equivalent household income in country v24eq_country | Computed following the Buhmann et al. ² formula: Equivalent income=household income x Size of household θ (θ =0.5) | |
| Equivalent household income in Euro: v24eq | Conversion of all national specific household equivalent incomes in Euro, original household income variables kept | |
| Quintiles of equivalent household income in country: v24eqcol | Quintile computed for countries, not for common data file | |

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Buhmann, B. et al. (1988): Equivalence Scales, Well-Being, Inequality, and Poverty: Sensitivity Estimates Across Ten Countries Using the Luxemburg Study (LIS) Database. In: The Review of Income and Wealth, Vol. 34, S. 115-142

| Table 1, continued: Overview of important changes in variables | | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| Variable label | Change | Country specific comments | | | |
| and variable | | | | | |
| name | | | | | |
| Household income in PPP (international \$) v24_PPP | Conversion of all country specific currencies in Purchasing Power Parities at U.S. Dollar Source: World Bank | | | | |
| Equivalent household income in PPP (international \$) v24eqPPP | Conversion of all country specific household equivalent incomes in Purchasing Power Parities at U.S. Dollar Source: World bank | | | | |
| Educational degree: v33 | Educational degree following ISCED 1997, Codes shown at Table 2 | Germany: Adding of v33a_D and v33b_D to ISCED 1997 | | | |
| Employment Status: v35 | | Sweden: Code 4 means "all other", it differs from the common original Code "not employed at all" | | | |
| Present occupational status/former occupational status: v36 / v44 | Collapsed in five categories: unskilled or semiskilled worker, skilled worker and foreman, employee or civil servant lower level, employee or civil servant higher level and self-employed, Codes shown at Table 3 | Switzerland: employee no managerial position/managerial position, low level + tertiary educational degree → 'employee/civil servant, higher level'; no separation of workers and employees in Swiss data set → Reconstruction of "worker" from present/last job (<i>v37/v45</i>); Spain: not asked Sweden: coded following country specific occupational classification (Socioedonomisk indelning, SEI) | | | |
| Present job/last job: v37 / v45 | No changes, no merging | Germany: not asked; Slovenia: two-digit-code of ISCO-88- Subgroups; Spain: coded following country specific occupational classification (CNO) Sweden: coded following country specific occupational classification (Socioedonomisk indelning, SEI) | | | |
| Working hours per week: v39 | | Sweden: valid values for both employed and other economically active people (farmers and others) | | | |
| Weighting: weight1 | Computing weight1 from individual weighting variables of country data sets | Germany: Division of individual weighting to keep the original number of respondents; Slovenia/Spain: no weighting variable available → weight1=1 for all cases | | | |
| weight2 | Individual weight * factor containing the number of inhabitants aged 18+ in each country | Germany: number of inhabitants aged 14+ Please remember Swedish specifics, see text above | | | |

Table 2: Recoding of national educational degrees into ISCED 1997³ (v33):

