

CIMES, a tool for describing European Official Statistics Microdata

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DwB WP5 : Objectives and Tasks

- Objective : Provide **comprehensive overview** of official statistical data in Europe
- Task 2: Collect, structure and code information on available microdata from **official statistics at the national level** for each country in Europe
- Task 3: Collect, structure and code information on integrated **European microdata from official statistics** held by Eurostat and national censuses

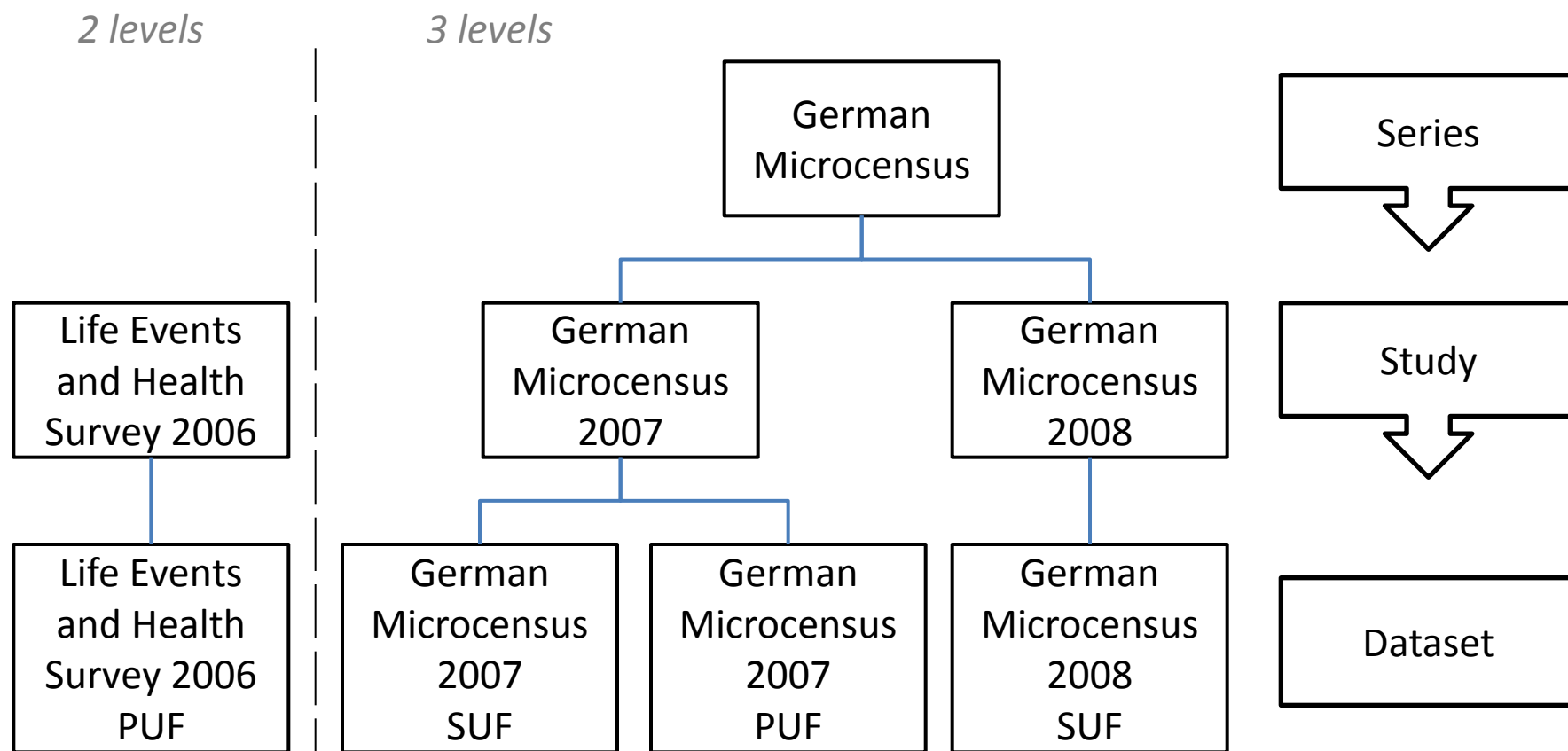
CIMES

- In the task 2 of WP5, we agreed on a documentation schema based on DDI2 and 3
 - We tested different softwares (Nesstar, Colectica, etc.) and they were not really relevant for the purpose of this documentation (in terms of correspondence to the schema, and of financial and technical aspects)
- ➔ We decided to develop our own tool at CNRS-RQ: CIMES (Centralising and Integrating Metadata from European Statistics)

A Three-levels Schema

- Series: a group of studies, for example Labour Force Survey (LFS)
 - Study: the actual collection of data, for example LFS 2007
 - Dataset: a set of files disseminated, for example LFS Scientific Use File (SUF) 2007
- ➔ In order to give a large and comprehensive overview of official microdata available in Europe, a simple schema is needed. The variable level will not be documented.

A Two- or Three-levels Nested Hierarchy



Fields

Series level	Study level	Dataset level
Title	Title	Dataset Identification Number
Subtitle	Subtitle	Name
Alternative Title	Alternative Title	Access conditions
Abstract	Producer	Other Access Conditions
Keywords	Abstract	Description of accreditation procedures
Geographic Coverage	Keywords	Contact
Time Period Covered	Geographic Coverage	Notes
Time Method	Universe	
Notes	Sampling Procedure	
	Date of Collection	
	Time Period Covered	
	Kind of Data	
	Documents	
	Sources	
	Notes	

State of play

- We plan to document surveys on most commonly studied topics in comparative research projects in order to facilitate international comparisons across European countries
 - Living conditions, Employment, Education, Social Mobility, Structure of Earnings, Working Conditions, Innovation.
- **Scope of the database** : EU27 + Switzerland + Norway + Island
- State of play :
 - Documentation started for 21 countries
 - More than 130 series and 800 studies

Future Developments

- The task ends in October 2013
- We aim to make the database publicly available
- Future ? Inclusion in the future European Service Center
- How to maintain the database ?
- Regular update ?
- Participate and review by NSI

Thanks for Listening

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