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Recent challenges in Labour Market Statistics and the role of the EU Labour Force Survey in user needs satisfaction

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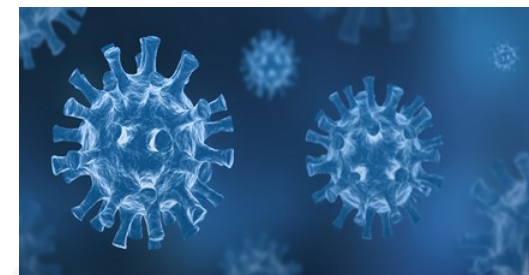


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Recent challenges in Labour Market Statistics

- The emergence of Covid-19 pandemic



- Russia's invasion of Ukraine

- Digital platform employment



- Labour migration





Recent challenges in Labour Market Statistics

- Detailed analysis of specific groups of people (e.g. disabled, young, elderly)
- High demand for more granular data on regional level
- Climate changes => Green jobs
- New ICLS resolutions concerning e.g. on status in employment (ICSE-18) or informal economy



Is the EU Labour Force Survey able to deliver data on new user needs?



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Is the EU Labour Force Survey able to deliver data on new user needs?

In some cases yes, even quite quickly 😊 => mainly on voluntary basis for the European Statistical System (ESS) Member States



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**As obligation for the ESS Member States =>
more difficult and demanding a longer process (taking into
account the EU LFS characteristics)**



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Description of the EU Labour Force Survey

- Obligatory survey for ESS Member States (EU regulations)
- Conducted by countries as obligatory or voluntary national LFS
- A continuous survey – realised in every week of a year
- Quite big quarterly sample – distributed uniformly in all the weeks of the quarter
- The sample with an infra-annual rotation scheme
- The statistical population - all persons having their usual residence in private households



Description of the EU Labour Force Survey



- 9 broad topics covering in total 91 variables (beside 24 technical ones)
- Core LFS variables – quarterly (54), yearly (23), biannual (11), 3 derived
- 8-yearly (regular modules) and 4-yearly (ad hoc modules) – max 11 variables
- 1 variable is often translated into more than 1 question
- All modes used – PAPI, CAPI, CATI and CAWI
- Proxy interviews allowed
- Microdata transmission to Eurostat – 8 weeks after each quarter



Conditions of changes implementation

- EU LFS based on the EU regulations
- National LFS based on national regulations and fulfilling the EU ones
- Limitations in time and scale of changes due to the EU and national legislation
- Non-stop data collection





Some pros and cons of the EU LFS

- A broad range of comparable data within the ESS and other countries
- Long time series
- High quality
- Quick availability
- Microdata access for scientific purposes



- High costs
- Declining response rate in many countries
- Limited flexibility
- Limited data representativeness



How to find a balance between high quality data and response burden/LFS costs?



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Concluding remarks

- The EU LFS - the most important source of data on the labour market
- Remember what is the main goal of the LFS
- Do not expect to receive accurate data for small populations or demanding complicated questions
- More often use administrative data sources to less burden respondents and improve LFS data
- Adapt better sampling design, weighting and estimation methods to deliver more granular data





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Questions, comments, suggestions?

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