| ISCED- 1997 | | Slovenia | Hungary | Spain | Switzerland | Sweden |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| 199/ | | | | | | |
| 0 pre-primary education | | Incomplete elementary school | Original nation | Analfabetos; Sin estudios; Estudios primarios sin finalizar | | |
| 1 primary education | School without qualification + no vocational training | Complete elementary school | No educational degree; Less then 8 th class | Estudios primarios; EGB o equivalente | Incomplete compulsory education | Elementary school (compulsory school shorter than 9 years) |
| lower secondary education, general, vocational | | Incomplete vocational or secondary school | 8 th class | | | 9-year compulsory school' |
| 2A lower secondary education, general | Lower secondary / complete compulsory education, middle school education, Certification from a secondary technical or trade school, other school qualification, still at school: middle school / Abitur + no vocational training, in vocational training | | | | Compulsory education Preparatory course for vocational education | |
| 3C secondary edu., | | | Vocational Training | | Basic vocational education | |
| vocational 3B secondary edu., general, prep. for ISCED 5B | School without qualification, lower secondary / complete compulsory education, middle school education, certification from a secondary technical or trade school, other school qualification, still at school: middle school / Abitur + apprenticeship / vocational college, other job training | Complete 2 or 3 year vocational school | | Formacién Profesional 1 y ensenanza Tecnico Profes. equival.; Formacién profesional 2 y equivalentes; Otros estudios no reglados | Intermediate diploma school and other general education Apprenticeship Vocational college | Upper secondary school, 2 years or shorter' |
| 3A secondary edu., general, prep. for ISCED 5A | Abitur + no vocational training, in vocational training | Complete 4 year secondary school | Upper secondary school degree | Bachillerato superior, B.U.P. y equivalentes | School preparing for the university entrance certificate Teacher training | Upper secondary school, 3 years' |
| 4 post secondary, non tertiary education | Abitur + apprenticeship / vocational college, other job training; Lower secondary / complete compulsory education, middle school education, Abitur + student at university | Incomplete college or university | Vocational training with upper secondary school degree | Arquitecto e Ingeniero Tecnico; Diplomado de otras Escuelas Universitarias y equivalentes | . South Hatti d | |

³ UNESCO (1997): International Standard Classification of Education ISCED 1997; coding following: Eurostat – Education and Training statistics: Construction of the Variable ,Highest Level of Education and Training Attained' (ISCED) from the European Union Labour Force Survey (LFS). Methodological Note. March 2000

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Table 2: Recoding of national educational degrees into ISCED 1997 (*v33*):

| ISCED- 1997 | | Slovenia | Hungary | Spain | Switzerland | Sweden |
|--|---|---|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|
| | | | Original nation | nal labels | | |
| 5B first stage of tertiary edu., technical | Technical college / master, craftsman | Complete (2year) college degree | | Estudios superiores de 2 o 3 aos; Arquitecto e Ingeniero Superior | Master craftsman Technical college | Tertiary (post secondary) education, shorter than 3 years |
| 5A Tertiary education, university | Advanced technical college (Fachhochschule) | | Polytechnical university/college | Licenciado | Advanced technical college | Tertiary (post secondary) education, 3 years or longer |
| 5A/6 Tertiary education, university /doctorate | University completed | Complete university degree or academy | University | Doctorado; Estudios de Postgrado o especialización | University | Postgraduate education |

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Table 3: Recoding of national occupational status *v36* und *v44*:

| Occupatio | Germany | national occupation | Hungary | Switzerland | Sweden |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| nal Status | Germany | Siovema | Hungary | Swizeriand | Sweden |
| | | | Origin | al national labels | |
| Unskilled/se mi-skilled worker | Unskilled/semi- skilled worker | Unskilled; semi- skilled worker | Unskilled worker; semi-skilled worker; worker in primary sector | Employee /no managerial position) + ISCO 88-Hauptgruppe 6 – 9; employee (managerial position, low level) + ISCO 88-Hauptgruppe 6 – 9 | unskilled employee in goods production; unskilled employee in service production |
| Skilled worker/fore man | Skilled worker; foreman in manual work/ master craftsman | Skilled worker; foreman in manual work | Skilled worker | Employee (managerial position, medium level) + ISCO 88-Hauptgruppe 6 – 9; employee (managerial position, high level) + ISCO 88-Hauptgruppe 6 – 9; Employee /no managerial position) + Tertiärer Bildungsabschluss+ ISCO 88-Hauptgruppe 6 – 9; employee (managerial position, low level) + Tertiärer Bildungsabschluss+ ISCO 88-Hauptgruppe 6 – 9 | skilled employee in goods production; skilled employee in service production |
| Employee/ci vil servant, lower level | Civil servant/ judge/soldier: lower level; employee: routine non -manual | Employee (also civil servant), low qualification | Managing position, low level; non- manual, other | Employee /no managerial position); employee (managerial position, low level) | assistant non-manual employee, lower level; assistant non-manual employee, higher level, without subordinates; assistant non-manual employee, higher level, with subordinates; assistant non-manual employee, higher level; intermediate non-manual employee, without subordinates; intermediate non-manual employee, employee |
| Employee/ci vil servant, higher level | Civil servant/ judge/soldier: medium level/higher level; employee: professionals; employee: upper level executive | Employee (also civil servant), medium qualification; Employee (also civil servant), high qualification | Managing position, medium level; managing position, high level; non- manual worker, master; academics | Employee (managerial position, medium level); employee (managerial position, high level); Employee /no managerial position) + Tertiärer Bildungsabschluss; employee (managerial position, low level) + Tertiärer Bildungsabschluss | intermediate non-manual employee, with subordinates; professional and other higher non- manual employee, without subordinates; professional and other higher non- manual employee, with subordinates; professional and other higher non- manual employee; Upper-level executives |
| Self- employed | Self-employed- farmer/cooperative farmer (+helping family member); self-employed professional /academic); self- employed in trade, sales, industry | Entrepreneur with employees; self- employed; free profession; farmer /also helping family members) | Self-employed, farmer; Self- employed, industry; Self-employed trade; Self- employed service sector; professionals | Self-employed (no employees); self-employed (with employees); collaborator in family-owned business | Self-employed professional; Self-employed without employee; Small-scale entrepreneurs; Large-scale entrepreneurs; Entrepreneurs; Small-scale farmers; Medium-scale farmers; farmers, forest farmers |
| Others | In education/ apprenticeship; military/ alternative service | Other | | Trainee/ apprentice; military or community service | Students; military conscripts, former skilled employee in goods production; military conscripts, former assistant non-manual employee, high level; military conscripts, former intermediate non-manual employee; military conscripts |

