

DwB-Training Course: Working with data from official statistics in Europe particularly the European Union Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC)

Bucharest (Romania), 13-15 February, 2013

One of the core objectives of Data without Boundaries, a project funded by the European Commission under the 7th framework programme, is to promote the use of integrated official statistics in Europe. The Data without Boundaries project seeks to inform the research community on possibilities for application and the potential for social enquiry of official European microdata.

To this aim Data without Boundaries organizes in cooperation with Eurostat a series of three day training courses on integrated Eurostat datasets. Courses will provide information on available microdata in Europe as well as ways to access these data. This second course will particularly focus on the European Union Statistics on Living Conditions (EU-SILC) and will be hosted by the Romanian Social Data Archive RODA at the University of Bucharest (Romania); other partners involved in this course are UK Data Archive (Essex), Réseau Quetelet (Paris), Institut National de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques (Paris) and Eurostat (Luxembourg).

The course is aimed at post graduate and senior researchers from throughout Europe who are seeking to conduct research on the basis of the EU-SILC. Besides highlighting the legal and administrative aspects of data access the course will demonstrate the possibilities of the EU-SILC in a hands-on computer session which will explore the potential for both international as well as longitudinal analysis. A basic understanding of multivariate statistical methods and SPSS/Stata will be required.

The course will take place in Bucharest, Romania from 13 to 15 February 2013. The course will consist of the following parts:

Part I: Overview of European Data from Official Statistics

Part II: Accessing confidential national microdata

Part III: Introduction to the European Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC)

Part IV: Practical Training Session

Interested parties should send a short application letter (max. 500 words) explaining their motivation to participate in this course to 2nd-dwb-training@gesis.org. Deadline for applications will be January 15th, 2013. For further information please contact christof.wolf@gesis.org

Participants will have to cover their own expenses for travel and accommodation, attendance of the course is free.

Outline for DwB-Training Course on EU-SILC

February 13-15, 2013

**Romanian Social Data Archive at the Department of Sociology
University of Bucharest, Romania**

Day 1, Wednesday, February 13, 2013

13.00-13.30 Welcome and Overview of Data without Boundaries – *Christof Wolf (GESIS)*

Part I: Overview of Data from Official Statistics in Europe

13.30-14.30 Overview: Data from Official Statistics - *Roxane Silberman (Réseau Quetelet)*

14:30-15:00 Break

Part II: Accessing Confidential National Microdata

15.00-16.00 Regulations for Data Access – *Reza Afkhami (UKDA), Michel Isnard (INSEE)*

Day 2, Thursday, February 14, 2013

Part III: Introduction to the European Union Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC)

09.00-10.30 Introduction to EU-SILC – *Boyan Genev (Eurostat)*

10:30-11:00 Break

11.00-12.00 Introduction to SILC from a Research Perspective– *Heike Wirth (GESIS)*

12.00-13.30 Lunch

13.30-14.00 Documentation and Additional Resources – *Alexander Mack (GESIS)*

Part IV: Practical Training Session

14:15-14:45 Introduction to Training Dataset - *Alexander Mack (GESIS)*

14:45-15:15 Break

15.15-17.00 Practical Computing Session I - *Heike Wirth/Alexander Mack*

Day 3, Friday, February 15, 2013

9.00-12.00 Practical Computing Session II - *Heike Wirth/Alexander Mack*

12.00 End of course