

Planned future developments of EU-SILC and improvements in the measurement of net changes in EU social indicators

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Abstract

The current crisis has generated a number of challenges for social statistics. Policy makers need timely and reliable data on poverty and social exclusion in order to take informed, timely and effective policy measures. EU-SILC is the main data source for comparative analysis and indicators on income and living conditions in the EU. Given its high policy relevance, there is increasing demand for new developments. Modernization of social statistics is one of the solutions identified to meet the growing needs of users through improved statistical processes, reuse of data and synergies. The revision of EU-SILC is part of this process and is being carried out by the European Statistical System (ESS). The contribution from researchers to methodological developments of a complex survey like EU-SILC, is also a vital element for insuring the high quality of the instrument. Methodological work is being undertaken in the framework of Net-SILC2 and some results are being implemented in the production process of EU-SILC data. This paper describes the planned developments in the framework of the modernization of social statistics and the Net-SILC2 results that are currently being transferred in the production process.