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Table 4: Representativeness of Slovenian Data for Age and Gender

| | Euromodul | Reference ^a |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Female, till 64 years | 46,7 | 40,9 |
| Female, 65 years and | 9,8 | 11,0 |
| older | | |
| Male, till 64 years | 38,3 | 41,8 |
| Male, 64 years and | 5,1 | 6,3 |
| older | | |
| Sum | 100 | 100 |

Column Percent

Table 5: Representativeness of Spanish Data for Age and Gender

| | Euromodul | Referencea |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------|
| Female, till 64 years | 39,7 | 39,6 |
| Female, 65 years and | 11,9 | 12,0 |
| older | | |
| Male, till 64 years | 39,5 | 39,7 |
| Male, 64 years and | 8,9 | 8,7 |
| older | | |
| Sum | 100 | 100 |

Column Percent

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^a Source: Statistical Office of the Republic Slovenia: Statistical Yearbook of the Republic of Slovenia 2000

^a Source: Instituto Nacional de Estdistica: Base de datos INEbase 2000; http://www.ine.es/inebase/cgi/um, 2001-09-15

STUDY DESCRIPTIONS

To differentiate countries in the crosstabulations within this codebook we have decided to use the international automobile identification codes:

SLO - Slovenia

D - Germany

H - Hungary

E - Spain

CH - Switzerland

S - Sweden

Due to practical reasons, the order of countries in this codebook is not alphabetical, but corresponds to the sequence of data collection.

The following study descriptions contain basic information on the Euromodule surveys. If available, the samples are compared with selected national population characteristics.

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| Study description: | Slovenia |
|--|---|
| Study title: | Slovenian Public Opinion 1999/2 – Attitudes on Health (III) and International Survey on the Quality of Life |
| Fieldwork dates: | May 1999 |
| Principal investigator: | Prof. Dr. Niko Toš (Public Opinion and Mass Communication Researcs Centre, University of Ljubljana) |
| Sample type: | Systematic multi-stage sample with random start of adults aged 18 years or older living at non-institutional address in Slovenia is based on Central Register of Population. 140 PSU (primary sampling units) and 420 SSU (secondary sampling units) are formed, with names and addresses of persons in final clusters. A replacement procedure is used for non-responses. Halves of sample with every second person selected were used for SJM99/1 (non-Euromodule survey) and SJM 99/2 (Euromodule survey). |
| Fieldwork methods: | Personal interviews with trained interviewers |
| Fieldwork institute | Public Opinion and Mass Communication Research Centre, Ljubljana |
| Context of Euromodule Questionnaire | Euromodule questionnaire follows a survey on health values, baheviour and health system 1999/2 |
| Sample size: | 1012 |
| Response rate: | 2013 Total SJM99 questionnaires received 1001 SJM99/1 without Euromodule 1012 SJM/99/2 with Euromodule |

In SJM99/2 338 (33.4%) replacements were used

due to non-response or ineligibility.

Language: Slovenian

Weighted: No

National Population Characteristics: Slovenia

Source: Census 1991, population 15+ years (Statistical Yearbook of the Republic of Slovenia

1995)

47.7% Gender: Male

> Female 52.3%

Age groups: 0-14 20.6%

| | 15-29 | 22.5% | |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------|---------|
| | 30-44 | 23.5% | |
| | 45-64 | 22.5% | |
| | 65+ | 10.9% | |
| Education: | 0-7 years of eleme | entary school | 17.3% |
| | Elementary schoo | l completed | 30.3% |
| | Completed vocation | onal school | 19.7% |
| | Completed second | lary school | 23.7% |
| | University degree | J | 9.0% |
| Source: Labo | our Force Survey, 19 | 995 | |
| | Employment Statu | ıs | |
| | Persons in Employ | yment | 882.000 |
| | Unemployed person | ons | 70.000 |
| | Non-active popula | | 669.000 |
| | | | |

| Study description: | Germany | | | | |
|--|--|--------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
| Study title: | German Welfare Survey Trend 1999 - Euromodule | | | | |
| Fieldwork dates: | October 1999 | | | | |
| Principal investigator: | Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Zapf, Dr. Roland Habich (Social Science Research Center Berlin, Research Unit: Social Structure and Social Reporting) | | | | |
| Sample type: | Stratified multi-stage sample technique, random-route sampling. The population universe consisted of all German nationals aged 14 and older living at non-institutional address in Germany. The sample was stratified by the criteria federal state, administrative district, and type of community. The first stage of sampling was constituted by the selection of voting districts, the second stage by the selection of households, the third stage by the selection of individuals. | | | | |
| Fieldwork methods: | Personal interviews with trained interviewers | | | | |
| Fieldwork institute | Infratest Burke Sozialforschung GmbH, Munich | | | | |
| Context of Euromodule Questionnaire | Part of the 'Infratest Omnibus Survey, Autumn 1999' | | | | |
| Sample size: | 2493 | | | | |
| Response rate: | 64,3% (total non-response: n = 1384) | | | | |
| | Sample, point of departure | N 4024 | % 100,0 | | |
| | Neutral non-response | | 3,7 | | |
| | Remaining addresses | 3877 | 100,0 | | |
| | Systematic non-response Not-at-homes Respondent away/in vacation Respondent ill Refused Total non-response Interviews realized | on 1384 2493 | 14,8 0,6 1,3 11,2 35,7 | | |
| Language: | German | | | | |
| Weighted: | Yes | | | | |

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The data are weighted according to employment

Weighting procedure

status, federal state, sex, and age using parameters from the national office of statistics (Bevölkerungsfortschreibung vom 31.12.1997)

The German data set contains several weighting variables GEWPDEMO weighting of sample of individuals GEWPDE_W weighting of sample of individuals (West Germany) GEWPDE O weighting of sample of individuals (East Germany) GEWHHW O weighting of sample of households GEWHH W weighting of sample of households (West Germany) GEWHH O weighting of sample of households (East Germany)

Comparison with National Population Characteristics: Germany

| | German Euromodule | National office of statistics |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| (in %) | 1999 | 1997 |
| Gender | | |
| Women | 52,3 | 51,3 |
| Men | 47,7 | 48,7 |
| Country region | | |
| West Germany | 79,6 | 81,2 |
| East Germany | 20,4 | 18,8 |
| Age | | |
| 18-24 | 10,4 | 9,4 |
| 25-44 | 35,7 | 39,3 |
| 45-59 | 25,3 | 24,1 |
| 60-64 | 8,2 | 7,5 |
| 65+ | 20,4 | 19,6 |
| Size of community | | |
| < 2000 inhabitants | 7,7 | 8,0 |
| 2000 – 4999 | 9,1 | 9,7 |
| 5000 – 19999 | 21,8 | 24,9 |
| 20000 – 49999 | 17,3 | 17,7 |
| 50000 – 99999 | 9,6 | 8,8 |
| 100.000 – 499999 | 19,6 | 16,5 |
| > 500000 | 14,8 | 14,5 |

By means of the variable w o one can split the sample into West German and East German population:

W O 'West-German' East German' 0 West Germany

(N = 2006)

1 East Germany (N = 487)

| Study Description: | Hungary |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Study-Title: | EURÓPA |
| • | |
| Fieldwork Dates: | November, 1999 |
| Principal Investigator: | Zsolt Spéder, Demographic Research Institute, HCSO, Budapest |
| Sample Type: | Multi-stages probability sample. First stage: settlements; 9 classes of settlement-type, than probability sample: 73 settlement). Second stages: probability addresses sample concerning the chosen settlements. Supplementary sample with using Leslie Kish – method. |
| | In addition to the core and optional part of the joint Euromodule-Questionary there were some other topics included. Namely: the quality of the societies, anomie, norm acceptance, children' poverty. We included a demographic part: the household structure too. At first the core and than the optional part of the questionnaire was asked, then the additional topics. In some places we modified the structure of the original questionnaire, but always hold the original blocks of the Euromodule together. |
| Fieldwork Institute: | TÁRKI, Budapest |
| Fieldwork Method: | Personal interview |
| Sample Size: Response Rate: | 1510 In order to reach the ca 1500 sample we used 2383 addresses (62,7%). |

The causes of the unsuccessful attempts:

| | In proportion of all failed interviews: |
|--|---|
| R was unable to answer | 2,2 % |
| Refusal | 35,0 % |
| Temporarily far from home | 13,8 % |
| Respondent moved | 9,3 % |
| Individual/address not exist | 3,3 % |
| R died | 1,2 % |
| Cannot be found at home by 3 times visit | 23,0 % |
| Other | 11,9 % |
| | |
| Total | 100 % |

The failure was more typical in Budapest, in the case of men and younger aged (18-29).

Language: Hungarian

Weighted: Yes

Weighting procedure: Weights were counted using the 1996 Microcensus. Four

dimension have been included: gender, age group (3 category), level of education (3 category), type of settlement (3 category).

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Study description: Spain Study title: Objective Living Conditions, Subjective Well-being, and Quality of the Society Fieldwork dates: January 2000 Principal investigator: Prof. Dr. Salustiano del Campo, Facultad de Ciencias Políticas y Sociología de la Universidad Complutense de Madrid Sample type: Stratified multi-stage sample technique, random route and quota sampling. The population universe consisted of Spanish adults aged 18 years or more in the Spanish mainland and island provinces (excluding the African settlements of Ceuta and Melilla). The sample was stratified by the criteria region (comunidad autónoma) and community size. The first stage of sampling was constituted by the proportional random sampling of communities (municipios), the second stage by the proportional random sampling of districts (secciones), the third stage by the random route and quota (sex and age) sampling of individuals Fieldwork methods: Personal interviews Fieldwork institute CIS Centro de Investigaciones Sociológicas Context of Euromodule Questionnaire Individual survey 2.489 Sample size: 99,56 % (total non-response: n = 11) Response rate:

Spanish

Weighted: No

Language:

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Study description: Switzerland

Study title: Living Conditions and Quality of Life in Switzerland

Fieldwork dates: May – July 2000

Recontacting of households: August – September 2000

Principal investigator: Prof. Dr. Christian Suter (Swiss Federal Institute of

Technology, Zurich)

Sample type: Random-random sample: Random selection of households from

updated Swisscom telephone list and random selection of person to be interviewed of each household. The population universe consisted of the language-assimilated Swiss resident population aged 18 and over. Persons living in institutions were

excluded.

Fieldwork methods: Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI)

Fieldwork institute Institut für Praxisorientierte Sozialforschung (IPSO), Dübendorf

Context of Euromodule

Questionnaire Individual survey

Sample size: 1570 (unweighted), oversampling of canton Zurich and Italian

speaking part of Switzerland 1054 (weighted national sample)

Response rate: 52,0%

| | N | % |
|---|------|--------|
| Gross sample I, point of departure | 4263 | 100,0% |
| Neutral non-response on household level | 1198 | 28,1% |
| Technical problems | 514 | |
| Language problems | 299 | |
| Not physically able to be interviewed | 385 | |
| Neutral non-response on individual level | 43 | 1,0% |
| Not language-assimilated | 14 | |
| Does not belong to target group | 3 | |
| Not physically able to be interviewed | 26 | |
| Gross sample II | 3022 | 100,0% |
| Systematic non-response on household level | | |
| Refusals | 1292 | 42,8% |
| Systematic non-response on individual level | | |
| Refusals | 154 | 5,1% |
| Target person away/on vacation | 6 | 0,2% |
| Σ | 1452 | 48,0% |
| Interviews realized | 1570 | 52,0% |

Introduction

Languages: French, German, Italian

Weighted: Yes

Weighting procedure: The data are weighted according to region, selection

probability of individual, and age using parameters from the

national office of statistics (ESPOP, Dec. 1999).

The Swiss data set contains the following weighting variables:

w reg regional weighting / weighting of sample of households

w ind weighting of sample of individuals

w_age_hw_age_iage weighting (households)age weighting (individuals)

Comparison with National Population Characteristics: Switzerland

| | Swiss Euromodule 2000 ¹ | National office of |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (in %) | | statistics |
| | | (ESPOP, Dec. 1999 / |
| | | SAKE 2000) |
| Gender | | |
| Women | 51,7 | 51,8 |
| Men | 48,3 | 48,2 |
| Age | | |
| 18-24 | 10,7 | 10,2 |
| 25-34 | 13,4 | 18,9 |
| 35-44 | 22,0 | 20,4 |
| 45-54 | 20,5 | 17,5 |
| 55-64 | 15,9 | 13,7 |
| 65+ | 17,5 | 19,3 |
| Educational degree ² | | |
| Compulsory education, basic | 16,2 | 15,5 |
| vocational education | | |
| Intermediate diploma school and | 2,3 | 1,1 |
| other general education | | |
| Vocational education | 55,1 | 52,6 |
| School preparing for the university | 9,9 | 8,7 |
| entrance certificate, teacher training | | |
| Higher vocational education | 9,6 | 12,6 |
| University | 7,0 | 9,6 |

¹ The data are weighted with w_ind (individual weight)

Additional variables: regions Swiss regions

a1 Cantons

a2 Exact number of inhabitants

² Because SAKE gathers data on the Swiss resident population aged 15 and over (Euromodule 18 and over), the category »incomplete compulsory education« is not included

| Study description: | Sweden | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|-------|-------|-------|--|--|
| Study title: | ULF = Swedish Annual Survey of Living Conditions 1999 (3-4 quarter) – attached EUROMODULE, and complementary dat from ULF 1998 (quarters 1-4). | | | | | | |
| Fieldwork dates: | January-December 1999 Part of the data (see documentation) comes from the 1998 survey | | | | | | |
| Principal investigator: | Prof. Dr. Joachim Vogel, Statistics Sweden, Social Welfare Analysis Program, and University of Umeå, dept of Sociology, | | | | | | |
| Sample type: | | Sweden Simple random sampling of persons 16-84 years, from the current population register | | | | | |
| Fieldwork methods: | Personal interviews with tra | Personal interviews with trained interviewers | | | | | |
| Fieldwork institute | Statistics Sweden | | | | | | |
| Context of Euromodule Questionnaire | Part of ULF 1999' | | | | | | |
| Sample size: | 2698 (for 1999) resp. 5003 | 2698 (for 1999) resp. 5003 (for 1998) | | | | | |
| Response rate: | | 1999: | 3-4 | 1998: | 1-4 | | |
| | | N | % | N | % | | |
| | Sample, point of departure | 3542 | 100,0 | 6622 | 100,0 | | |
| | Remaining addresses | 3542 | 100,0 | 6622 | 100,0 | | |
| | Systematic non-response | | | | | | |
| | Not-at-homes | 207 | 5,8 | 369 | 5,7 | | |
| | Respondent ill | 79 | 2,2 | 81 | 1,2 | | |
| | Refused | 558 | 15,8 | 1075 | 16,5 | | |
| | Total non-response | 844 | 23,8 | 1525 | 23,4 | | |
| | Interviews realized | 2698 | 76,2 | 5003 | 76,6 | | |
| Language: | Swedish | | | | | | |
| Weighted: | yes, standard procedure, see below | | | | | | |
| Weighting procedure | poststratification by gender, age and region based on population register statistics (weights are given for persons as well as households) | | | | | | |

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CODEBOOK INFORMATION AND EXPLANATION

The example below is a reproduction of information appearing in this codebook. The numbers in angular brackets <> do not appear in the codebook, but are references to the descriptions which follow the example.

V23 Satisfaction: standard of living

< 3 >

What is about your standard of living? I mean goods and services which one can buy like housing, cloth, food, cars, vacation, travel. How satisfied are you, overall, with your standard of living?

0: completely dissatisfied

 Ψ

10: completely satisfied

99: no answer

| < 6 > | | | | | | <7> | < 8 | > |
|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------|----|
| | SLO | D | H | E | CH | S | C7 | C8 |
| 0 (%) | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | n.a. | | |
| 1 (%) | 1 | 0 | Ω | 0 | 0 | n.a. | | |
| 2 (%) | 1 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 0 | n.a. | | |
| 3 (%) | 3 | 2 | 12 | 3 | 0 | n.a. | | |
| 4 (%) | 4 | 3 | 11 | 4 | 0 | n.a. | | |
| 5 (%) | 19 | 10 | 29 | 15 | 6 | n.a. | | |
| 6 (%) | 13 | 10 | 11 | 17 | 4 | n.a. | | |
| 7 (%) | 17 | 17 | 10 | 25 | 15 | n.a. | | |
| 8 (%) | 23 | 26 | 7 | 20 | 27 | n.a. | | |
| 9 (%) | 10 | 14 | 2 | 7 | 13 | n.a. | | |
| 10 (%) | 9 | 16 | 5 | 7 | 33 | n.a. | | |
| Mean | 6,8 | 7,4 | 5,0 | 6,8 | 8,3 | n.a. | | |
| Median | 7,0 | 8,0 | 5,0 | 7,0 | 8,0 | n.a. | | |
| valid n | 1010 | 2492 | 1498 | 2461 | 1048 | n.a. | | |
| 99 | 2M | 1M | 12M | 28M | 6M | n.a. | | |

Explanations

- < 1 > A variable (and reference) number has been assigned to each item in the study. The variable numbers are identical with the question numbers in the Euromodule master questionnaire.
- < 2 > Indicates the abbreviated (24 character maximum) variable label used within SPSS system files.
- < 3 > Indicates the full question text taken from the Euromodule master questionnaire.
- <4> Indicates the code value for the single answer category.
- < 5 > Indicates the textual definition of the codes.
- < 6 > Indicates percentaged frequencies by country (unweighted). This form is used whenever code categories have the same meaning for all countries. Columns percentages are based only on "valid cases". Missing data values were excluded from percentages. Missing cases are indicated by "M". If meaningful, mean and median are printed.
- < 7 > n.a. indicates non-availability
- < 8 > Place marker for further countries.

The entry "x" indicates that further information of the principal investigators are needed

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